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PRESS RELEASE

ArkanstolTM moves "Challenge" date – Byrd's Adventure Center announces new event!

Tuesday, January 24, 2024 - The ArkanSTOLTM "Ozark Backwoods Challenge" grew from an idea around a campfire to a one-of-a-kind aviation event that has wildly exceeded our expectations. We created a truly unique experience and fantastic family in the aviation community, with an all-volunteer staff and leadership team!

The executive team recognizes the need for a season of recalibration to ensure a robust future for ArkanSTOL and time to develop a more sustainable growth model. Therefore, we have elected to take a one-year pause and not hold the Challenge in 2024. We will continue to support the backcountry flying community as we build our plan for the future. The "Ozark Backwoods Challenge" returns to Byrd's Adventure Center on September 25 - 27, 2025, with a rested team and rejuvenated event dynamics! However...don't cancel your plans to be at Byrd's Adventure Center on September 27- 29 this year! The ArkanSTOL team is thrilled to announce that Byrd's Adventure Center is making their own plans to add more cool offerings to backcountry aviation in Arkansas!

"The Byrd's team is very proud of ArkanSTOL and all we have accomplished together the last four years. We would like to thank everyone who has come out and supported the event and all the volunteers, organizers, sponsors, pilots, vendors and spectators for their incredible hard work. An amazing community of aviation lovers has been built and we are excited to continue the journey with the Byrd's Backcountry Adventure team creating a new aviation event to be held in 2024. Details coming soon. Hope to see you there."

Pam & Zen Boulden, Owners of Byrd's Adventure Center

"ArkanSTOL and Byrd's Adventure Center remain committed to creating world-class aviation programs and highlighting the unique skills of backcountry flying in the Ozark Mountains. We would like to thank our entire ArkanSTOL family for their continued support!"

John Young & Rusty Coonfield, Co-Founders of ArkanSTOL

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