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Allen Floyd, EAA 693897

Erie, Colorado

2006 Long-EZ, N82EZ

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ONE OF THE FIRST THINGS Allen Floyd did as he finished high school and became an adult was buy the plans for his Long-EZ. Slowly but surely, as Allen progressed through life so did his airplane progress through the build process. Roughly 13 years later, it was a flying, functional Long-EZ. Allen credits Burt Rutan for designing such an excellent airplane, and his local support system from friends and others who helped him figure out how to get his composite airplane airborne. These days, when not winning Lindy Awards, N82EZ is used to ferry Allen from his home in Colorado to the Bahamas, among other trip locations. AirVenture 2019 was Allen's first time bringing his Long-EZ to Oshkosh for judging, and he picked a good year to do so. Burt himself gave the aircraft a look and personally approved of some of the modifications Allen made to the design, including extending the fuselage to account for the added weight of a Lycoming high-performance 360 on the back and a custom canopy to fit the pilot protection rollover cage.

"I'm still numb," Allen said. "The whole week was just such a great experience, from my interaction with the judges to Burt actually looking at the airplane and really giving me the thumbs-up on what I did to it."

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Georges Valtz, EAA 366369

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2019 Pitts Model 12, N327DZ