

Welcome to the Daily Coverage area of the AYA website.

I will endeavor to add coverage each day.

Saturday, June 23:

After 13.5 hours of flight Steve Peach and myself arrived at Glens Falls. Ya gotta love them tailwinds. There were 15 Grumman's already on the field when we touched down.



The City of Glens Falls



The Glens Falls airport

Sunday, June 24:

About 25 additional planes arrived today, much visiting and re-acquainting at the airport. It is nice to see old friends again. The internet connectivity at the hotel is less than acceptable, hopefully the situation will improve. I will try and keep this area going.



The Convention can now begin, the "Chicken" has arrived



Nigel's chicken did manage to find a friend this year



There is a new (air) Marshall in town! See Liz, he really is here...



Part of Sunday's flightline

Monday, June 25:

Monday started out with a productive Board meeting. We were done by 1:00 pm, the same day it started- pretty good compared to some of the marathons of the past. Nigel Thomas and Don Cochran were elected to further one year terms as President and Vice-President. The Star Squad enjoyed pizza in the park this evening. Roscoe and Luann entertained and educated the First Timers, a liberal number of door prizes were also distributed. A little later about 140 people gathered for the Welcome Reception. Various items were covered by convention co-chair Graham Smith. Snacks, cake, and more door prizes were distributed.

Many thanks to the generous individuals and companies that make the door prizes possible. Links will be provided on the website after the convention.

Well over 60 planes are on the ground now.



Cake at the Welcome Reception



Your Board hard at work



Welcome Reception



Welcome Reception

Tuesday, June 26:

Hazy skies and hot temperatures were the order of the day. The Air Race, judging and Swap Shop took place at the airport today. About 75 planes now reside at the Glens Falls airport. The hotel hosted the Aerial Geology, Maintenance Show and Tell with John Sjaardema, Auto Gas and Grumman's with Scott Peterson, and Roscoe's AA2 recovery seminars. The Ask the experts was held later in the day. Cockpit Cool also ran at the hotel with Mike Babin and Fred Kokaska.



Airport entrance



Aircraft judging



First-timer Cliff Wolfe's AA-1B from Smith Falls, ON.



Airport tent



Cockpit Cool



Mr Hickey's Aerial Geology seminar of the Glens Falls area

Wednesday, June 27:

Today's events included the Spot Landing and Flour Bombing in the morning, followed by a barbecue lunch. The trophies for the aircraft judging were handed out along with a few more door prizes, thanks Roscoe and Luann! Our Star Squad kids spent the day at Six Flags amusement park. Thank you to the volunteer parents. The Geological Air Rally was postponed until Thursday because of the heavy haze in the area. Wednesday evening saw almost everyone enjoy a pleasant dinner and cruise on Lake George. This was a very relaxing evening.



Star Squad



Some of the 30+ Spot Landing contestants



and the winners are...Thomas and Christine Micke



The Flour Bomb crew showing the results of many hours of training by staying in the Safety Zone- the area immediately adjacent to the target!



and the winners are...Jim and Kay Krause



Just a few of the many volunteers...



Eating and Cruising



The airport barbecue lunch



David Storey - News Director, 8 North News, with AYA 2007 press relations officer, Matt Drazal

Thursday, June 28:

Thursday morning saw the airport busy with the ground events; precision taxi, broken tow bar, precision parking, and tach check. There were several seminars at the hotel in the afternoon including a Technical Director update, comm/emergency procedures and synthetic vision.

Thursday evening brought everyone together for the wind-up banquet and awards. Of note was the unanimous choosing of Ron Levy as the Lauren Larsen recipient. Ron was actually speechless after accepting the award. Congratulations Ron.

More details and pictures coming soon.

A special thanks to the people who shared their photos with me; Maryjo Candoletti, Kenneth Ingham, Bob Gibson, Tom Jackson Jr., Matt Drazal, and Guy Warner.

Please provide any further photos, information and corrections as able.

Thanks everyone.
Tailwinds and smooth skies to everyone.



The excellent Empire East Aviation staff, Kim, Patti and Wayne, receiving an appreciation award from Larry Tatsch



Larry with Marshall Stevens, one the most helpfull airport managers we have had.



Rigged Pre-flight



Precision Taxi



Broken Tow Bar



Precision Parking

Please make sure that the brakes on your plane are in good shape. The pilot of this C172 failed to stop in time with significant shortening of the fuselage as a result.

