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UPCOMING EVENTS

FLOTILLA MEETING: Wednesday, 17 August 2022. This meeting will be a combination in-person / Zoom meeting. The in-person part will be held at Prairie Lakes Community Center, 515 East Thacker in Des Plaines. Meeting starts at 7:30 pm, with member training at 6:30. Watch for an e-mail from VFC Ruben Howard giving details.

AIR AND WATER SHOW Saturday and Sunday, 20 and 21 August. Lots of airplanes, Blue Angels, and Coast Guard helo rescue demo. The Auxiliary will have a Public Affairs / Recruiting tent on the lakefront. If you would like to volunteer, contact Phil Leonard philbyl90@gmail.com

DIVISION MEETING: Wednesday, 7 September 2022. Once again a joint Zoom / live meeting. You can attend, even if you are not a Division staff person. Look for more info in an e-mail from Shawn.

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Finally, after 3 years, Your Editor had the chance to head up to Oshkosh to assist with the Auxiliary Operations at the Oshkosh Air Venture. Saturday, I hitched up my Balboa 20 sailboat and headed north – until the boat came uncoupled on the railroad crossing. I got to Kenosha anyway, parked the rig and stood radio watch. Then I continued north, arriving at Pioneer Marina at 1700 – just

before a brutal thunderstorm hit town, knocking out power and making it impossible to drive.

Sunday morning I assisted in setting up Oshkosh Radio, in a classy RV borrowed for the purpose. (“Don’t touch anything! It has to be pristine when we give it back!”)

The highlight of the week was a visit from Captain Parker and Cdr McCarthy of Sector Milwaukee, along with COMO Randall. They went out to the seaplane area to observe our work.

Tuesday the seaplane base announced that they were holding a “Seaplane Parade” with 25 aircraft taking off, flying over the field, then returning. They wanted all available boats out to provide a safety zone. I had already stood a 4 hour watch, but as a non-crew qualified guy I stayed on watch till 1830. The Parade was a bust – only 5 planes, but a jetski ran out of gas and needed to be rescued. I was zonked, but Tim and Bridget cooked me a delicious burger at their RV at the seaplane base.

All in all, it was a great time.

SHAMELESS GRANDAD BRAGGING:

Grandson Arthur Zollman on USCGC *Eagle*,

