

PRESS RELEASE



ArkanSTOL® Announces 2022 Registration is Open

July 21, 2022 – ArkanSTOL has opened registration for spectators and volunteers, as well as applications for competitor pilots. “The Ozark Backwoods Challenge®” (OBC), ArkanSTOL’s 3rd annual event is scheduled September 28th through October 2nd, at Byrd’s Adventure Center. **Aviat Aircraft**, manufacturer of the **Husky** backcountry airplane is the Premier Sponsor for the third year in a row. Additional vital sponsors include national manufacturers, services, organizations and regional companies!

The ArkanSTOL OBC is a one-of-a-kind aviation experience inspired by the challenging terrain of the Ozarks and the friendly competitive spirit of its flying community. It is designed to challenge pilots with extreme knowledge of their equipment and abilities. Byrd’s provides a unique setting where off-airport flying skills, in a variety of aircraft, can be witnessed up close. The combination of timed competition and precision maneuvers create a thrilling spectator experience. Competition pilots sum up the The Ozark Backwoods Challenge with the tagline: “How fast can you go slow?”, and planned course changes to be announced for 2022 double down on the statement.

Byrd’s Adventure Center (51AR) is in Northwest Arkansas along the scenic Mulberry River. Already famous for its outdoor activities (kayaking, hiking, off-road 4-wheeling, bike and Jeep trails), owners Zen (a pilot) and Pam Boulden carved a series of runways for visiting friends, inspiring ArkanSTOL.

Rain-or-Shine - The runways at Byrd’s are very resilient to inclement weather. Also, ArkanSTOL is not just a flying competition. It is dedicated to providing a fun and informative gathering for anyone interested in aviation and the outdoors. The OBC features family-friendly Southern hospitality, live bluegrass music, delicious food, and camping. Opportunities to learn more about the professional attitude, discipline, and equipment required in backcountry flying will be available from the scores of on-site vendors as well as hundreds of other pilots.

Advanced registration is highly encouraged. Visit www.arkanstol.com for more information about competing, attending, volunteering or sponsorship.

All pilots flying in must read and understand the arrival and departure procedures posted at www.arkanstol.com. Byrd’s is a backcountry airport in a narrow river valley with typical mountain weather. Pilots must know their aircraft, their own limits and use good judgment at all times.

For more information, please contact John Young, Co-Founder @ (913) 210-9793 or john@goyoungaviation.com Press passes for onsite coverage available.

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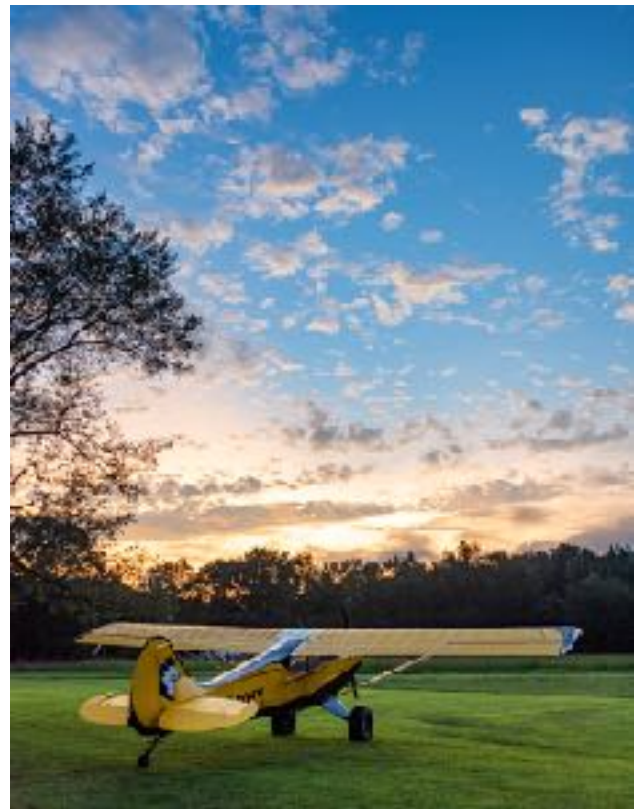
Competition aircraft staged at Byrd's Adventure Center waiting for the fog to clear Photo: Gary Daniels



Huskys on dawn patrol over Byrd's Adventure Center. Photo: Erik Johnston



Volunteer, Chris Jones.
Photo: Rusty Coonfield



An Aviat Husky lingers after the event to catch the sunset. Photo: Gary Daniels



Robbie Staton in his Javron Cub competing at the OBC 2021.
Photo: Cam Walton