51ST ANNUAL KY EAA SPORT AVIATION WEEKEND AT ROUGH RIVER

SEPT. 12 - 14, 2025

The 51st annual KY EAA Sports Aviation Weekend at Rough River Airport (2i3) was held, as planned, on 9/12 – 14, 2025. The weather was mostly clear, some haze, few clouds and on the warm side (low 90's). Several persons arrived on Friday afternoon, reporting significant turbulence. Many socialized, obtained their raffle tickets and shared pizza and beverages at the big tent. Others ate at the Lodge restaurant and took in the Bluegrass music there.

Saturday turned out to be a fine day, also, and several more arrived in cars and aircraft. Some participated in the Poker Run, including trips to nearby airports to get extra cards to play. The Spot Landing contest was held mid-afternoon, with eight pilots testing their landing abilities. Most ate dinner at the Lodge, then re-grouped in the big tent for the raffle drawings, Poker Run card reveal and announcement of the Spot Landing winner. Then Fly-in Coordinator and Trivia Contest Master Norm Houglan headed up a Trivia Contest.

The lucky or skilled winners were:

GRAND RAFFLE:
- Jake Terilizzi, Vine Grove,Ky, Grand Raffle Prize #1, a Claw Tie-down set
- John Woods, Milton, Ky, Grand Raffle Prize #2, Sporty's PJ2+ Handheld Comm Radio
- Tracey Harrod, Bedford, Ky, Grand Raffle Prize #3, Aerobatic Introduction from Charlie Morris of Vine Grove
- Gary Katz, Louisville, Ky, Grand Raffle Prize #4, Brown Arch Snow Globe
- Jerry Irwin, Louisville, Ky, Grand Raffle Prize #5, Flight Simulator Pedal Set

WACO Flight for Two:

- Mary Irwin, Louisville, Ky

50/50 DRAWING;
- Don Jeffries, Louisville, Ky won $123.00

POKER RUN:
- Ken Jordan, Frankfort, Ky won $143.00

SPOT LANDING:
- Jeff Laughrey, Soddy-Daisy, Tn, flying a Super Decathlon, landed 10' past the line, and won the unique traveling trophy made of recycled aircraft parts.

TRIVIA CONTEST:
- The winning team, led by Jeremy Walworth, won $60; the 2nd place team, led by Tracey Harrod won $40.

Some weather came through during the wee hours of Sunday morning, causing some tent campers to retreat to the pilot's lounge to let the lightning pass. Most aircraft were able to depart by 11AM.

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