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## ArkanSTOL® 2022 Reveals New Course & Event Activities

**September 6th, 2022** – ArkanSTOL has a new course for the 2022 Ozark Backwoods Challenge. The event is scheduled for September 28th - October 2nd, 2022 at [Byrd's Adventure Center](#) in Northwest Arkansas.

Both the qualifying and competition courses have been modified to more accurately represent the skills required in backcountry STOL flying. ArkanSTOL will be using a new composite scoring system unique to our competition that factors in speed, final landing distance, and course penalties. Spectators will love the flying activities for all three days with over 45 pilots competing for the coveted ArkanSTOL medallions!

ArkanSTOL Co-Founder, Rusty Coonfield said “Many off-airport landings around trees and hills require a steep approach, so we’ve included a judged landing distance over inflatable pylons to the mix. Pilots will be competing against themselves as much as the other competitors at ArkanSTOL ‘22”.

**ArkanSTOL is not just a competition.** It is now a rain or shine event, dedicated to providing a fun and informative gathering for aviation enthusiasts. The discipline and professionalism required of backcountry aviators, along with a focus on stick and rudder skills, has value for everyone. We also like to have fun! ArkanSTOL will again have its legendary family-friendly Southern hospitality, live bluegrass music, delicious food, camping and other outdoor activities.

**New this year** is a Presentation Tent sponsored by the Aircraft Owner’s & Pilot’s Association (AOPA). Two days of scheduled topics include: STOL Panel Discussion hosted by AOPA’s Cayla McLeod, Getting Started in Experimental STOL Aircraft by Bryan Walstrom (Experimental Aircraft Channel) & Kris Griewahn (STOL-It Aircraft), FAA FFAST Team presentation for Wings credit and a special presentation by Jeffery Bertsch, NASA Chief, Flight Dynamics Division about the Artemis space program’s Moon and Mars missions. Visit the ArkanSTOL website for the latest updates!

Scores of on-site vendors make ArkanSTOL a place where buying decisions can be made. Nearly every well known STOL aircraft will be competing and demonstrating its capabilities. Our announcers are industry experts and will educate the crowd on the virtues of the aircraft and the intricacies of STOL flying.

ArkanSTOL is excited to welcome our friends from [AviNation](#) which exists to attract, educate and empower youth in aviation. ArkanSTOL has teamed with [ThePilotClub.org](#) to offer an ultra-realistic pilot simulation on-line. You can now fly the 2022 qualifying and competition course from your own computer...and even compete for prizes to be awarded at the event. Both groups will be teaming up to offer a simulator experience at the show!

**Advanced registration** is highly encouraged (pre-registration closes 9/18/2022). Procedures will be in effect for pilots flying into Byrd’s. Please read and understand the airport cautions and arrival procedures. Visit [www.arkanstol.com/fly-in/#fly-inprocedure](http://www.arkanstol.com/fly-in/#fly-inprocedure) for more information.

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