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E-NEWSLETTER — Get "News from the EAA AirVenture Museum" delivered straight into your email inbox! You can sign up to receive this newsletter in email format on the Museum home page, www.airventuremuseum.org.

EAA and the Grand Opera House have joined together to bring some cool jazz into the EAA AirVenture Museum. Sponsored by 104.7 FM WBZ, the event will support the youth education initiatives of both organizations. Enjoy great music, light refreshments and of course, the wonderful ambiance of the EAA AirVenture Museum at night! The evening begins at 7:00 p.m. Reception with cash bar will be in the main gallery with cabaret style seating set in the Eagle Hangar for the concert. Ticket price of \$20 includes hors d'oeuvres and fun. For more information and reservations, call the EAA Development office at 920-426-4816.

Plane Jazz

News From The EAA AIRVENTURE MUSEUM

Jan. 2005

WWII fighter pilot to speak at unveiling of new collection

The EAA AirVenture Museum recently made a significant addition to its collection, which will be unveiled at a special presentation on January 26, 2005, beginning at 6:30 p.m. The evening also features a talk from P-47 Thunderbolt pilot, Mike Titre.

In 1942 George Rarey, a young commercial artist, was drafted into the Army Air Corps. He learned to fly a P-47 Thunderbolt fighter before he drove a car. A talented and prolific cartoonist, Rarey kept a illustrated journal of the daily life his squadron. He also documented his experiences in several hundred letters written home to his sweetheart, Betty Lou. Sadly, a few weeks after D-Day, he was killed in combat over France.

George Rarey's widow, Betty Lou, recently donated the entire Rarey collection of letters and artwork to EAA. At the January 26 event, EAA Museum Director, Adam Smith, will tell the story of this nationally significant collection. Additionally, visitors will have a chance to inspect artifacts from the collection up close.

Also in attendance will be World War II veteran pilot Mike Titre, who—like the artist George Rarey—flew the P-47 Thunderbolt in Europe. In fact, Mike completed 58 combat missions in 1944 and 1945, and was decorated for his part in winning the Battle of the Bulge. Using images from the Rarey collection as his reference point, Mike will share recollections of the life of a fighter pilot in World War II, and his own appreciation for the unique collection recently acquired by the Museum.



Flight Simulator Weekend

Take flight during the Museum's Flight Simulator Weekend, one our most popular annual family activities! On February 12 and 13, from 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., visitors can experience various types of flight simulators, from basic through advanced. The event includes hands-on experiences with a radio-control model simulator; instructional sessions on Microsoft Flight Simulator 2004; Xbox and PlayStation 2-based flight simulators; accuracy competitions using the hang-glider and hot air balloon simulators in the new KidVenture Gallery; rides in the popular MaxFlight F-16 full-motion simulator; and Combat Flight Simulator dogfight missions. You can also "fly" the ever-popular Wright Flyer Simulator. This accurate reproduction of the controls and flight characteristics of the world's first powered airplane will test your skills to the limit! Activities are included in regular Museum admission. (MaxFlight full-motion simulator costs an additional \$6 per person.)



UPCOMING EVENTS

1/22	Skiplane Fly-In Saturday 8:30 - 4:00
1/26	Rarey Collection Talk Wednesday 6:30 p.m.
1/28	Sport Pilot Rule Presentation Friday 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
1/29-30	SportAir Workshop Pre-Register
2/12-13	Flight Simulator Weekend Saturday 10:00 - 5:00 Sunday 10:00 - 5:00
3/9	Tuskegee Airmen Presentation Wednesday 6:30 p.m.
3/12	Weeks Hangar Open House Saturday 10:00 - 5:00
3/12	Open Cockpit Day Saturday 10:00 - 5:00

Skiplane Fly-In

A festive gathering—snow or no snow—will be held on Saturday, January 22, at EAA's Pioneer Airport for the annual EAA Skiplane Fly-In. If there is enough snow on the ground, an impressive array of ski planes will be welcomed. If the ground remains bare but firm, wheeled airplanes will be allowed to visit. Complimentary chili and cake to celebrate the birthday of EAA's matriarch, Audrey Pobereznay, will be served at Pioneer Airport beginning at 10:30 a.m.

Everyone is welcome to this free-of-charge event, so put on your best winter clothes and get out to the airport! Those driving into the event can simply follow the signs to Pioneer Airport. Pilots intending to fly-in must contact Sean Elliott (920-426-4886) to register and receive an arrival briefing. For those who wish to fly-in and land at Wittman Regional Airport, a shuttle service will run all day to and from Orion and Basler FBOs.



Learn more about the new Sport Pilot rule

EAA and NAFI members are invited to a special free presentation on the new Sport Pilot rules that have been introduced by the FAA, to encourage recreational flying in ways that are safe, fun, and affordable. Charlie Becker, of EAA's Aviation Services, will present "Sport Pilot—An EAA and NAFI Member Briefing," followed by a question and answer period. The presentation will run on Friday, January 28, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in EAA's Vette Theater, and is a great chance to hear the latest on the new Sport Pilot rules and get your Sport Pilot questions answered by an EAA staff member well-versed in the new rules. The presentation is free for EAA and NAFI members, but space is limited. Those wishing to attend must pre-register by calling 1-800-564-6322. Ask to sign up for the Oshkosh "Sport Pilot—An EAA and NAFI Member Briefing."

SportAir Workshop

EAA will be holding a weekend SportAir workshop session on Saturday and Sunday, January 29 and 30, at the EAA AirVenture Museum in Oshkosh. These hands-on courses will introduce you to the joys of building your own aircraft while providing the knowledge and experience necessary to do it safely. With EAA's help, you can take a step towards making the dream of affordable aircraft ownership come true! The following courses will be offered at the weekend session: Introduction to Aircraft Building, Sheet Metal Basics, Fabric Covering, Composite Construction, Electrical Systems Wiring and Avionics, Gas Welding, and Flight Testing Your Project. Fees range from \$99 to \$289 for EAA Members. Pre-registration is required.

In addition, EAA SportAir workshops will present a Saturday evening seminar entitled "What's Involved in Kit Building," which will prepare you for your first homebuilt project. Registration is \$25 for this seminar, which includes an informal pizza dinner. To enroll, or learn more about the workshops, visit the EAA SportAir website at www.sportair.org or call 1-800-967-5746.

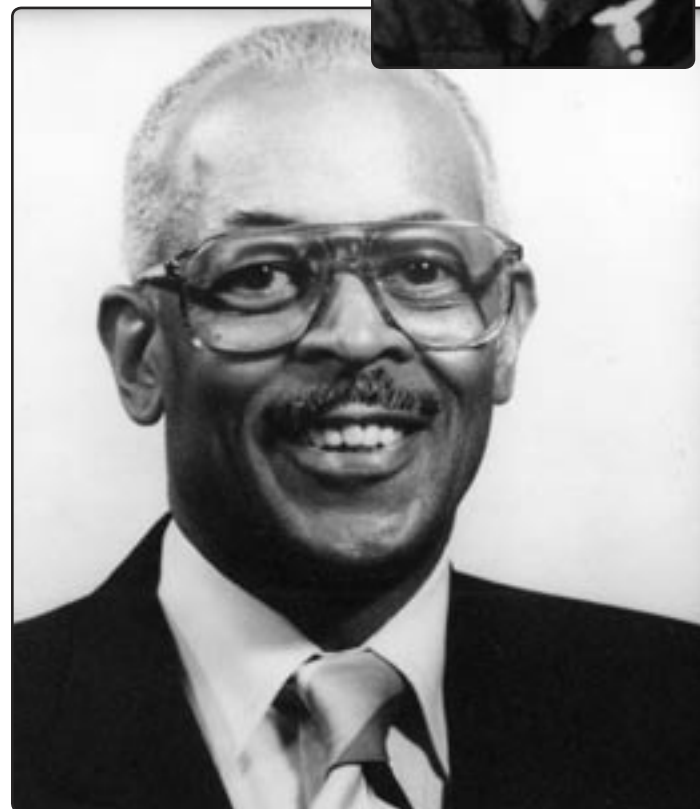


Tuskegee Airman to speak at Museum

During World War II, Lt. Col. Alex Jefferson was one of the famed Tuskegee Airmen, the African-American pilots who battled discrimination to become one of the most decorated units in the Army Air Corps. The group was renowned for never losing a bomber they were assigned to protect.

Lt. Col. Jefferson graduated from pilot training at Tuskegee Army Air Field in January 1944, and flew 18 combat missions as a P-51 fighter pilot from Ramitelli, Italy. In August 1944, he was shot down by ground fire while strafing radar stations on the coast of Southern France. Captured by German troops, he spent nine months as a POW. Liberated by American forces in April 1945, Lt. Col. Jefferson visited the infamous concentration camp at Dachau, where he witnessed firsthand the atrocities committed by the Nazis.

A noted speaker, Lt. Col. Jefferson is visiting Oshkosh from his home in Detroit to share his memories of flying as a Tuskegee Airman during World War II. His presentation is free of charge. It will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the Museum's Eagle Hangar, which houses a rare North American T-6 trainer—one of just two known to exist that was actually used by the Tuskegee Airmen. Be sure to join us for what promises to be a very memorable evening.



Weeks Hangar Open House

Get a rare, behind-the-scenes tour of EAA's aircraft maintenance and restoration center during the Kermit Weeks Hangar Open House on Saturday, March 12, from 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Highlights will include a chance to see EAA's B-17 Flying Fortress *Aluminum Overcast* being repaired after its unfortunate undercarriage collapse in May 2004, plus a number of other EAA aircraft undergoing their annual winter maintenance.



This is a great opportunity to see a facility that is normally closed to the public, and to learn from staff and volunteers about the fascinating work that goes on in EAA's restoration and maintenance facility. Admission is free to all EAA Members and included with paid Museum admission for all others. The Weeks Hangar is located on 20th Street between the post office and the Hilton Garden Inn and has a large blue "EAA" on the side. Parking is available, and fly-in visitors are welcome to park on the Weeks Hangar ramp.

Open Cockpit Day

On the same day as the Weeks Hangar Open House, an Open Cockpit Day will continue the theme of allowing "special access" to the collection in the Museum. From 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., the cockpits of selected aircraft will be opened, allowing the visiting public to take a close-up view. This will allow opportunities for much better inspection than is normally possible, and in some cases, the public will be allowed to sit in the cockpit. Guides will be assigned to supervise each individual cockpit and provide additional information about interesting features. For more details on which cockpits will be open, please check the Activities and Events section of the Museum's website after February 1. This activity is free to all EAA Members and included with paid Museum admission for all others. www.airventuremuseum.org

Archived footage—For those with a broadband internet connection who missed astronaut Mike Melvill's incredible presentation at the December 17 Wright Brothers Memorial Banquet—or for those who want to see it again—a video of his speech has been placed in our webcast archive, which can be found in the "Virtual Museum" section of the Museum Website: www.airventuremuseum.org.