

News From The EAA AIRVENTURE MUSEUM

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Explore Prehistoric Flight!

May 21, 2005

The typical artifact in the EAA AirVenture Museum is less than 100 years old, but this will certainly change when our main summer exhibition opens on May 21. Aimed at a family audience, "Dino-Soar! The Prehistory of Flight" takes visitors on a journey that goes back millions of years, exploring the origins of flight in the natural world. Located on the Museum's concourse, the 3,000-square-foot exhibit will feature many fun, exciting, and engaging displays including:



- A stunning, life-size model of the largest animal ever to fly - the forty-foot wingspan Quetzalcoatlus Northropi. The model was built and flown via radio-control by the famous aeronautic designer Dr. Paul MacCready.
- Real pterosaur fossils, fossilized dragonflies, and amber-encased insects, casts, models and reproductions from leading dinosaur sculptor Allan Smith, and artworks from world renowned dinosaur artist Luis Rey.
- A variety of interactive exhibits, allowing visitors young and old to touch actual dinosaur fossils, explore a pterodactyl's nest, and understand how insect wings work.

This exhibit will run until April 2006 and is included with regular Museum admission.

EAA Motorcycle Rally

June 11, 2005

Motorcycle owners looking for a summertime ride destination will be interested in a Motorcycle Rally being held at Pioneer Airport June 11, 2005. Information and registration details are available online at www.airventuremuseum.org/motorcyclerrally. You will have a chance to get your photo taken with EAA's "Hardly Ableson" - an airplane built with a Harley Davidson engine. A commemorative EAA Motorcycle Rally pin will be available for all motorcycles that pre-register by May 20, 2005



Ultralight Day

June 18, 2005

Saturday, June 18 (rain date Sunday, June 19) is our annual Ultralight Day at Pioneer Airport. Weather permitting, more than 40 ultralights of all shapes, sizes, and colors will be on display. Afternoon competitions include beanbag accuracy drops, and the exciting "torpedo run" that involves a low level attack on a battleship target. The event is a great opportunity to learn about the most affordable way to fly for fun, and information will be available about the new Sport Pilot rule that makes flying easier and less costly than ever before. Ultralight pilots interested in flying into the event must call Troy Toelle at 920-426-6847 to make arrangements.



Free Admission Day for Fathers

June 19, 2005

In recognition of Fathers Day, June 19 has been designated as a Free Admission Day for Fathers at the EAA AirVenture Museum. Fathers are admitted free with another paid admission of equal or greater value. Also, if you're looking for a Fathers Day treat with a difference, how about a ride in a vintage airplane at Pioneer Airport? Gift certificates are available starting at \$65 from our gift shop, 920-426-6108.

EAA's Wings on Strings

June 25, 2005

For the fourth consecutive year, EAA will host an exciting family kite-flying event on June 25. This event is sponsored by The Kite Society of Wisconsin and Illinois, and Milwaukee's Gift of Wings kite store. A full program of activities takes place throughout the day, including FREE kite-making workshops, a Grand Launch of more than 300 kites at 12:00 noon, and an opportunity to receive a FREE kite for the first 100 kids that sign up to participate in the "Kids' Mad Dash" at 1:00 p.m.



A series of world-class performers will stage kite-flying displays throughout the day to musical accompaniment. Once again we are thrilled to present the incredible Chicago Fire, widely recognized as the best professional kite demonstration team in the world. Other performers include Team Pegasus (2004 Midwest Masters Pairs Champions); Yves LaForest and Anne Clement (flying their giant kites); plus solo demonstrations from Jim Wirt (two-time world champion), Mike Delfar (two-time world champion), Josh and Zak Gordon, Paul Koepke and Dan Newman.

Planes, Manes and Automobiles

July 2, 2005

This exciting annual event on July 2 combines two classic examples of American engineering - pairing legendary P-51 Mustang airplanes with a wide selection of Ford Mustang cars. Last year's inaugural event was a great success with more than 200 cars and four P-51s in attendance. Our event partner, the Midwest Mustang Association, is expecting an even larger turnout in 2005 with Mustangs ranging from several classic 1960s-era models to modern "supercars". Spectators are welcome at the event, which is included in regular Museum admission.



Automobile owners are encouraged to pre-register online at www.airventuremuseum.org/mustangs. All Ford-powered

vehicles are welcome. Everyone pre-registered by June 15, 2005, will receive a free souvenir dash plaque, and all vehicles will have the opportunity to photograph their car with a P-51 Mustang or an F-86 Sabre jet. This event is also supported by Action Printers and Rainbow Screen Printing, Inc.

Good Ol' Days

August 19-21, 2005

Mark your calendars for Good Ol' Days, our fourth annual living history weekend at Pioneer Airport, scheduled for August 19-21, 2005. This year the event has been enhanced by a grant from the Wisconsin Department of Tourism, so expect more exciting airplanes and activities than ever before! The associated Aviation Murder Mystery will be themed around a 1930's movie set, and due to popular demand, is expanding to be held on both Friday and Saturday evenings. Tickets will be available online starting June 1.

Young Eagles GlaStar Gets Makeover

Many thanks to New GlaStar for carrying out an overhaul of Pioneer Airport's resident GlaStar, N232YE. Since being built in 1997, this airplane has given free introductory EAA Young Eagles airplane rides to more than 3,000 kids...one flight at a time. Over the winter months, the airplane was returned to the New GlaStar facility in Arlington, Washington, for a complete refurbishment that included new undercarriage, seats, interior, and paint. It's now back on the line at Pioneer Airport looking as good as new and ready to fly Young Eagles once again!



Congratulations to Aaron Mentowski of Ohio, Grand Champion winner of our 2005 Youth Art Competition. In addition to enjoying a \$100 cash prize, Aaron will have the pleasure of seeing the winning paint scheme he designed for our other GlaStar, N231YE, applied to the airplane courtesy of Gulfstream of Appleton. As you can see it's a striking design, and we look forward with great anticipation to seeing it rolled out sometime in late May. The airplane will be housed at Pioneer Airport and used in support of the EAA Air Academy and EAA Young Eagles programs.

1927 Swallow Biplane

Regular readers may recall that the 1927 Swallow biplane made its first flight last September following a four-year restoration. The airplane now forms part of the Pioneer Airport flying collection, and is available for passenger flights during the summer. Expected to arrive sometime in mid-summer is a newly restored 1935 Waco UEC that has been donated to our collection and will replace the 1937 Waco YKS which will be retired from flying status.

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