EAA Oshkosh: The Best AirVenture Photography
Synopsis

You’re invited to EAA AirVenture - a weeklong airshow so packed with aircraft that for one week Oshkosh’s control tower is the busiest in the world. Every year the skies over Oshkosh, Wisconsin, rumble with the sound of aircraft engines. It’s the annual EAA AirVenture, a gathering of aviation enthusiasts like no other. The weeklong airshow is sponsored by the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) - an international organization based in Oshkosh - and is the largest of its kind anywhere in the world. EAA Oshkosh showcases the many types of aircraft that have appeared there and even offers a glimpse of the lively crowds and campgrounds. At EAA AirVenture, hundreds of thousands of aircraft enthusiasts flock to the Wittman Regional Airport to gawk at an amazing collection of all things airborne. From handsome old canvas-covered biplanes to brawny warbirds to home-built models to massive jetliners, the traffic in the air and on the runway make the Wittman’s control tower in tiny Oshkosh the busiest in the world. It’s an adventure to be sure, and the highlights are all here. Organized according to aircraft types, EAA Oshkosh features: - Warbirds - Vintage aircraft - Home-built aircraft - Seaplanes - Ultralights - EAA firsts (i.e., the F-35, all of Burt Rutan, the SR-71, etc.) Drawing on the EAA’s photo archive dating back to 1953, EAA Oshkosh brims with fascinating stories, history, and photography. Paging through it is the next best thing to actually attending the show!

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Customer Reviews

Happened by chance to see a copy of this book owned by another pilot. It’s an absolutely beautiful
piece of work. Oshkosh is without a doubt the mecca of aviation in America and this book has captured the very essence of what makes Oshkosh what it is. The images captured in this book tell the story of Oshkosh. If you love aviation and appreciate the very best in aviation photography, I highly recommend you add this fine book to your library or own it simply as a collector’s item.

Dudley Henriques
President Emeritus
International Fighter Pilots Fellowship

Let’s be clear - the EAA “Airventure” at Oshkosh is an experience. ANYone and EVERYone should go... And it is impossible to truly distill in a crude language such as words... You simply must "be at" in order to fully comprehend the majesty of the gathering... Thousands assembled in love and admiration of their collective passion - flight! Each photo in this book is a gem, worth of framing... Each image flawlessly memorialized on the pages. It deserves a place in your collection, and is the perfect gift for the aviator - past, present, and future - in your life.

"EAA Oshkosh", is a superlative book. It is the perfect combination of terrific photography and good writing that informs but doesn’t overwhelm. It is the next thing to being there. It shows aspects of Airventure that many miss because the event is so massive. The book has everything but the noise. As a down-sizer I have given away a lot of my books on aviation. Not this one, it's a keeper. Ideal for the old, washed-up aviator like myself.

I think the Epilogue states it best: Many of us have often said that our annual flyin, whether you know it as our convention, EAA Airventure, or just plain Oshkosh, isn’t’ tan event that we create; it’s really just a party we host. The magic that is Oshkosh isn’t created here, but it is assembled here, by volunteers and attendees from around the world. Because of this, the real story of EAA Airventure Oshkosh is an entirely personal one, one that’s written during one week every year by hundreds of thousands of authors. There’s no way to tell the whole thing, even if we had an infinite number of pages and photos, which of course we don’t. That said, we’ve really enjoyed picking out a couple hundred of our favorites from rennet years, and we hope this book brings back some fond memories, inspires you to come create some new ones, or both. I can confirm that Hal, James, and Dick did a great job! The book brought back many memories. Since my first year attending Oshkosh in 1981, I’ve attend many since then and had the opportunity see many of the aircraft and events that are documented in the book first hand.

My only disappointment is the that the Experimental Chapters should have more photos. Specifically absent was a RV-10, but I may be a little biased, since that is the experimental aircraft that I built. The other photo I missed was of Jerry, the One
Man Band. It became apparent this year, that Oshkosh just isn't the same without Jerry playing across from the Theater in the Woods. Neither of these omissions detract from from quality of the photos and content of the book. I highly recommend it to anyone with aviation interests. I've already purchased an additional copy to give as a gift.

The perfect center piece to any coffee table. What a great book! It truly is the next best thing to being at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh. It's visually stunning and just paging though it tells the aviation story that everyone is eager to read. You'll find yourself saying "Wow" over and over again. Highly recommend!

This book is a gorgeous anthology that every aircraft enthusiast is certain to pore over with unbridled excitement. Filled with photos and memories from years of adventures and AirVentures at Oshkosh, James P. Busha brings the event to life with careful curation. I passed this book along to my father, who has attended Oshkosh many times over the years and he was overjoyed as he flipped through the pages and recounted all of his own stories to supplement what was provided here. I highly recommend this book! It's perfect for the collector who wants a piece of this unbelievable experience.

This book is exactly what the description suggests and what some other reviewers have written: a wonderful keepsake for anyone who has spent time at Oshkosh or a great primer for anyone who hopes or wishes to attend. Neatly divided into thematic chapters. It's clear that the photo editors put a lot of thought into choosing the images. And the photo/color reproduction is wonderful. Quite a bargain at this price.

This book gives a fabulous detailed pictorial of OSHKOSH AIR VENTURE. Included are all aspects of life at OSH, from the mighty bombers to the homebuilts to the people in attendance and the many activities including family and children. We discovered Doug's picture on p38, what a surprise. S/Sgt Doug Ward was a ball turret gunner on a B17, 37 missions in the European Theatre during WWII. This book is a must for your library and makes a wonderful gift for anyone.

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