

**PreOsh Trikefest 2009**  
**Cushing Field Airport, 0C8,**  
**Located on Illinois Rt.71 – 1.5 miles southwest of Newark, IL, USA**  
**July 24, 25, 26, 2009**

This is our 5<sup>th</sup> Trikefest. I hope you can make this. We're planning to shoot a video about Trikefest and the current day trike pilots. In these unusual times, we're not sure if we're Pioneers of a Sport, or the Last of the Mohicans. But either way, we think it's worth recording. Fly, Trailer, or Drive in .

Friday the 24<sup>th</sup> is arrival, set up, and familiarization day. There's a "bring your favorite drink" reception Friday evening at the field.

Saturday morning at 9, we'll head out on a 10 mile flight for breakfast at Prairie Lakes.

Saturday mid-day is for flying the neighborhood. Just a mile north of Cushing is the Fox River, and as long as you fly it well above treetop (and power line) level, it's a nice safe, easy, scenic flight in both northeast and southwest directions - and pretty hard to get lost. (Skydive Chicago Airport is about 14 miles southwest-near the river, so stay out of their airspace, please).Cushing has a left hand pattern, 500AGL for Microlights and 800 AGL for all others; please enter on a 45 degree, downwind when returning.

Saturday afternoon about 2, we'll start the grills up and also start the competition which will consist of the radar gun run, the balloon in the hula-hoop drop, the dead-stick spot landing, and the dreaded TOLRAC. The BBQ happens during the Competition and is located directly in front of the runway – so a good spot to plant a lawn chair.

We (Cushing Field Trikers) supply the BBQ, food, and drinks; but this costs hundreds of dollars, and we really need your donations to cover this. Donation jars are near the food. There are no sponsors helping pay, and no fees to attend, camp, or participate in the Trikefest or competition (just your donations).

Saturday evening, there is another BYO gathering at the field, with some entertainment – still too be announced.

Sunday morning, we'll have another fly-out breakfast to Prairie Lakes; and then its time to start packing for Oshkosh.

Camping is available almost anywhere on the airport grounds, except on the runways! There is plenty of grassy ramp space to set up your trike and tent, or park a motor home. There are several public washrooms on the field with running water and flushing toilets. Hotels are located in nearby Yorkville, IL and Ottawa, IL.

**SPECIAL NOTE:** Trikes and pilots at this event must be FAA compliant, (and just so you know, the FAA usually is present, giving a couple check-rides to local Examiners). Also, there are usually some kids at the Trikefest, and spinning propellers are invisible. Don't start your trike near people, and be extremely careful taxiing on and off runways.