



## AYA 2016 Fayetteville, AR Annual Convention Daily Coverage



Entrance to the Fayetteville Executive Airport terminal.



General welcome sign in the terminal.



Welcome banner at the host hotel.



N28KW in front of the Arkansas Air Museum.

Sunday morning flight line with fifteen planes in already.





AYA tent with games ramp area and flight line.

The local paper had a nice promo article here-

<http://www.nwaonline.com/news/2016/jun/16/airplane-enthusiasts-fly-in-to-fayettev/>

Twitter feed-

<https://mobile.twitter.com/GrummanAmerican>  
Thanks Matt.

TV interview with Convention Chair Fran Levy- <http://www.nwahomepage.com/knwa-today/knwa-today-american-yankee-association-2016-convention>



Walt Porter overflying some of the 51 Grummans on the ground Monday afternoon.



The Monday Board meeting featured a first, Regional Directors Ken Cox and Kim Muinch attended via Skype.





The hot and humid countryside around Fayetteville.



Everywhere you look on the ramp there are Grummans, 51 by Monday afternoon.



Airport Manager Johnny Roscoe welcomes and entertains the members at the Welcome Reception and buffet.



Once again the Rasta Boys crashed the First Timers Orientation and Welcome meeting.





Ron Levy leads the briefing for the airplanes in motion events.



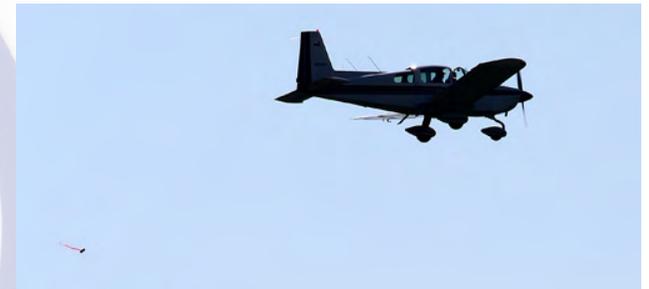
Staging for the aerial events.



The Spot Landing Team led by David Beaman. From the left, Steve Peach, Ed Kirker, Dan Fauber, Dave Ohser, David and John Paisley.



This approach looks promising. The hot and humid conditions may have contributed to number of planes floating on down the runway.



Bomb Away!



The Flour Bombing Team led by Bill Daly. From the left, Anna Schmitz, David Kraemer, Cindy Daly, Bill and Cheryl Kraemer.



As you can see the bomb target area was a long way away (this shot with a 250 mm lens) so I was not able to get any good splatter photos.



There was a good turnout for the ground games. The airport management team even checked out the action. About 50 local residents were also in attendance.



Kelly Wallace waxing his wing tips prior to the Grumman Limbo contest. Sometimes it helps I hear...



Guy Warner's Grumman Limbo Team of Stew Wilson, Kathy Hess and Susan Dollar.



The initial Limbo run, lots of extra room.



And the winner is, in this photo, just squeaking through.



Steve Dalton's Ground Boss Team of Austin Dalton and Ronnie Mowery.





The Rigged Preflight team of John Paisley, Jim Hamel and Sharon Spence.



Scott Sanders ran the Rodeo Tie-down event. The competition was fierce.

Convention Chairman Fran Levy ran the new IFR Golf event. Blind folded contestants take direction from their partner then putt. Closest to the pin wins. It is pretty funny to watch.



Here are a couple of items, above, a unique place to store a jug of oil. Below, the Blue Bird of Paradise hangs out.





Bonnie Porter's Precision Taxi Team of Riva Neam, Bruce Fields, Bonnie and Liz Holland



Jerry Stanton's Precision Parking Team of Lee Ziegenhals, Zachary Wells and Jerry.



Another close one...



Close but no trophy.

This ping-pong ball looks like a goner...



Enough said. First Timer also.



Some of the regional baskets and items donated for the Scholarship Auction. The winner of the 50/50 draw donated their winnings back to the Scholarship Fund, over \$400. Thank you to everyone for the generous support.

### Spar Destruction

This spar clearly shows how corrosion will destroy the carry through spar. Rub your hand on the spar and feel the blisters. If your spar feels and looks this way under the wing walk area inboard of the wing you have an unairworthy spar!!



Excel Air Services John Sjaardema brought more items from his "Grumman House of Horrors" display. Very scary.



Tuesday night dinner, business meeting, ice cream social and Scholarship Auction wind-up.



Cat fish, chicken, hush puppies, fries, slaw, pickles and more.



The business meeting covered several items. By popular request the paper AYA Star will continue for now. Guy Warner was announced as our New President and Graham Smith as Vice-president. The AYA continues to run with a balanced budget. AYA 2017, Paso Robles, CA.



The Cat Fish Hole did a good job. More than one person was observed getting seconds, or maybe thirds.



The Ice Cream Social followed the business meeting.





Our ever vigilant Ground Boss.



Jim Viola Sr. and Jr.



Razorback Stadium.

First timers Rick Anderson and Cathy Miller from Little Rock, AR.



The Grumman Limbo gone terribly wrong.



A near miss.





Waiting on the train for the Fort Smith trip.



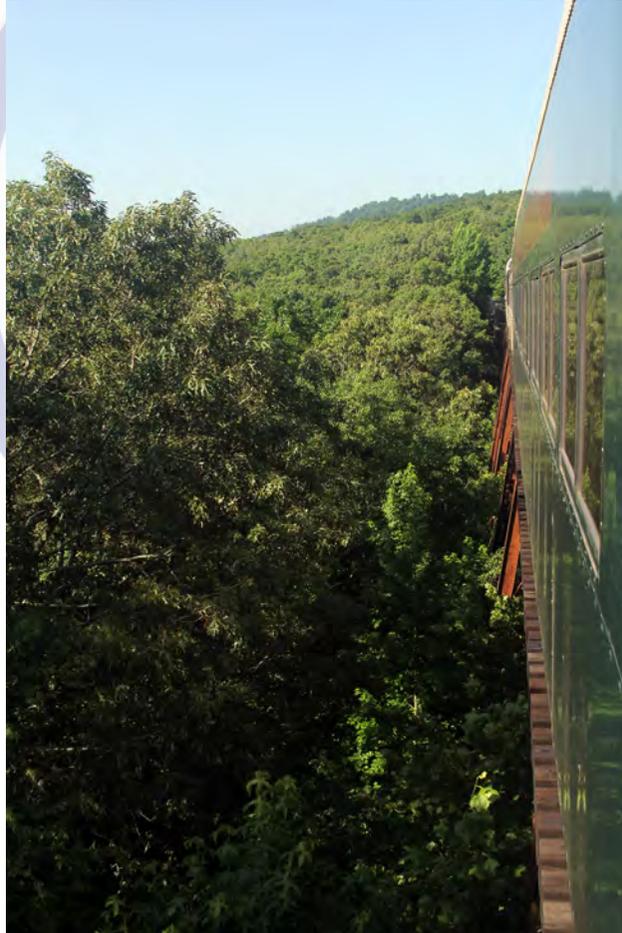
Two miles out, two miles.



The light at the end of the track is a train.



All Aboard!



Enjoying the trip and scenery.



Arnie and Dick.





Due to the lift span being U/S we had to finish the trip to Fort Smith via motor coach.



After lunch we were visited by Miss Laura, the local 'Inn' keeper and one of her associates. The Doc came along to sell a little Elixir.



Jim seemed to have been selected for a special participation or achievement award from Miss Laura's.



AYA members were given a special deal on the Elixir which could cure all ills, even those Mouse Milk can't, 25 cents for one or 3 for \$1.



Miss Laura's House of Ill Repute, still standing after fire and tornado and other pestilence.



The business end of Miss Laura's.



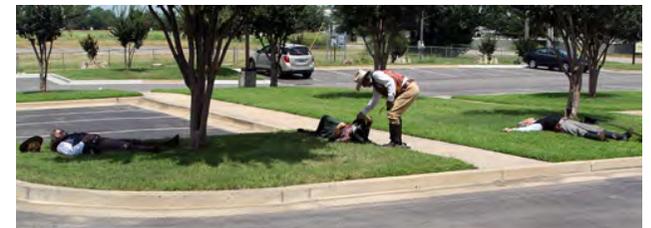
The unwind and re-hydrate area at Miss Laura's.



Trouble, right here in River City (Fort Smith).



After lunch we had the shoot out entertainment.



Dead enough.



If you survived the capture there was still the four position gallows awaiting.



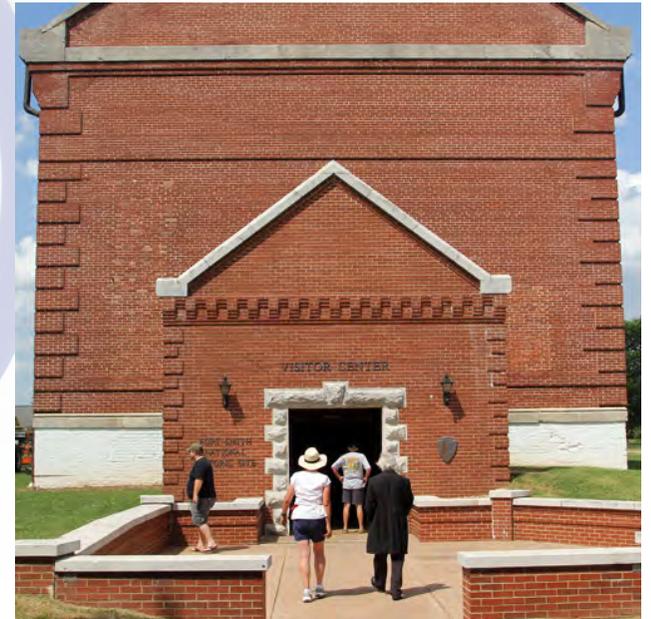
Hang Em High Judge Warner presiding.



The real judge actor explaining life in the 1800's.



No beer was spilled during the shoot out.



The original Court House and jail from the second incarnation of Fort Smith.



Colin Aro started off the forums with a talk on mountain flying and soaring.



Ron Levy made the ADS-B options a little clearer. The bottom line was what ever you do, do it soon, as there are a lot of airplanes to update and few shops to do it.



Next up was Guy and Heidi Warner. They explained their time in the US Coast Guard with the training and operations they have been on.



John Sjaardema pointed out more common trouble spots on our planes. Be vigilant.



The expert panel of John Sjaardema, Les Staples, Tracy Norris and Ron Levy.





Dan and Anna Schmitz won the Inaugural IFR Golf Tournament.

Kat Wells regained her crown, and magic and, in the Grumman Limbo.



Ken Kerkering won the Spot Landing competition.



Walt Porter cleaned up in the Precision Taxi and the Rodeo Tie-down.  
Jerry Stanton and Zachery Wells proved unbeatable in the Flour Bombing.





Ron Levy won Best Exterior for his recent repaint, shown below.  
 All aircraft judging this year was done by ballots from the attendees. Not all winners were present. The full list will appear in the next AYA Star.



'Eagle Eye' Kelly Wallace won the Rigged Pre-flight.



Outgoing President Cliff Daugherty received a standing ovation.  
 Guy Warner was announced as the newly elected AYA President.



Our new and old Presidents.



Convention chairman Rran Levy presented a plaque in appreciation for all the help given by the Fayetteville Convention and Visitors Bureau. They in turn presented us with a plaque, below, in appreciation of our choosing Fayetteville for the convention.





Cliff presented an appreciation plaque to the convention chairs, Ron and Fran Levy. Good job!

The Fort Smith tourism office was given a plaque of appreciation for the help in arranging the train tour and events in Fort Smith. Don't you think she looks a lot like Miss Laura?



AYA 2017 convention co-chairman Stew Wilson gave us an over-view of the next convention in Paso Robles, CA.



Good Night

Goodbye and see you next year.

