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Happy 75th Birthday Ford Tri-Motor!

EAA's model 4-AT-E Ford Tri-Motor was number 146 off the assembly line and made its first flight on August 21, 1929. We could not let the airplane's 75th birthday pass without celebration - so mark your calendar for August 21, 2004! As a very special offer, for one day only, every person that rides the airplane will be presented with a piece of the Ford Tri-Motor's famous corrugated aluminum skin that was removed during restoration work. It's a great chance to experience a piece of "living history" first-hand, and also take a small piece of it home. You may even bump into one of twelve EAA Members from around the country who are celebrating their 75th birthday on exactly the same day (we invited them all to come and take a free ride!) Heavy demand for seats is expected, so hurry to the website www.flytheford.org where you can pre-register and reserve a time slot to fly.

August 21, 2004



British Wings and Wheels German Wings and Wheels

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Join us! These two specialty car shows are dedicated to the finest in British and German aero and auto engineering. Each event runs from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and features a wide variety of visiting cars owned by collectors and joined by airplanes from EAA's collection, as well as visiting aircraft. If you would like to enter a vehicle into either show, call 920-426-6880 or e-mail museum@eaa.org.

Good Ol' Days: Pioneer Airport Living History Event

September 4-5, 2004

On Labor Day weekend, September 4-5, Pioneer Airport presents its annual living history event - "Good Ol' Days".

Dressed in period costume, Pioneer Airport staff and volunteers aim to bring the excitement and adventure of early flight back to life. With something for everyone, this is one event you do not want to miss!

GOOD OL' DAYS ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- An **old time air show** is the highlight of our program each afternoon. Activities include aerial golf, the famous "pants race," and a parade of flight featuring visiting vintage aircraft.
- A **children's activity center** will provide kids with the opportunity to experience hands-on activities and games that were popular during the Golden Age of Aviation.
- A variety of **vintage vehicles** will be on display and there will be opportunities for everyone to take a free ride around the EAA grounds in a pre-war vintage vehicle.
- Harking back to the early days of electronic communication, visitors can **try out telegraph and teletype equipment**, sending messages between two Pioneer Airport buildings.
- **Airplane rides** are available throughout the weekend on the full fleet of Pioneer aircraft including the 1929 Ford Tri-Motor, Spirit of St. Louis reproduction, 1929 Travel Air bi-plane, 1937 Waco YKS-7, and Young Eagles airplanes.



Other activities include special flight line displays and tours, and a Saturday evening murder mystery.

And remember, Good Ol' Days is **included in regular Museum admission!**

Special Attraction!



A special highlight of the Good Ol' Days celebration will be the first post-restoration flights of our Swallow bi-plane. The Swallow line of aircraft is believed to be the first in the world that was designed and built purely for the purpose of commercial transportation.

Over the past three years the EAA Museum's example, which dates from 1927, has been restored to immaculate flying status by Gary Buettner, under the supervision of EAA's founder Paul Poberezny, with generous support from the United Airlines Historical Foundation, Clay Lacy, and Stits Poly-Fiber among others.

During Good Ol' Days, the Swallow will be flying the mail once again for the first time in over 60 years! Our popular air mail living history display allows visitors to create an authentic postcard or letter that will be placed in a sack and flown aboard the 1927 Swallow before being forwarded to your friends and family through the US Postal Service. The activity, including postage, is free of charge to museum guests!

Featured Item of the Month: Ford Tri-Motor Pin

This beautiful pewter pin features the flagship of EAA's Pioneer Airport, the Ford Tri-Motor. As we celebrate its 75th birthday, the Ford Tri-Motor is a reflection of an era gone by, representing a time when much of aviation was new and uncharted. The pin is a great souvenir of a memorable ride in the Ford Tri-Motor, and is available from the Museum at the great price of \$4.99 or via the online store at www.eaa.org (item number F30091).



Would You Like to be a Museum Docent?

Volunteer Docents play a vital role in the work of the Museum—welcoming and orientating visitors, assisting in special events and activities, and providing guided tours. Naturally, some are aviation enthusiasts, but a surprising number are drawn to EAA from the local community and do not have specialist aviation knowledge. Our Docents number over 140, and many of them report two key attractions to the job:

- Being a Docent is a rewarding volunteer position, meeting and helping a wide variety of visitors from around the world.
- It's also a great social opportunity. The EAA Museum is a fun place to be, providing many opportunities to make new friends.

If you are interested in becoming a Museum Docent, join us for an introductory training day planned for September 25, 2004, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. This will provide a chance to meet other Docents and key museum staff, and learn what being a Docent is all about. Lunch will be provided. If you would like to attend or get more information, please contact Lynn Curtis at 920-426-4877 or lcurtis@eaa.org.

News in Brief

Why not sign up for one of our ***Fantasy Flight Camps this Fall?*** Each camp involves an exciting weekend at the famed EAA Air Academy, a detailed study of a famous airplane, capped by an incredible "once in a lifetime" flight experience. The Spirit of St. Louis Camp takes place October 1-3, the Ford Tri-Motor Camp October 15-17, and the B-17 camp December 3-5. Further details, prices and booking arrangements are available online at www.fantasyflightcamp.org or by calling 920-426-6820.

Operation Aviation Family Mission: Saturday, September 25 at 10:00 a.m. Form a flight team of 3 or 4 to take part in a three-hour disaster relief mission. Help save the city of Los Angeles after a major earthquake! This fun, fast-paced activity is only \$25 per team which includes Museum admission. Contact 920-426-6880 or nraudabaugh@eaa.org to make a reservation. Space is limited, so don't

delay!

A warm welcome to all **new EAA Members** receiving this newsletter for the first time! Since March 1st, more than 1,200 people have joined EAA through the Museum to take advantage of year-round free Museum admission, plus many other EAA Member benefits.

A new Museum exhibit was opened during EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2004. The **Wilson Timeless Voices Theater** showcases highlights of the Museum's video oral history program. Timeless Voices has gathered stories from more than 500 aviators since its inception in 2002.

The **EAA AirVenture Museum** website continues to go from strength to strength, with a record 87,000 visits in the month of June 2004 alone. It's a great a place to find information about Museum exhibits, events and activities - plus there are some very cool interactive features. Items recently added include a web cam mounted on the Museum roof affording a live view of Pioneer Airport. Go to www.airventuremuseum.org to check it out for yourself!

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We welcome your comments and suggestions to museum@eaa.org.

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