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OSHKOSH AND WEEDHOPPERS

It was bigger and wetter than ever. There were more people and more airplanes; there was more to see and improvements to the site. The total number of display aircraft was finally set at 1,549. That tally includes 97 ultralights. Last year there were 66 ultralights and

the year before we saw a grand total of 24. Though we're still outnumbered by the homebuilt heavyweights up the field, we can easily claim the distinction of being the most colorful part of the entire Oshkosh flightline. And we may be able to lay claim to logging more flying time: the morning and evening flying sessions were busy periods

TAKE DUAL BEFORE FLYING

We have heard several stories of people jumping into their Weedhoppers and launching into a totally new experience - flying - without giving a thought as to why an airplane is even capable of flight. Flying is very serious business, it does require certain knowledge, judgement and skills. Don't over-estimate your talents. Take some dual instruction. Find out what a stall is, what controls do in a stall and how to recover - do it with an instructor in a conventional aircraft and find out how to fly traffic patterns while you're at it. After a Weedhopper, it's the best investment you could ever make. Remember: in spite of its low cost and easy maintenance, the Weedhopper is not a toy.

ENGINE NOTES

We sent out engine #400 on August 13 and are closing fast on the 500

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mark. We'll be celebrating that point in some small way here at the factory. ALERT: your choke can vibrate shut in flight so it should either be wired open or spring loaded to stay open when flying. ALERT: the flange used to mount the air filter to the carburetor covers a port on the carb which has to be vented - cut away the flange with a knife to permit proper ventilation.

OSHKOSH WINNERS GET CASH, TROPHIES

John Chotia was pleased to make the following awards at Oshkosh:

~~CRAFTSMAN~~-S500 to Larry Garrett

CRAFTSMAN-S300 to Rod Boggild

CRAFTSMAN-\$200 to John Nader

Trophies:

OLDEST PILOT: Charles Stevenson, 40

LONGEST DISTANCE: Larry Garrett,
950 miles from Oklahoma City

BEST DEALER: Bruce Bateman

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Our congratulations to these and all the others who made it to Oshkosh 80. We'll run some photos of the winners next month.

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