

EAA Oshkosh, July 27th - August 3rd, 2008

>Ward Marsh flew his newly restored NC93337 to OSH and back! Bob Ensley and Maynard Smith arrived at OSH Sunday with 37 other Ercoupes from the EOC Nationals. Bob Ensley provided the attached photos.

Hi gang, I'm back from Oshkosh, and just learned about Jim Brennan's mishap. Too bad. Hope things are all right with him.

We had 37 Ercoupes fly from Wausau to Oshkosh, in a long gaggle, and had a lot of compliments from the control tower folks about how beautiful our landings looked. 4 other Coupes were already on the field when we landed, and at least 4 more came in during the week, making the total Ercoupe number at least 45, which, I'm sure, is a new record for AirVenture. At the Awards Ceremony Saturday night, it was announced that the **Outstanding Ercoupe Award went to Ward Marsh, Dixon, CA, 1946 Ercoupe 415-CD, NC93337**. Ward Marsh, Dixon, CA, <http://www.airventure.org/2008/8sun3/awards.html>

53 Ercoupes were registered at the Ercoupe Nationals in Wausau. A few came in and didn't register. We had lots of fun activities. More on this later. Syd

>Courtesy of Ward Marsh;

For those of y'all who did not know (and for those that do), I returned from Oshkosh AirVenture 2008 last Tuesday afternoon, completing a 50+ hour round trip in my restored Ercoupe NC93337. A long flight (with very few 'squawks), but worth the effort.

OSH was great! We saw the F-22 Raptor demonstrate its capabilities several times, saw the CV-22 Osprey and the AV-8 Harrier demonstrate, and got to see one of the new Rocket Racers. The airshows were beyond description, as was the variety of lovingly restored and maintained Vintage aircraft and homebuilts. There was new technology in abundance in the vendors' areas, and the usual vast variety of workshops and lectures (which I had no time at all to attend).

Um, NC93337 seemed to be among the 'darlings' of the airshow, winning the Outstanding Ercoupe Award in the Vintage Class (my second OSH award in a row). After a local scenic flight one morning, I was met by the senior editor of EAA Publications as I was taxiing back to my tie-down spot. She invited me to fly on an EAA photo shoot, with the expressed intention of featuring NC93337 in Light Sport Magazine later this year (or early next). Talk about validation! I'll own that it was gratifying to be flying the photo-subject instead of the photo-ship. I'll send pictures from the shoot when I get them.

I even met Roger Noke (of the now defunct Cessna140.com web group)! Forgive me if this is not as 'newsy' of a report you might expect of me, but it was (again) a long flight, and I'm pooped. WM

Check out the video for "The Days Before"

<http://www.eaa.org/video/airventure.html?videoID=1695326406>

Be sure to check out all of the planes lined up to land; it's amazing!

OSHKOSH 2008 photos courtesy of Bob Ensley (re-sized):

OSH 2008, Ercoupe Alley #1



OSH 2008, Ercoupe Alley # 2



OSH 2008, Ercoupe Alley with Dennis Spiegel's Coupe in the foreground (sister to 68H);



OSH 2008, American Airline Ercoupe;



OSH 2008, "War bird" Alon Ercoupe;



More Ercoupe Alley;



And more Ercoupe Alley;

