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I'm writing just a short note this month due to my very busy July schedule.

First, my fly-in report from last weeks adventures in Traverse City, MI. Lynn & I spent four days there through the 4th to visit her parents and take in the Blue Angels show over the Traverse Bay. This was the start of their annual Cherry Festival and biennial Blue Angels airshow. Our flight to Traverse City is one of the most scenic trips we take with the hop over to Beaver Island and then down the Traverse Bay to the Cherry Capital airport. I have very fond memories of that airport since I received four of my aviation ratings from that airport. Bob Buttlemann who is the FAA designated pilot examiner at TVC was the chairman of the airshow this year so we had a chance to visit with him and also the members of the Blue Angels at a meet & greet hangar session on Saturday evening. I am amazed at the number of support staff accompanying the pilots throughout there seasonal airshows!

Our return flight on Sunday was equally beautiful with clear skies and unlimited visibilities. With flight times of 1hr, 9min down and 1hr, 11min back I believe that it was actually cheaper to fly there rather than drive since the drive takes five hours.

Now, on to business and by the way, if you are also out there flying around to various summer events, I would love to be able to read about them at our chapter website! Please take a few minutes, write a brief article and submit it to Lynn Sykes.

Our monthly July meeting will be held during AirVenture instead of this Saturday as part of our yearly Oshkosh chapter party. Please plan on being a part of it by coming to our campsite in Camp Scholler on Thursday night, July 31st beginning at 5:30pm and meal at 6pm. Bring a dish to pass if possible and a lawn chair as seating will be limited. If you are not sure of our location, stop by the camper locator building in the campground and ask for directions to the Ted Kirkpatrick site. We are looking forward to seeing you there!

14 days to AirVenture and counting!!!

Ted Kirkpatrick