



Young Aviator Update

July 2015

With a collective sigh of relief and a huge feeling of accomplishment, the Young Aviators took the B-25 to Wings Over the Rockies on June 13. This date was the goal for the test run before the plane leaves for Oshkosh. We made what, overall, is a short punch list of adjustments. The report is that it trailered well so the road trip is already off to a good start. The trailer is custom; the trailer team welded their vision to life.

One of the men who has been at the hangar every day for weeks working on the plane and trailer, watched as the kids, parents, and mentors as they saw it set up in the museum for the first time. The lit up faces, dropped jaws, and smiles have made this journey worth it.

At WOTR, visitors were able to experience being trained for their crew position and "fly" their mission. The kids did a great job with the guests and their roles as ground school trainers, ATC, and cockpit supervisors.

When we made the commitment to have it at KidVenture 2015, a list of tasks was created that would make the plane ready to go. There were other things that we wanted to see accomplished but there was a minimum that HAD to be done: Phase I. The plan included additional phases would make the replica more detailed and authentic. Not only is Phase I accomplished but there are many items in future phases that are checked off. The *McKinley Jr. High B25* will leave for the road trip on July 16, 2015. Even if you don't have little ones, if you are planning on visiting AirVenture 2015, please come by and see us in KidVenture.

If you would like to receive the updates and reminders from the Young Aviators, please send your contact info to Andrea ea43youngaviators@gmail.com and request to be put on the list. It's only a few emails a month.

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