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Rough River KY Canard Fly-In 2004  
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Well it couldn't have been a prettier weekend for the annual canard fly-in at the Rough River State Park in Kentucky. Day-time temperatures were in the low 70s falling into the Hi 30s at night with cloudless, clear blue skies. The color of fall was starting to show on the trees. My wife, Marlana, and I drove up on Saturday, which took about 4 hours from Huntsville proper. Our goal was to explore the Cozy Mark IV. For those unfamiliar, it is a canard design that follows all aspects of Burt Rutan's Long-EZ design. Nat Puffer re-engineered the design to be a 4-seat canard aircraft. Since my wife and I are tall, and in my case wide, we needed to know if the



Cozy Mark IV was a good fit with the potential to carry my two daughters. As you can see by the picture, we seem to have a match. Colby Farmer, of Philpot, KY was more than eager to allow us to try his Cozy (N93CF) on for size. In total, there were 71 canard aircraft on the field Sunday morning. Of those 71, Cozies accounted for 7.

The "Furthest Guest" prize went to a gentleman who traveled all the way from Israel to attend the fly-in. We also met with Don Krugger, a retired firefighter, and his wife who

had spent the last month moving from Mobile to Orlando. Don spent 2 of those weeks moving his Cozy (N197DL) around to avoid getting hit by hurricanes. We also met with Chrissi and Randy, commonly known as the "Cozy Girlzzz", whose Cozy Mark IV project is nearing completion. They chose a Mazda Rotary 13B Turbo-charged engine as the power-plant of choice for their aircraft. Saturday evening, the sky was full of Canard aircraft, either arriving or those following and endless stream of fly-bys. Sunday morning, many of those who flew from great distances i.e. Arizona and South Florida,

began to pack up and head home.



The aircraft that stole the show was the white and purple, 2-seat, E-Racer powered by an IO-540. The cameras were rolling as he rolled for take-off and a subsequent hi-speed low pass. One brave soul took himself and his high dollar video camera to the center-line of the runway to video the encounter a most up-close and personal manner. I think the gentlemen came away with a new respect for the aircraft and a new haircut. If you are considering the daunting task of putting together a canard aircraft, Rough River provides the most concentrated Canard event of the year. Builders are very willing to share information and in some cases give you a demo flight. Stop by and see our own Jon Moore and his continuing progress on his Long-EZ. We can't wait to see it fly Jon.