

WRENS FALL FLY-IN 2013

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Here's a view of the fly-in area, starting at the place where the fancy Varienze was parked.



David Robinson, from North Augusta, SC, brought his GyroBee gyroplane and talked about it with visitors.



Don Bush came in with his newly acquired RV-7A in the early afternoon.

On Saturday, around 6:00 PM some of the guests went to the Mennonite restaurant in Wrens and had a fine meal. Then, after returning to the airport, visitors Mark, from Roswell, GA, and Gerald, from Rome, GA, set up the sizable movie screen on the side of Jeb Barrow's hangar and showed videos of the highlights of the fly-in. Jeb had been asked if it was OK to put a large screen using ropes over the top of his hangar. He said yes. Then they showed movies late into the evening and to the early morning. They kept warm using the LP gas heaters John Magnan had provided.



That's Gerald in front of the screen showing its size.

BLUE ANGELS AND THUNDERBIRDS TO RETURN

The Navy's Blue Angels and the Air Force Thunderbirds will return to a full airshow schedule for the 2014 season, military officials announced two weeks ago. "Community outreach is key to connecting Americans to the military," said Cmdr. Thomas Frosch, flight leader for the Blue Angels. "Our performances provide a unique opportunity to inspire millions to connect with and support our service members." The teams have been grounded since this spring, when federal spending cuts took effect, and many aviation events around the country were canceled when the teams and other military attractions were unable to appear. The Blue Angels' [2014 schedule \(PDF\)](#) includes Sun 'n Fun, in Lakeland, Florida, in April. The Thunderbirds team, which canceled a visit to EAA AirVenture this year, has not yet released a 2014 schedule.



The Blue Angels will perform at 65 shows at 34 locations across the U.S. in 2014. The Navy's skydiving team, the Leap Frogs, also will return to a full schedule next year. Military flyovers, which in the past have numbered as many as 1,000 per year, will be reduced, said Wendy Varhegyi, of Air Force Public Affairs. "We're trying to be as fiscally responsible as we can be, which is what the American people want," Varhegyi told ABC News. "Our focus will remain with airshows primarily." Overall, the military will cut its number of public outreach events by nearly half, for a savings of \$1 billion over the next decade. (Information from [AVwebFlash](#) 10/23/13, [Blue Angels](#), [ABC news](#))

NOAA (MOSTLY) ENDS PAPER NAUTICAL CHART PRODUCTION

(You'll need technology for charts, or have to buy paper charts from a private supplier.)



The office that creates over a thousand nautical charts announced on October 22 that the end will come for paper nautical charts on April 13 and thereafter nautical charts will only be available through various methods of electronic distribution and print on demand. In response to the announcement, Tyson Weihs, co-founder and CEO of ForeFlight, LLC, tweeted, "[The future is electronic. NOAA to discontinue paper charts.](#)" And if what is happening to nautical charts is a glimpse into the future of aeronautical charts, that may be true. As recently as September the FAA said there are no plans to stop printing paper charts. That doesn't mean changes won't come. Some already have.

The FAA announced the end of direct sales of paper charts on October 1, after which paper charts could only be obtained from authorized sellers. According to AOPA, pilots could obtain paper charts from other sources at lower prices than was offered by the FAA. If nautical charts are the example, then at some date in the future, the government might follow the same path they have outlined for **nautical charts** — they will simply stop printing traditional paper aeronautical charts. According to the director of NOAA's Office of Coast Survey, "We know that changing chart formats and availability will be a difficult change for some mariners," but, he said, the office will continue to offer print on demand charts for users who prefer paper products. The office will also provide other versions for electronic charting systems. (Information from [AVwebFlash](#) 10/28/13, [FAA](#), [ForeFlight Interview](#), [AOPA](#))

Members' Items for Sale

EAA 172 member Dennis Allen still has this for sale for \$350 OBO:

iFly 700a GPS unit, Yoke & Windshield mounts, Remote Control, AC adapter, Manual, Carrying case

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EAA 172 member Keith Robbins still has this for sale for \$12,000:

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