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HAUNTED HANGAR

Meet the Ghosts of the Past!

Oct. 28-29, 2005

A fun event great for kids ages 12 and under!

5:30 pm- 9:00 pm

What ghouls lurk in the shadows of the EAA AirVenture Museum? Find out in this fun event great for kids ages 12 and under. A flashlight tour of the museum will be given along with delicious candy treats. Kids are encouraged to dress in their favorite Halloween costume. Cost is \$5 per person and kids 5 and under get in FREE! EAA members also get in free. Reservations are recommended and you can make yours today by visiting www.airventuremuseum.org or calling 920-426-6880.



Check out what is becoming the fastest growing Halloween attraction in the Fox Valley!

Winter Speaker Series Program Autogiros & Gyroplanes

Nov. 10, 2005

7:00 pm in the EAA AirVenture Museum

Witness the extraordinary evolution of vintage autogiros to modern-day gyroplanes. Aviation expert Zachary Baughman will present a slideshow covering the historical development of autogiros through the years. EAA's Joe Norris will then take attendees on a walk around the 1931 Pitcairn PCA-2 autogiro "Miss Champion" and compare it with Chuck Lukas' (EAA Chapter 252) modern RAF 2000 gyroplane. A video of Miss Champion landing at Pioneer Airport in September 2005 will also be shown. The entire 90-minute presentation is perfect for gyroplane owners, aviation enthusiasts, and history buffs alike.



This program will take place at 7:00 pm on Thursday, November 10, in the EAA AirVenture Museum. There is no charge for attending, but a good-will donation is appreciated.

Paper Airplane Weekend

Nov. 12-13, 2005

10:00 am- 5:00 pm

Kids will have a blast testing their skills flying paper airplanes at EAA AirVenture Museum. Instructed by Ken Blackburn, the world-record holder for the longest paper airplane flight, participants will learn the secrets to making paper airplanes that fly faster, higher, and farther. A paper airplane contest will also be held with prizes going to the winner. This fun family event is included with Museum admission.



Winter Speaker Series Program

Nov. 29, 2005

Ron Lowery- Chasing Lewis and Clark Across America :

A 21st Century Aviation Adventure

7:00 pm in the Eagle Hangar

Ron Lowery and fellow pilot Mary Walker flew a kit-built plane to retrace the epic journey of Lewis and Clark in commemoration of the 200th anniversary of the Corps of Discovery's odyssey. Using rivers to guide them, these modern-day pioneers crossed the magnificent prairies and western mountains of America along a historic route that is still endlessly fascinating.



To fly this exceptional route, the two used a plane called Cloud Chaser, which was originally designed for National Geographic magazine on photographic expeditions of Africa . Lowery, with the help of his son, Alan, spent 1,800 hours and three years building Cloud Chaser. The lightweight aircraft is equipped with twin 100-horsepower engines and a large wing, resulting in tremendous power and weight capacity. In the open cockpit the pilot sits far forward of the landing gear, which enabled Lowery to photograph without the obstruction of wings, struts, and landing gear, even when using a wide-angle lens. The plane could be slowed to an airspeed of only 45 mph, allowing him to frame and focus on scenes of incredible beauty.

Lowery's fascinating account of this journey will take place at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 29, in the Museum's Eagle Hangar. There is no charge for attending, but a good-will donation is appreciated.

B-17 Fantasy Flight Camp

Dec. 2-4, 2005

The experience of a lifetime discovering the inside-and-out of this famed World War II bomber, including flights in this historic aircraft. Visit www.fantasyflightcamps.org for more information and to book your spot now!



Winter Speaker Series Program

Dec. 7, 2005

Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

Kamikaze - The Final Sacrifice

7:00 pm in the Eagle Hangar

The Japanese suicide bombers known as the Kamikaze produced some astonishing short-term results in World War II. Yet they were unable to change the long-term inevitability of losing the war. Find out why as aviation history experts Bob Kupon and Sean Elliott explore the role of the Kamikaze from a cultural, military, and economic standpoint. This fascinating presentation will take you through the details of both battles in which the Kamikaze was used—as well as the economic struggles Japan faced starting with the day it dropped the first bombs on Pearl Harbor .



This captivating look at the Kamikaze will take place at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, December 7, in the EAA AirVenture Museum 's Eagle Hangar. It's a wonderful way to remember and reflect this Pearl Harbor Day. There is no charge for attending, but a good-will donation is appreciated. Special thanks go to Wheeling High School Military History Department for their contribution to this presentation.

Annual Christmas in the Air

Dec. 12, 2005

2:30 - 8:00 pm

For more than 20 years, EAA AirVenture Museum 's annual open house has featured local musical groups, refreshments, and a visit



from Santa Claus. This year that tradition continues as EAA celebrates the holidays with fun and festivities. And in the spirit of the holidays, there will be no admission to partake in this joyous event. Just bring your family and some Christmas cheer.

Wright Brothers Memorial Banquet

Dec. 17, 2005

**With keynote speaker Scott Crossfield
6:30 pm in the Eagle Hangar**

On Saturday, December 17, EAA will hold its 3rd Annual Wright Brothers Memorial Banquet in the EAA AirVenture Museum's Eagle Hangar. The dinner, which commemorates the anniversary of man's first successful powered flight, will feature as its keynote speaker aviation legend Scott Crossfield.



Reservations for this special evening event are just \$30 for EAA members and \$35 for nonmembers. Cocktails and a cash bar will be open at 6:30 p.m. with dinner served at 7:00 p.m. Visit www.airventuremuseum.org for more information and to make your on-line reservation. Reservations can also be made over the phone at 920-426-6880.

Winter Speaker Series Program

Richard I. Bong and the P-38

Jan. 17, 2006

7:00 pm in the Eagle Hangar

EAA is proud to announce a presentation on World War II pilot Richard I. Bong and the P-38 airplane. Christabel Grant, Executive Director of the Richard I. Bong World War II Heritage Center in Superior, Wisconsin, will discuss Bong's accomplishments as a legendary P-38 fighter pilot. This fascinating story will follow Bong from his childhood, to his success as a pilot in World War II, his acceptance of the Congressional Medal of Honor, and his untimely death at the age of 24. The evening will also include a tour of the EAA AirVenture Museum's P-38 airplane, which is painted in the accurate markings of Bong's own P-38, and a presentation by veteran Terry Coleman who will share his exciting life as a P-38 pilot in Italy during World War II.



This fascinating talk will take place at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, January 17, 2006 in the EAA AirVenture Museum's Eagle Hangar. There is no charge for attending, but a good-will donation is appreciated.

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