

News From The EAA AIRVENTURE MUSEUM



EAA's Family Flight & Balloon Festival



Don't miss EAA's first ever annual Family Flight & Balloon Festival which takes place over the weekend June 1 & 2. This promises to be one of the largest and most exciting events ever to take place at the Museum and surrounding grounds.

The event has been designed to be an inexpensive day out for the whole family. Day of admission is just \$7.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children. Apart from vintage airplane, helicopter and simulator rides there are no additional charges for any of the special activities.

Gates open at 6:30am. A variety of family-priced food and drink will be available through the day. Saturday evening balloon glow commences at 7:00pm. Get more information at www.flightfest.org

Activities Include:

- Free Young Eagle rides (ages 8-17)
- Dozens of hot-air balloons
- Hot-air balloon flying competition
- Tethered hot-air balloon rides
- Helicopter flights and skydivers
- Ultralight aircraft flights
- Live hawks, owls and falcons
- RC aircraft demonstrations
- AirVenture Museum tours
- "Build & Fly" kite and model workshops
- Powered parachute and vintage airplane fly-bys
- Stunning Saturday evening "balloon glow", set to music
- Try your hand at the EAA Climbing Wall and Challenge Course



The Air Fair

Saturday, June 8th is the Air Fair. Each year the EAA education staff works with hundreds of local school children in the Gifted & Talented and Wild Blue Wonders activities. The Air Fair is the culminating day of both programs. Over one hundred Gifted & Talented students will display their aviation projects for judging. On the evidence of last year's event, there will be some highly ingenious and informative projects on display. Meanwhile, the regional finals of Wild Blue Wonders will take place, as several teams from local schools compete for the chance to reach the national finals of EAA's acclaimed aerospace education program. Members of the public are warmly invited to visit the Museum on June 8th starting at 8:30am to see an uplifting example of EAA's youth education work.



UPCOMING EVENTS

6/1-2	Family Balloon Festival Starts at 6:30 am
6/5	Speaker: Mike Titre 6:30 pm
6/8	The Air Fair 8:30 am - 5:00 pm
6/15	Ultralight Day 8:30 am - 5:00 pm
6/20	Art Competition Exhibit Daily

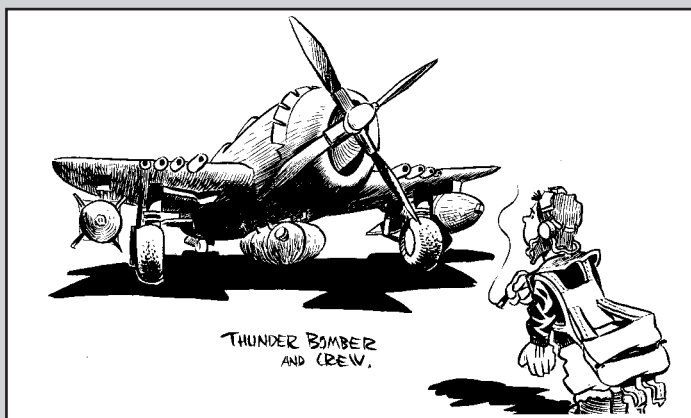
Catch the Spirit!

We recently received some very exciting news from the FAA about our Spirit of St Louis replica. To help us mark the 75th anniversary of Lindbergh's famous transatlantic flight, the EAA AirVenture Museum has been granted special permission to allow paid passengers to ride in the airplane. When the replica was first built, as some readers will be aware, EAA opted to install a second seat in place of one of Lindbergh's huge fuel tanks. For the past 10 years this has allowed us to give free passenger rides but, due to the cost of operating the airplane, only on a selective basis. The new exemption allows us to give wider public access by charging a fee per ride. The passenger will sit in the same position in the aircraft that Lindbergh sat. This is a great opportunity to experience flight under the same conditions that the Lone Eagle endured for over 33 non-stop hours .

The Spirit of St Louis will be available weekends at Pioneer Airport from June 1st onwards. Rides cost \$100. As the airplane is occasionally away attending special events, you may wish to call ahead to check availability 920-426-4867.



The Spirit of St Louis over the fields of Wisconsin.



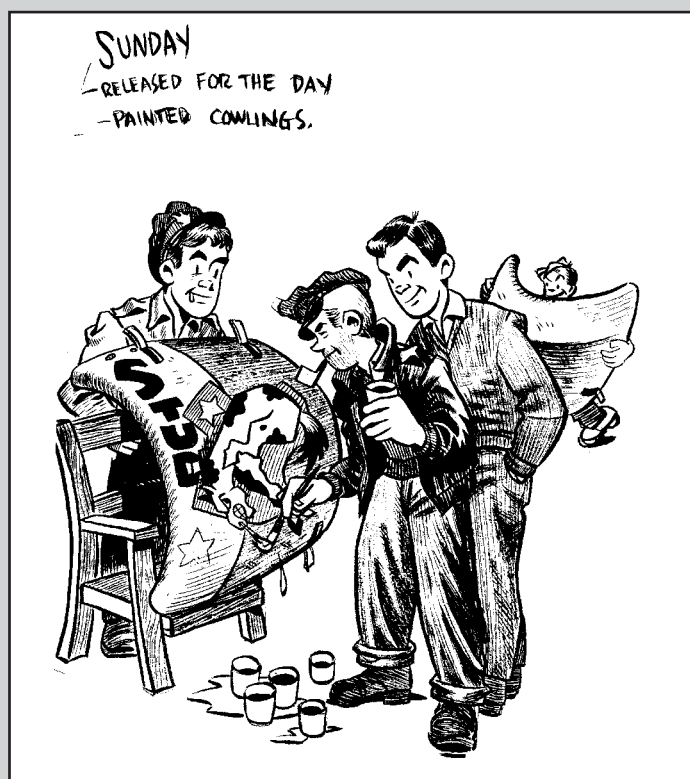
Excerpts from Laughter and Tears. The exhibit is now open at the EAA Museum.

Laughter and Tears

Our exhibit dedicated to the art of Captain George Rarey opened on May 11th. Rarey was a cartoon artist who trained as a P-47 fighter pilot and was killed in action in France in 1944. The exhibit showcases an amazing legacy of artwork created by Rarey before his death, including his letters, journals and airplane nose art. It tells the moving story of a gentle and talented young man thrust into the intensity of war.

WW2 fighter pilot to speak at Museum

In connection with the exhibit "Laughter and Tears" we have a special speaker lined up for the evening of Wednesday, June 5th. Mike Titre is an EAA Chapter 790 member from the Chicago area, and a well-known face around the Museum, he also volunteers with our youth education activities. What's less known is that Mike was a P-47 pilot in Europe during World War 2, he flew 58 combat missions in 1944 and 1945. In Mike's words: "I got shot at on all of them, but only clobbered once." He was decorated for his service during the Battle of the Bulge, and remained in the Air Force until 1962. Mike will speak about his flying experiences, particularly his time flying the P-47 Thunderbolt. The program begins at 6.30pm in the Vette Theater, and admission is free. All are welcome for what is sure to be a fascinating evening in the company of a distinguished veteran.



Ultralight Day

Saturday, June 15th (rain date Sunday June 16th) is our annual Ultralight Day at Pioneer Airport. Last year over 40 ultralights of all shapes, sizes and color flew in for a day of fun activities. The event is a great spectator attraction, especially the afternoon competitions which include bean-bag drops onto a target, and the exciting “torpedo run” which involves a low level “attack” on a battleship target. Last year a special guest “ultralight” (a certain tri-motored resident of Pioneer Airport) also made an attack run! The event is included with regular Museum admission. Come along and learn about the friendly and affordable side of flying! Ultralight pilots interested in flying-in to the event must call Timm Bogenhagen at 920-426-6527

Convention Highlights

As usual, the Museum looks forward to playing a part in EAA's AirVenture 2002 which takes place July 23 through the 29.

Topping our list of activities will be the grand opening of the **Raptor Gallery**, a new major addition to the Museum's list of attractions. Designed as a “hands on” exhibit area, the gallery will contain 16 interactive exhibit stations, looking at themes connected to the world's most advanced airplane: the F-22 Raptor. From heat seeking missiles and ejection seats, to stealth technology and supersonic speeds, this will be a high octane learning experience for the whole family.

We'll also be showcasing a new **50th Anniversary Exhibit** tracing the history of EAA in artifacts, words, pictures and film. Another new exhibit will be **Leo Loudenslager's Shark**. This is the airplane that the famous designer and aerobatic champion was working on when he died, it has been completed for Museum display. To call the design revolutionary would be an understatement – the extraordinary, all-moving tail surface will be a talking point for Museum visitors for many years to come. Finally, our popular **Speaker Showcase** this year will include: Apollo astronaut *Frank Borman*, author *Richard Bach*, movie star *Cliff Robertson* (recent appearance in Spiderman) and *Chuck Yeager*, WW2 fighter ace and first man through the sound barrier

This is just the Museum's contribution to EAA's monster event, the world's largest fly-in convention and air show. You can always find out more at www.airventure.org



Chuck Yeager, the first man through the sound barrier, will be returning for the Speaker Showcase during AirVenture.



Pioneer Airport Gift Certificates

With Father's Day approaching you may be interested in our range of gift certificates available for airplane rides at the Museum's Pioneer Airport. Certificates can be redeemed at any point during the flying season. Three packages are available:

\$59 Certificate

- A ride in the Pioneer airplane of your choice (WACO, Ford TriMotor, Bell 47 or Travel Air E4000)
- Museum admission for two
- An exclusive airplane pin showing the plane you flew

\$79 Certificate

- A ride in the right seat of the EAA Ford Tri Motor
- Museum admission for two
- Exclusive “Ford Tri Motor co-pilot” pin

\$149 Certificate

(\$129 for EAA members)

- 3 airplane rides at Pioneer Airport (WACO, Ford & Travel Air)
- Museum admission for two
- 3 exclusive airplane pins

Certificates are on sale in the Museum gift shop or can be ordered by telephone from 920-426-6108.

Annual Art Competition

The 26th annual EAA Sport Aviation art competition exhibit will open at the Museum on June 20th daily from 8:30am - 5:00pm. As usual, a wide range of entries have been received from around the world for inclusion in this prestigious exhibit, which has helped launch the careers of number of prominent aviation artists.

The theme of the 2002 competition is "50 years of EAA", which promises to turn out some interesting submissions. Submissions for the Children's Art Competition are accepted until June 10. Further details about how to enter the Children's Art Competition can be obtained from Lynn Curtis at 920-426-4877.

