

News From The EAA AIRVENTURE MUSEUM

Three great reasons to visit the Museum August 31/September 1

1. Flight Across America

Flight Across America is a nationwide grassroots campaign to demonstrate to the public that aviation can be a force for good. The goal is to develop a virtual web of flights across the country, with an aircraft taking off and landing from every public airport in the continental United States. In addition, flag bearers from each of the fifty United States are gathering together to fly state flags to New York City as aviation's contribution to the 9/11 first anniversary commemorations. (EAA's own Bob Warner and Noel Marshall are the Wisconsin flag bearers).

EAA is hosting a Flight Across America "regional hub event" on August 31. All pilots are warmly invited to fly in to Wittman Regional Airport for the following activities:



- Fly-in and aircraft parking on Aeroshell Square (West Ramp)
- Pancake breakfast hosted by EAA Chapter 572, Fond du Lac – starts 8.30am
- Free transportation to the Museum & Pioneer Airport all day
- Meet Molly Peebles, the organizer of Flight Across America, at her mid-continent stop between Everett, WA and NYC
- Pioneer Airport "Good Ol' Days" vintage flying event

To encourage maximum participation from the aviation community we are offering free admission to the whole Museum & Pioneer Airport complex for the occupants of all visiting aircraft (including the whole "Good Ol' Days").

Those intending to arrive by air are encouraged to register their flight at www.flightcrossamerica.com and help meet the campaign goal of a flight from every airport in the USA. Those wishing to attend the pancake breakfast by car are also most welcome – follow the road signs placed in front of the Museum.

2. Good Ol' Days



On August 31-September 1, EAA's historic Pioneer Airport will feature another weekend of old-time vintage aviation, when we try and recapture the look, feel, sights, sounds and smells of the 1930s. Activities will feature staff and volunteers dressed in vintage costume, flight and ground demonstrations of EAA's fleet of historic airplanes, visiting vintage aircraft, Pioneer Airport guided tours, free Young Eagles rides for children ages 8-17, hands-on educational activities for kids and a "Parade of Flight" scheduled for 2 p.m. Admission to the event is included with regular museum admission. One special attraction is the amazing Laird Super Solution replica that arrived for AirVenture 2002. Pilot and builder Jim Moss will demonstrate this classic airplane and be on hand to answer questions about his epic project.

Note to vintage & classic aircraft owners: Good Ol' Days is one of the rare opportunities you have to land your airplane at EAA's Pioneer Airport. You must register in advance for an arrival briefing into Pioneer Airport's unique airspace: contact Sean Elliott at 920-426-6801 or selliott@eaa.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

now-8/31 Fossett's capsule

Daily 8:30 - 5:00
Sunday 10:00 - 5:00

8/31-9/1 Good Ol' Days

Saturday 8:00 - 10:00 p.m.
Sunday 10:00 - 5:00

9/21-22 WhirlyBird Weekend

Saturday 8:30 - 5:00
Sunday 10:00 - 5:00

10/18-19 Paper Airplane Weekend

Saturday 8:30 - 5:00
Sunday 10:00 - 5:00

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3. Evening activities at Pioneer Airport

Following the success of last year's event, we are holding another flying evening at Pioneer Airport on Saturday, August 31, commencing at 6 p.m. There will be good food, live musical entertainment, a silent auction and lots of chances to win rides in EAA's historic aircraft collection, which will be flying until sunset (this includes the Spirit of St Louis replica and 1930 Pitcairn Mailwing). All aviation-lovers are warmly invited to come and soak up the special old-time atmosphere of an evening sunset over Pioneer Airport.

After the sun goes down we will retire to one of the Pioneer Airport hangars for the highlight of the evening. New York based actor Steve Carroll will perform his acclaimed one-man show "Charles Lindbergh: The Lone Eagle," which offers a fascinating overview of Lindbergh's life and legacy.

Admission to the evening is just \$5 per person, including food. To help our planning we would appreciate an RSVP to Katie Cheesebro at 920-426-6880 or kcheesebro@eaa.org

Whirlybird Weekend

Those who love rotorcraft will want to visit Oshkosh the weekend of September 21-22 for our second annual Whirlybird Weekend. A variety of helicopters have been invited to fly in for the event – everything from small recreational types owned by EAA members to military, Coast Guard, corporate and emergency medical



helicopters. In addition, nine historic helicopters and gyrocopters from EAA AirVenture Museum's collection will be on display. Our vintage Bell 47 helicopter will be giving rides throughout the weekend, priced at \$30 for one passenger, \$50 for two. As well as the helicopter displays, there will be special hands-on activities for kids, organized by the EAA Education staff.

Note to rotorcraft owners/operators:

You are warmly invited to fly in to the event, but must register in advance for an arrival briefing into Pioneer Airport. Contact Katie Cheesebro at 920-426-6880.

Raptor Gallery

One of the Museum's most important developments in years was unveiled during AirVenture 2002 – the Raptor Gallery. Designed specifically for kids, the permanent gallery greatly increases the interactive component of the Museum. It aims to explain the ultra-modern science and technology that lies behind the world's most advanced fighter airplane – the F-22 Raptor.

The Gallery's centerpiece is a half-scale F-22 Raptor replica where children can sit inside the cockpit and learn about the plane's first flight and design specifications. Surrounding the replica, 15 interactive exhibits allow visitors to experience the science and technology that lie behind the superior capabilities of

the Raptor. Hands-on exhibits explain themes including stealth technology, fly-by-wire, ergonomics, hydraulics, jet engines, vectored thrust and G-suits. With a pull of the "D" handle in an "ejection seat simulator", visitors can experience the process of a high-speed ejection from an aircraft. In the "Supersonic" exhibit, a digital echo chamber allows visitors to perform speed of sound experiments and even drive a supersonic car.

The Museum's staff has been thrilled by the highly positive visitor response to the new gallery - from adults as well as kids - and looks forward to the Raptor Gallery becoming one of the Museum's "highlight attractions" for years to come.

Last chance to see Fossett's capsule

You have until Friday, August 30, to get an up-close look at the Spirit of Freedom balloon capsule that EAA member Steve Fossett called home for 14 days during his unprecedented solo flight around the world earlier this summer. On Saturday, August 31, the history-making capsule will be packed up and carted off to the Smithsonian National Air & Space Museum (NASM) in Washington, D.C., where it will assume its place of honor between two other icons of aviation history: Gen. Chuck Yeager's Bell X-1 and Lindbergh's Spirit of St. Louis.

The capsule was delivered from its landing site in Australia just in time for AirVenture Oshkosh. Thousands of attendees stood in line to look inside the bright yellow pod during the convention. The stay at Oshkosh is the only time people will actually be able to look and photograph the interior of the capsule – once hung at NASM, this will not be possible. So make the most of the opportunity while it still exists!



Paper Airplane Weekend

World paper airplane endurance record holder Ken Blackburn returns to Oshkosh on October 19-20 for another busy Paper Airplane Weekend (last year's event attracted more than 1,800 visitors to the Museum!)

Ken is in the Guinness Book of World Records for setting the world flight duration record of 27.6 seconds with a hand-launched paper airplane in 1998. He is also an EAA member, an aeronautical engineer for Boeing, author of several best selling books about paper airplanes and all-around nice guy. Ken will be on hand throughout the weekend to show children and adults the finer points of making outstanding paper airplanes.

Everyone is encouraged to enter our paper airplane competition, which tests three areas of paper airplane performance: distance, accuracy and endurance. A variety of cool prizes are awarded in four age categories. We have a half-price admission promotion for the weekend, so make sure to bring the whole family for a truly fun-filled, hands-on event.





TIMELESS VOICES OF AVIATION

During AirVenture Oshkosh 2002 EAA unveiled one of the most important heritage preservation programs ever attempted. Timeless Voices of Aviation is an ambitious program involving the gathering, cataloguing, transcribing and distribution of the pioneering oral histories of aviation's first century. Phase one of the program focuses on gathering oral histories of aviation combat and support veterans. This priority is set largely by the rate at which our WWII veterans are being lost. Of the 16 million men and women who served in history's most destructive conflict, only about 5 million are left, and we are losing them at a rate of approximately 1,100 per day. Once recorded on videotape and transcribed, oral histories will be made available through the museum and via web-based technologies. EAA's Timeless Voices is also a major partner with the Library of Congress' Veterans History Project.

EAA's 170,000 members and 1,000 chapters will play a key role in this effort. They have been challenged to collect the stories of these American heroes, chapter-by-chapter, state-by-state, under the program's banner, "Let no story go untold." This organization-wide program will begin by October 1, 2002. If you are interested in getting involved in the program, more information is available from Kathy Probst at 920-426-6589 or kprobst@eaa.org