

News From The 
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Family Flightfest

**March 18 - 19, 2006
10 a.m. - 5 p.m.**

This weekend-long event is a great chance for families to get out of the house after a long, cold Midwestern winter and have a total blast at the EAA AirVenture Museum!

In addition to all the museum's regular exhibits, Family Flightfest provides a huge array of exciting interactive activities for kids of all ages, including: Simulators, Modeling, Dioramas, Paper airplanes, Hands on rockets and candy drops, Helicopters, An indoor r/c Blimp, Metal working, Radio controlled airplanes, Pedal planes, Pre-flight airplane challenges, Art competitions AND MORE!



The event is included in regular Museum admission and free to EAA Members.

EAA Sport Aviation Art Contest

Deadline: March 24, 2006

Attention Artists!

The EAA AirVenture Museum is now accepting entries for the 30th annual EAA Sport Aviation Art Competition. The deadline for both digital and 35mm slide entries is March 24, 2006. [Click here](#) for more information and to see previous winners in the world's longest running aviation art competition



Winter Speaker Series Program Skip Holm - Air Racer

**April 5, 2006
7 p.m. in the Museum**

In honor of the birthday of air racing legend Steve Wittman, test pilot Skip Holm will be making a presentation about his career on Wednesday, April 5, in the EAA AirVenture Museum commencing at 7 p.m.

Skip has an impressive resume - he was decorated for flying 163 combat missions in F-4s and F-105s in Vietnam, and after serving as an Air Force Test Pilot School instructor, he went to work for the famous Lockheed "Skunk Works" as an experimental test pilot on the F-22, F-117, U-2R, and TR-1. In addition to his work as a warbird pilot, civilian test pilot, TV and film aerial coordinator/consultant, Skip is perhaps best known as a legendary air racing pilot, having won seven Unlimited Air Race Championships in four different aircraft.



There is no charge for attending, but a good-will donation is appreciated.

"What's Behind That Door?" Members-Only Collections Tour

**April 8, 2006
10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.**

Have you ever been curious to see the Museum's storage areas? On



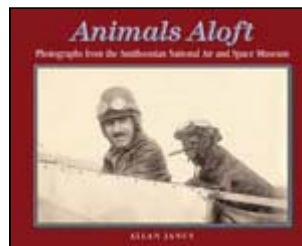
Saturday, April 8, the EAA AirVenture Museum will allow EAA members on a special behind-the-scenes tour of its major collections storage areas. Led by Curator of Collections Ron Twellman, the tour will include the archives, small artifact, and large artifact storage areas. Learn the whys and hows of caring for Museum collections and get a sneak peek at many special artifacts that haven't yet made it on display. The tours will last approximately 90 minutes and are free of charge to EAA members.

Space is limited, so you're encouraged to reserve a place by contacting Mary McKeown at 920/426-6880 or e-mail museum@eaa.org.

Winter Speaker Series Program Animals Aloft Presentation

**April 20, 2006
7 p.m. in the Eagle Hangar**

Allan Janus, a museum specialist in the Archives Division of the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum, will be in Oshkosh on Thursday, April 20, to present a photographic menagerie of animals in aviation. Based on his book *Animals Aloft*, this pictorial presentation will feature unique moments in the history of animal flight, including 15 cats, eight cows, one chimpanzee, two chickens, one rooster, four goats, innumerable horses, and a spider. Allan pays an affectionate and humorous tribute to animals and their association with flying machines through the history of aviation.



Allan's presentation will begin at 7 p.m. in the EAA AirVenture Museum's Eagle Hangar. There is no charge for attending, but a good-will donation is appreciated.

This presentation is supported by the Oshkosh Area Humane Society. Click [here](#) to visit their website.

Opening Weekend at Pioneer Airport

April 29-30, 2006

Pioneer Airport opens for a new summer season on the weekend of April 29-30. EAA's 1929 Ford Tri-Motor and various other vintage aircraft will be flying, along with EAA Young Eagles flight experience opportunities for youth ages 8-17. (Pioneer Airport volunteers flew more than 1,200 Young Eagles at Pioneer Airport in the 2005 season!) The airport will be operational every weekend until mid-October, and daily from Memorial Day through Labor Day.



Coupes and Cubs Fly-in

May 6 - 7, 2006

The Coupes and Cubs Fly-in on May 6- 7 will be hosted at EAA's Pioneer Airport by the Wisconsin Wings of the Ercoupe Owners Club, the Piper Cub Club, and the National Aeronca Association. Fly-in organizer Syd Cohen reports there is already a fun rivalry between the three clubs to see who can bring the most planes!

For those wishing to fly-in, a registration is required. Syd has organized a whole weekend of activities including an overnight stay in the EAA Air Academy Lodge, and can be contacted at sydlois@charter.net or by calling 715/842-7814.



EAA's Fighter Pilot Forum & Film Appleton, WI

**May 8, 2006
7 p.m.**

Have you ever wondered what it's like to jump into the cockpit of a fighter plane and experience speeds up to 800 miles per hour? Well now you can



find out.

On Monday, May 8th, at 7:00 p.m. at the Big Picture Theater in downtown Appleton, a panel of highly-skilled fighter pilots will be on hand to discuss their extraordinary aviation experiences. Meet P-40 pilot Louis Martin, P-47 pilot Dick Randolph, and P-39 and P-38 pilot Ren Olson. They'll tell you what it's like to be at the controls of some of the world's most amazing aircraft.

Then witness a showing of *Fighter Pilot: Operation Red Flag* on a movie screen 6 stories tall and 80 feet wide. The screen is so large that it extends beyond your field of vision, making you feel like you're right inside the cockpit. Filmed over the Nevada desert with unprecedented access to military procedures, the film features four American squadrons of F-15C Eagles and F-15E Strike Eagles, F-16 Aggressors, Stealth F-117s, B-1B Lancers, B-2 Stealth bombers, and more. It's an experience you won't forget!

Reservations for EAA Night at the Fighter Pilot Forum are recommended for this one-night-only event. Call Mary McKeown at 920-426-6880 or e-mail museum@eaa.org. For more information visit www.airventuremuseum.org or www.bigpicturetheater.com. The cost is \$10 for EAA members and \$12 for non EAA members.

Pioneer Airport New Volunteer Orientation

May 12, 2006

As we look ahead to another exciting season at Pioneer Airport, we'd like to invite new volunteers to assist with the operation of EAA's unique "aviation living history" attraction. Volunteering at Pioneer Airport is a great way to meet people from all around the world and make new friends in aviation. Areas of particular need include tram drivers, ticket sales, and ground crews to assist with Young Eagles and other flight operations. A welcome and introductory training session for new volunteers is planned for Friday, May 12, from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.

If you're interested in joining our dedicated and friendly team of volunteers, please sign up with Nicole Raudabaugh at 920/426-6135 or e-mail museum@eaa.org.

International Young Eagles Day

June 10, 2006

During International Young Eagles Day, thousands of young people across the world receive a free introductory flight in a general aviation airplane. At some point during the forthcoming International Young Eagles Day we anticipate passing an important and incredible milestone - 1.25 million young people flown since the EAA Young Eagles program began in 1992.



At EAA headquarters in Oshkosh, a Young Eagles rally is planned for the morning of Saturday, June 10, operating from the Orion FBO at Wittman Field.

Hundreds of International Young Eagles Day events take place around the country each year. Whether you're a pilot or volunteer interested in getting involved, or a young person interested in obtaining a Young Eagles flight, be sure to visit www.youngeagles.org for more information.



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