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COPPERSTATE FLY-IN THRIVES AT NEW LOCATION

October 18, 2002 – The numbers are in a the organizers of the Copperstate Regional EAA Fly-in are calling the 2002 event a “resounding success.” Nearly 8,000 attendees and 650 aircraft attended the October 10-13 event, held for the first time at Phoenix Regional Airport (PRA) in Maricopa, Arizona.

Aircraft included 450 show planes, 40 ultralights, and 200 transient planes. There were 122 campers (RV campaign was up 40 percent and previous years). 73 Exhibitors, over 30 Young Eagles rides flown, and in the ultralight area, 75 introductory flight lesson were given.

The entire event took place on 25 acres of grass, providing a true oasis is the desert for those attending, especially when viewed from the air.

Keyt Wins 7th Copperstate Dash

Richard Keyt was once again the winner in the Millennium Class for experimentals (to 180 hp) at the 7th annual Copperstate Dash Air Races held October 11. Keyt and his Polen Special completed the 305 nautical mile course in an overall best time of 1:10:52 averaging 258.23 knots from the starting line (Apple Valley Airport in Victorville, California) to the finish line (Coolidge, Arizona). Don Saint was second in his Glasair 11SFT, logging 1:19:42 and averaging 229.61 knots. Followed by Larry Henney in his Lancair 360, coming in at 226.81 knots. A total of 32 aircraft entered the eight races classes (four in certified and four in experimental).

