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Skiplane Fly-In

January 27, 2007

A festive gathering - snow or no snow - will be held on Saturday, January 27, at EAA's Pioneer Airport for the annual EAA Skiplane Fly-In. If there is enough snow on the ground, an impressive array of skiplanes will be welcomed. If the ground remains bare, airplanes are welcome to land at Wittman Regional Airport. A shuttle service will run all day to and from Orion and Basler FBOs. Complimentary chili and cake will be served to celebrate the birthday of EAA's matriarch, Audrey Poberezny, 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 head out to the airport!



Those driving in to the event can simply follow the signs to Pioneer Airport. Pilots intending to fly in must contact [Sean Elliott](mailto:Sean.Elliott@eaa.org) (920-426-4886) to register and receive an arrival briefing.

Family Flightfest

**February 24-25, 2007
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 blast at the EAA AirVenture Museum. In addition to all the museum's regular exhibits, the second annual Family Flightfest provides a huge array of exciting interactive activities for kids of all ages including flight simulators, aircraft modeling, dioramas, paper airplanes, hands-on rockets, candy drops, helicopters, a radio-controlled blimp, metal working, radio-controlled airplanes, pedal planes, preflight airplane challenges, art competitions, and more!



The event is included with regular museum admission and free to EAA members.

Hops & Props

**March 3, 2007
6:30 p.m.**

The EAA AirVenture Museum in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, cordially invites you to Hops & Props, a fine-food and beverage tasting event. Sample more than 100 unique beverages provided by microbreweries and distributors from across the region. Learn about the brewing process and history, and become a discerning



beer taster. Hops & Props will offer you an opportunity to meet master brewers and understand the distinguishing characteristics of ales, lagers, and hybrid or mixed styles of beers. Wheat beers, fruit beers, stouts, English bitter, porter, meads...taste them all!

Activities begin at 6:30 p.m. Great music from several live bands will add to the evening's entertainment. Coffee and sweets will end the night amidst the relaxing ambience of the EAA AirVenture Museum. Funds raised will support community programming offered by EAA to residents in the Fox Valley region - programs that engage families in activities, educational opportunities, and experiences that motivate and inspire participants of all ages. You must be 21 years of age to attend. Admission price includes food and beverage sample tastes, a commemorative tasting glass, museum entrance, live music, and much more.

For an additional treat, join us at 5:30 p.m. at our premium beer school featuring a celebrity brewmaster. This is a VIP experience that includes reserved parking, early entrance, specialty glassware, and a unique dining and tasting environment. Learn about the brew process from local experts, and in the company of a small group, sample an elite lineup of food and beverages. Tickets are limited. The event was sold out last year, so don't wait!

For more information available on www.EAA.org/hops&props soon!

Winter Speaker Series **Meet Tuskegee Airmen Richard Macon**

March 7, 2007
7 p.m.

Captain Richard D. Macon was born in Birmingham, Alabama. In 1943 he became a cadet and graduated as a fighter pilot. He then flew the P-40, P-39, and P-47. Lieutenant Macon became a replacement pilot with the 99th Fighter Squadron and 332nd Fighter Group and has 16½ missions to his credit. On August 12th, 1944, he was strafing ground targets over southern France when his Mustang was hit by ground fire. It was flipped upside down at treetop level and the right wing separated.



The next thing Lt. Macon knew, he was lying in a field and his parachute had deployed. He learned that his plane had crashed into a building used by the Germans as a headquarters, killing over 40 German officers and soldiers. Lieutenant Macon's neck was broken and the lower part of his body was temporarily paralyzed. Narrowly missing being shot by a firing squad, he became a P.O.W. for over 9 months. Decorations include The Air Medal, Presidential Citation, and Purple Heart. He retired with the rank of Captain.

Join us on Wednesday, March 7, at 7 p.m. for a presentation by Macon in the EAA AirVenture Museum's Eagle Hangar. This event is free to attend, but a free-will donation is appreciated.

Winter Speaker Series **Meet Doolittle Raider Thomas Griffin**

March 27, 2007
7 p.m.

In April 1942, Lt. Thomas C. Griffin was serving on active duty in the Pacific. The situation on the warfront was grim for the United States. The Japanese had bombed Pearl Harbor just four months earlier. President Roosevelt and his advisers conceived a plan to deliver a much-needed victory to the American military. The mission that came to be known as Doolittle's Raid (in honor of the commander Lt. Col. Jimmy Doolittle) was planned in secrecy.



Doolittle selected 80 men, including Thomas Griffin, to bomb Japan in an extremely dangerous mission. Griffin and his fellow airmen flew sixteen B-25s from an aircraft carrier in the Pacific to Japan, where they dropped their bombs on military targets in the cities of Tokyo, Yokohama, Kobe, and Nagoya. The mission was a success and helped the nation to win

World War II.

After the raid, Griffin rejoined the newly promoted Brig. Gen. Jimmy Doolittle's 12th Air Force and fought in North Africa. On July 3, 1943, Griffin was shot down over Sicily and spent the rest of the war in a German POW camp until his release in April 1945.

Thomas Griffin and the rest of the Doolittle Raiders have since been featured in several books and movies, including the classic *Thirty Seconds Over Tokyo* and the Hollywood blockbuster *Pearl Harbor*. Griffin's awards include the Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters, and the Chinese Army, Navy, Air Corps Medal, Class A, 1st Grade.

Join us on Tuesday, March 27, at 7 p.m. for a presentation by Griffin in the EAA AirVenture Museum's Eagle Hangar. This event is free to attend, but a free-will donation is appreciated.

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