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### 2006 CALENDAR

August 20, 2006	Duck's Picnic
August 24 – 28	Ford Tri Motor at Elkhart Airport.
August 27, 2006	L. Turners Picnic –
September 14, 2006	Board Meeting – Chapter House – 7:00 PM
September 16, 2006	Nappanee Apple Fest. – Nappanee Airport – Breakfast by Chapter 132
September 28, 2006	EAA Meeting – Chapter House – 7:00 PM
October 12, 2006	Board Meeting – Chapter House – 7:00 PM
October 26, 2006	EAA Meeting – Chapter House – 7:00 PM
November 9, 2006	Board Meeting – Chapter House – 7:00 PM
December 2, 2006	Christmas Party
January 1, 2007	Nappanee Hanger Over Lunch – Nappanee Airport
April 17-23, 2007	Sun 'n' Fun – Lakeland, Florida
July 23 – 29, 2007	AirVenture – Oshkosh, Wisconsin

**\*\*If you have any other dates for the calendar, I will be glad to print them\*\***

Saturday's – "Chef Tom" has the griddle going for Pancakes on Saturday morning from 7:30 to 9:00. He will even add an egg if you would like. Come try them out.

Thursday's – You will usually find some one at the Chapter House or Sam's Hanger working on the airplanes – Check it out!

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#### EAA'S FORD TRI-MOTOR AUGUST 24th thru 28th

The Tri Motor is going to make an appearance at the Elkhart Airport on those dates. It will be open for public viewing and giving rides. The rides will be \$40.00 for EAA Members and \$50.00 for non members. Please plan on helping sometime during those 4 days. We will have 2 – 4 hour shifts each day and will need 4 people each shift to help. Put those dates on your calendar and plan on coming out. There will be more information coming.

EAA/DUCK'S PICNIC  
AUGUST 20, 2006

The annual Picnic is upon us again – so soon. This means the summer is almost gone, so lets make the most of it and have fun. Fly in, Drive in or how ever but do come. The fun starts around noon. We plan to eat around 1:30. The meat (Bar B Q), the drinks (punch, ice tea, or coffee) and the table service will be furnished. We do ask that you help out in the donation can for the expenses. Bring your lawn chair and spend the afternoon. Scott has an exciting aerobatic act planned, come see who it is this year. Weather permitting we may have some balloons launch. So plan to spend the day. Lets all hope for “good weather”, come and have fun.

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OSHKOSH – 2006  
“Karen’s Thoughts”

WEATHER: HOT – HOT – HOT! Some of us went up on July 14<sup>th</sup> to do volunteer work before the show and found Wisconsin can be very hot. The guys were getting to work at 5:00 AM and stopping around noon because the afternoons were just too hot to work. All the afternoons were good for was a good cold drink and a nap. We did have a lot of fun and good food that week. The week of the convention was still HOT. There was still a lot to see and do. The Beach Boys were there on Monday late afternoon – they ended up “singing in the rain” when a storm made it way thru quickly. A few of our chapter braved the crowd and went up to see them – some of us just stayed back at the campsite and listened as we could hear them quick well. The War Birds show was good as usual, the Blue Angels made a couple of passes on Friday – they are always beautiful to watch. You could do a lot of walking to see everything. We changed our Steak and Corn night to Wednesday night which seemed to please a lot of people. It was very well attended, even after the rain in the afternoon to dampen things down. They kept predicting these bad storms, wind, and hail all week but they kept going around us, until Sunday morning. About 7:30 Sunday morning it really hit! Just as Chef Tom was getting his pancakes mixed up the storm came. Wind and rain! We had no damage, but a lot of tents, port-a-potties, and a couple of trees blew down. The trees damaged a couple of cars – no one hurt that we know of. But it meant those of us leaving on Sunday to come home had to pack up wet chairs, carpets, awnings, and anything else outside. There were a couple of accidents which always puts a damper on things but over all I think everything went well. I think every one had a good time and looking forward to next year.

“Note taken from the EAA website that I thought interesting but true”:

I forget how long it's been since they officially gave it that name five, six years - but I remember thinking it was a terrible idea and wondering if I'd ever get used to calling it anything other than "Oshkosh." It took a few years, but it finally sank in. "AirVenture" it is. And *not* only was it not a bad idea; it was a *great* idea. Oshkosh is the *place*; AirVenture is the *event*. It's that simple, and it goes to show that while it might be hard to make a change, if it makes sense, even old dogs can get the idea.

Idle Chatter, by Sam

I can't believe Oshkosh is over. It seems like yesterday that I was anxiously anticipating Sun n Fun and the beginning of the flying season. I'm finding that Oshkosh doesn't mark the end of the season. The more I get involved in the aviation community the more I find it's a year-long gathering scattered with major events. Every weekend in August through October has a fly-in or gathering nearby. Make sure you check the calendar often.

Watch out for flying Ducks!!! I hear the annual fly-in will be a barn-storming event again this year.

One event you won't want to miss is the Ford Tri-motor tour. Just prior to Oshkosh I received a call from one of the pilots of the aircraft asking if we'd be interested in hosting this historic aircraft. I guess the word got out that we are a great Chapter. Our experience with the Spirit of St Louis paved the way. (I spoke with one of the Spirit crew at Oshkosh and he wanted me to tell everyone hello.) The aircraft will fly in on the 24<sup>th</sup> and fly out on the 28<sup>th</sup>. We will need lots of help, so stay tuned. EAA National will do some advertising, but we will need to get the word out. We also need to find sponsors to help defray the cost of the event. EAA pays for the event, but allows local Chapters to benefit after their operating costs are covered. After \$2,500 of revenue is received through sponsors or flight sales our Chapter will start revenue sharing. This is a great opportunity to get the word out about the EAA, Sport Aviation, and our Chapter.

I'm often asked why I volunteer to set up AirVenture. Why would anyone take time out of their busy schedule to set up an event for somebody else? The answer is simple. It's the people. I have met people from all over the world. Most have become good friends. I've never been around a group of people that go out of their way to help. The question I hear most is "What can I do for you?" not "What's in it for me?" People genuinely care about each other. When someone is hurting, everyone hurts. Successes are shared. It's such a contrast to the way I am usually treated in daily life. Last weekend I couldn't even get change at a bank because I didn't have a checking account there. Our Chapter is the same way. Y'all are good people!

Thanks to everyone for helping out this weekend with the RC show. They asked us back!

Well, I chatted on long enough. I'll see you at the airport.

Happy Aviating!

Sam



# EARLY DAYS OF FLIGHT COME

## WITH EAA'S FORD TRI-MOTOR MINI-TOUR

EAA AVIATION CENTER, OSHKOSH, Wis. — (March 30, 2006) — A classic aircraft from the early days of commercial air travel re-creates those days in the northeast United States this June, as the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) brings its restored 1929 Ford Tri-Motor airliner to seven cities in six states.

The tour, the first with this airplane to the East Coast, includes opportunities for aviation enthusiasts in that part of the nation to see and ride in the world's first mass-produced airliner. It begins in Harrisburg, Pa., on June 9-12 and continues through Virginia, New Jersey, New York, Massachusetts and Ohio for the rest of the month. Several of the airports on the tour have likely not seen a Ford Tri-Motor on its runway for decades.

"This airplane allows people to experience true living history of aviation, as well as learn more about EAA and our mission to help people fully participate in the world of flight," said Adam Smith, director of the EAA AirVenture Museum in Oshkosh, Wis., where the airplane is based.

"This is the first time we've brought the airplane to this region of the country, which means thousands of people will get a rare glimpse of a unique flying machine that changed the way people travel in America."

The Ford Tri-Motor, nicknamed the "Tin Goose," was built by the Ford Motor Company in the late 1920s. EAA's airplane underwent a 12-year restoration beginning in the 1970s and since the mid-1980s, has been based at the EAA museum's historic Pioneer Airport. This facility is a faithful re-creation of an early aerodrome, including flying activities from a 2,000-foot grass airstrip.



### Frequently Asked Questions

#### **What is the cost of a flight?**

Flights in EAA's 1929 Ford Tri-Motor are \$40 for EAA members and \$50 for non-EAA members.

#### **How many people does the Tri-Motor carry?**

The Tri-Motor carries up to 9 passengers at a time, and every seat on the aircraft has a window. It is possible to reserve an entire flight of 9 passengers.

#### **Can I bring a camera?**

Yes, you are encouraged to bring cameras and camcorders on board.

#### **Are there any special considerations for children?**

An adult must accompany children under the age of 16. Children under the age of 2 can be carried free of charge in an adult's lap.

#### **How accessible is the airplane?**

Access to the airplane is easy and not normally a problem for elderly, large or mobility-limited people. Two normal-sized steps are used to enter the cabin. Seats are individual (no double seats) and separated by an aisle. Seatbelt extensions are available.

#### **Is it possible to fly in the co-pilot's seat?**

During the tour there are a very limited number of opportunities to fly in the Ford Tri-Motor's co-pilot seat, priced at \$100. Again, these opportunities are very limited, please call 800/843-3612 for availability.

#### **Is a waiver of liability required?**

Yes, you can view the waivers here: [Adult](#) | [Minor](#)

Parents are required to sign a waiver for each minor under the age of 18.

#### **What if I have other questions?**

If you have further questions, please email [flytheford@eaa.org](mailto:flytheford@eaa.org)

## CHAPTER / MEMBER PROJECTS

Don's Piper Cub;

Covering the ailerons is next.

Due to the Ducks spending all of July at OSH doing volunteer work and August spent doing chapter work it looks like it's going to be September before we get to the ailerons.

Tarek's RV-6;

The fuselage is getting skinned.

Tarek was in Egypt in July but is back at it and has made more progress on the fuselage.

Aloha Bob's Sonex;

All of the tail surfaces and wings are finished.

He has started on the fuselage and everything is looking good.

Bob also spend a month doing volunteer work at OSH.

Mike's Sonex;

Mike is showing good progress with all the ribs done on one wing.

This was used as a display at our pancake breakfast.

Phil's RV-7A;

On July 8 we all managed to tear apart Phil's Lycoming.

We spent two hours getting it all taken apart and another two hours splitting the case. It finally came apart with some "persuasion" from Phil. Overall, the engine appears to be in very good condition. Will be cleaned up and the parts sent out for overhauling. Thanks to Lowell for his help and guidance.

Steve's RV-4;

Nothing has happened with this project.

With all the other projects being worked on in Sam's hanger, there is not much interest in attacking this one. If there is anyone who is interested in taking on this project, let us know.

## RC SHOW

Thanks to all who came out on Friday evening and "early" Saturday morning to help at the RC show. I haven't heard from Jerry yet as to how we did in numbers, but it seemed like we were very busy. We got a lot of compliments on our pancakes, and we seemed to have sold a lot for the number of people at the show. We then switched over to lunch about 11:00 and the Sloppy Joes and Hot Dogs sold good. Sold lots of Water and Soft Drinks. We were the only vendor there so that could be why we did so well. We have been asked to do it again next year at the same time – first week end in August.

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## MEETINGS

**Board Meetings:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month  
7:00 at the Chaperhouse

**Building Meetings:** Wednesday and Thursday s  
7:00 at the Chapterhouse

**Regular Meetings:** Last Thursday of the month  
7:00 at the Chapter house or  
Other planned events

No regular meetings in November or December.

**GUESTS AND NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME**

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