



Young Aviator Update

September 2015

The Erie Air Fair was on the 8th and the B-25 was there with some of the mentors and kids. There are now a few new kiddos in the ranks, ready for the next project.

On Friday the 28th, we had a celebratory picnic in the Erie Community Park where Scott and Pat talked with the kids about what they would like to see/do in the coming year. The consensus was that they would like to meet twice a month. One as a work session and another to make some enhancements on the B-25 but also dedicate some time for much needed repairs on the other two simulators. The second will be used for guest speakers, field trips, ground school, etc.

The first field trip was on the 29th. Ian Dahlke, one of the B-25 mentors, arranged for us to visit NEON in Boulder (National Ecological Observatory Network). NEON has a Twin Otter that is used to gather data on specific land and aquatic sites across the country. It was fascinating. Visit them at Neoninc.org

A team of employees gave up their Saturday afternoon to be there with us. They took the group through four stations where they explained what they do, how the equipment works, what the data they collect is used for, and showed them how the plane which is equipped. We saw high powered cameras, lasers, GPS, and computers used for data collection. The Otter is going to have the equipment taken out next week for maintenance the winter, so the opportunity to see it fully equipped only happens for a couple days a year. Many thanks to those who made this possible.

Future potential field trips include Jeppesen, Vaisala, and special events at Wings Over the Rockies. We would like to have some speakers visit and share their experiences in aviation. If you have suggestions for guests, please email us or get in touch with Pat Miller.

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