

SKYWRITINGS

EAA Chapter 439
Central U.P. of Michigan

May 2017
Home of the Yoopers!



EAA Tri-Motor on ramp at Ford Airport during last visit

Let's make the 2017 Tri-Motor visit as successful at the last!!!

Up-Coming Events

May 13th - 9am CDT Chapter Meeting at Kubick Aviation at Ford Airport, Iron Mountain. This meeting will be our first to discuss FAD & the Trimotor in detail. Please come and join the discussion!

June 17th - 8am CDT Chapter Meeting followed by Young Eagle event at Ford Airport.

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We had no meeting in April, not one member expressed interest and/or availability to make the meeting. We are into May now, and should be breaking ground on the new hangar SOON, but I think we are still held up with final engineered drawings. That said; we could probably start with some of the preliminary ground work. I think we have an old concrete pad and steel safety poles remaining in the area we intend to build, left over from the old Kubick Aviation self-serve fuel station. We will be required to help the airport crew relocate the existing fence too. Its current location will not work with our hangar there. I would guess we will have some topsoil to remove and fill dirt to install too. The fill will need to be compacted as well.

Scott is looking at a Young Eagles event in June, I believe on the national Young Eagles Day. He sent out a communication to some of us on availability, and thus far everyone that HAS responded is available. I have also been approached by an eighth grade Iron Mountain school teacher, who is teaching an aviation themed program this month, about bringing the kids out to the airport to see my Lancair and discuss what it was like to build it myself (well, with a little help from some friends too!). She has expressed interest in Young Eagle Flights for the students after school is out (not school sponsored). She has two classes in her aviation block, so we're talking 56 kids. I will update membership as this develops further on what level of participation we expect and when we would likely provide those flights.

Ford Airport Day 2017 is quickly approaching. We have the very serious commitment to support the Ford Tri-motor for several days during our FAD timeframe. In addition, Tim Howen has approached the VA on conducting their POW/MIA event on the Friday before our show. The last time we did this, in conjunction with the B-17 appearance, we had a "knock it out of the park" weekend. We would very likely get a lot more Tri-motor flights if the ramp is full of people for other activities. Speaking with Tim today (as I am writing this), he is also working on a military aviation appearance for that weekend. I think we can get a sponsor to cover our food costs for Friday's lunch, providing free food for our vets as we did last time.

Touching on just the Tri-motor part of our event, Will has a firm June deadline on securing sponsors. EAA national will be producing some posters for the event, and sponsorships will need to be confirmed before going to press. We're hoping we can get as many chapter members as possible to take a small number of companies to approach for support of this event. I, probably more than most people, really don't like pounding on doors for support. But I normally step out of my comfort zone and solicit support for our events every year. If we get more members doing this, clearly we will get more support as well.

I would like to just make a few comments about Basic Med. I personally know three pilots who either quit flying or were on the cusp of quitting due to the current Class III Medical. All three have NEVER been denied a medical, but two of them had been deferred every year due to required extra testing and review by the FAA Medical staff. One particular fellow pilot would apply for his medical, get deferred, submit a bunch of expensive tests, and finally get his medical 3-4 months later. The medical was good for 1 year FROM THE TIME HE APPLIED! That's right, an eight month medical, with \$10k to \$15k in tests required every year. Well, last year during a routine exam, his physician now says the condition for which he has fought 15 years of FAA Medical challenges, now appears to be a problem he's had since birth, with no larger medical risk than any other applicant for a FAA Class III Medical! I say a huge thank you to EAA, AOPA, and our elected officials for correcting this craziness.

Tom

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Ford Airport Day 2017 - September 16th

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The EAA Ford Tri-Motor - September 14th - 17th

This month we kickoff our efforts to make the EAA Ford Tri-Motor visit during FAD 2017 a success! We have already secured: the "Positioning and per Diem" fee thanks to a donation by the Ford Airport Management; hangar space; and the rental cars and aviation fuel discount thanks to Kubick Aviation. A big thanks to these two for their support of this event. Now all we need to do is ...

In-Kind Donation. The last in-kind donation we are looking for is hotel rooms for the crew. EAA usually makes the reservations at Holiday Inn Express or equivalent hotel types. We can recapture some of the original fee if we can get free or discounted rooms. Please let me know if you have a good contact number or are able to make arrangements? Also, even though Kubick has offered to discount fuel, it would be great if we could find some sponsors to pay for the fuel. Any suggestions?

Secure more Sponsors. The Chapter will receive half of the value of cash sponsors who donate towards our tour stop since the original fee has been covered. Each cash sponsor who donates \$500 or more will receive complementary flights (2 seats for \$500 up to 3 full flights for \$5000) and will have their logo added to the posters printed for the event. In addition, cash sponsors of \$1000 or more will receive a private aircraft viewing and presentation with the aircraft captain.

The last item we are in need of is hotel rooms for the crew

I know there are people in this chapter who can assist us in accomplishing this task. Please contact me ASAP if you know of an individual or company who may be interested in becoming a cash sponsor. We are on a time crunch to get logos on the event posters because of the workload for printing during Air Venture - need logos to EAA by the first week of June. You can get a copy of the EAA Sponsorship Guidelines handout at the meeting or by sending me a email requesting a copy.

Volunteer. The Tri-Motor requires us to provide a minimum of 4 people during their hours of operation for three and a half days. The Tri-Motor will arrive on Thursday September 14th around 1:30pm with media, VIP and sponsor flights scheduled from 2pm to 5pm. The schedule for Friday, Saturday & Sunday is 8am to 6pm with flights scheduled from 9am to 5pm. These volunteers are needed in addition to the normal number of people we need to make FAD run smoothly. Our Tri-Motor Volunteer & Equipment Chairperson is Scott Trask. Please consider volunteering when he gives you a call to lend a hand. As some of you know, during the last two FAD events we have been fortunate to have neighbors of some of our members assist in working the event. So, start thinking of someone outside our chapter who may be able to help. I have tentative commitments from 3 of my friends to lend us a hand.

I am looking forward to working on this event and the opportunity it presents to our chapter in the terms of revenue and the promotion of aviation within our community.

Final Note: Please come to the meeting even if it is just to hear what is going on. We won't twist your arm, but we may ask for your assistance in making this event successful.

Will

You and UAS

The May/June 2017 issue of FAA Safety Briefing focuses on the exciting and ever-expanding world of Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS). Feature articles answer the Who, What, Where, When, Why, and How of UAS operations, including the regulatory and technical challenges they present. To see the FAA's strategy for UAS integration into the NAS, check out the article "How Do We All Get Along?" at <https://adobe.ly/2qou51j>.

EAA BASICMED RESOURCE CENTER

After the release of [FAA's Alternative Pilot Physical Examination and Education Requirements \(Advisory Circular 68-1, aka "BasicMed"\)](https://www.faa.gov/documentLibrary/media/Advisory_Circular/AC_68-1.pdf) (https://www.faa.gov/documentLibrary/media/Advisory_Circular/AC_68-1.pdf) overall reaction has been very positive. As with any change or new procedure, the questions are inevitable. EAA's staff has received numerous questions about what the new law means or what may happen when it becomes effective on May 1.

EAA put together this Resource Center to make it easy for you to access information on BasicMed. After reviewing these materials, please contact us if you have further questions.

The FAA BasicMed includes three core requirements:

Comply with the general BasicMed requirements (possess a U.S. driver's license and have held a medical after July 15, 2006).

Get a physical exam with a state-licensed physician, using the [Comprehensive Medical Examination Checklist](https://www.faa.gov/documentLibrary/media/Form/FAA_Form_8700-2_.pdf).

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Complete a BasicMed medical education course (Approved Courses: [Mayo Aerospace](http://www.mayoclinic.org/departments-centers/preventive-occupational-aerospace-medicine/aerospace-medicine/services) & [AOPA](https://basicmedicalcourse.aopa.org/client/app.html?_ga=1.234630557.2061010617.1380816975#/auth/login)).

<http://www.mayoclinic.org/departments-centers/preventive-occupational-aerospace-medicine/aerospace-medicine/services>

https://basicmedicalcourse.aopa.org/client/app.html?_ga=1.234630557.2061010617.1380816975#/auth/login

EAA is Calling for Presentations - AirVenture 2017

Preparations are underway for EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2017 forums, museum, and workshop programming. We're seeking dynamic, engaging, and knowledgeable presenters to inform, inspire, and educate AirVenture attendees. With your help, we strive to offer world-class presentations that provide technical, educational, historical, and entertainment value.

We're open to hearing your ideas on just about any aviation topic, but please, no promotional or sales-centered themes. Submissions don't need to be finalized presentations, it's fine if it's just an idea, but you should have all the elements of your presentation together a week or two prior to AirVenture. You can submit more than one proposal, just fill out the online application as needed. Solo, dual, and panel presentations are all welcome. Presentations should be about 60-70 minutes long, and each of our presentation venues offers complete audio-visual support for any accompanying multimedia used in your presentation.

Interested in presenting? Submit your proposal online. <http://www.eaa.org/apps/airventure/presenter.aspx>

When you complete the online form, you'll receive an e-mail confirmation, and we will notify all submissions of acceptance, regret, or waitlist status by June 25, 2017. This call for presentations will close on June 1, 2017.

We'd be delighted to answer any questions you have, please contact Mark Forss (mforss@eaa.org), AirVenture presentations and workshops program manager. We're looking forward to your help in making the forums and workshops area at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2017 a memorable experience for all who attend!

Leave Your Mark

Time is running out to carve your, or your aviation hero's, name into AirVenture history. Secure your place at "the gateway to aviation," with either a full, half, or quarter brick. Purchase your Brown Arch brick by Friday, May 12 to have the brick inscribed and placed for EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2017. Visit EAA.org/Tribute to leave your mark this AirVenture. *Ed Note: Prices start at \$350 for a quarter brick.*

Flying Events (within 200nm): (B) Breakfast (L) lunch (D) Dinner

Every Friday Fly-in (L) Iola, WI (68C) Noon, but get there early, \$10 for life time membership

Varying dates Wisconsin Flying Hamburger Social Go to www.wisconsinflying.com or www.wiflysocial.com

May 13	FAA Briefing "Troubles on Takeoff" Cumberland, WI (UBE)	1:00pm
For more info go to: https://www.faasafety.gov/SPANS/event_details.aspx?eid=74070&caller=/SPANS/events/EventList.aspx		
May 14	Fly-in (B) all you can eat Reedsburg, WI (C35)	8:00am - noon \$8
May 20	EAA 444 Open House (L) Waupaca, WI (PCZ)	10:00am - 2:00pm
	Aviation Day (L) YE Rally Ephraim, WI (Gibraltar Airport 3D2)	9:00am - 2:00pm
May 20&21	Military Show Fly-in (B) Watertown, WI (RYV)	9:00am - 5:00pm
For more info go to: https://www.watertownmilitaryshow.com/		
May 21	Fly-in (B) pancake Eastport, MI (Torchpark Airpark 59M)	8:00am - 11:15am
	Fly-in (B) Lone Rock, WI (Tri-County Rgnl LNR)	7:00am - noon
May 27	Gathering of Pitts Kenosha, WI (ENW)	8:00am - ????
	Gathering of Warbirds Waukesha, WI (UES)	10:00am - 4:00pm
May 28	Fly-in (B) Portage, WI (C47)	7:00am - noon \$7
June 3	Fly-in (B) pancake Green Bay, WI (Nicolet 88WI) grass	7:30am - 11:00am
Jun 3	1st Ever Flour Drop Contest Milwaukee, WI (Timmerman MWC)	10:00am - 1:00pm
For more info go to: http://timmermanairport.com/about/timmerman-news-events/		
June 4	Fly-in (B) & Pig roast (11:30) Wild Rose, WI (Idlewild W23)	7:30am - 3:00pm
	Fly-in (B) pancake Roscommon County Blodgett Airport (HTL)	7:00am - 11:00am
	Fly-in (B) "EAT-2-AV8" Baraboo, WI (WI Dells DLL)	7:00am - noon \$6
	Fly-in (B) Wings & Wheels Juneau, WI (Dodge County UNU)	8:00am - noon
	Fly-in (B) Wings & Wheels Fort Atkinson, WI (61C)	8:00am - noon
June 10	Fly-in (B) Milwaukee, WI (Timmerman MWC)	8:00am - 11:00am
June 11	Fly-in (B) Reedsburg, WI (C35)	8:00am - noon \$8
June 18	Fly-in (B) Palmyra, WI (88C)	7:00am - noon \$7
June 25	Fly-in (B) Rio, WI (Gilbert Field 94C)	7:00am - Noon \$6

Learn New Airplane Building Skills Oshkosh, WI June 2017

If you've ever dreamed of building your own airplane, step one is right around the corner. EAA is bringing its popular two-day EAA's SportAir Workshops to Oshkosh, Wisconsin, in early June.

Join us for a weekend and get the skills, confidence and hands-on training you need to build or restore the aircraft of your dreams. We provide the facility, tools, and expertise, so all you need to show up with is a desire to learn and have some fun!

But hurry – class sizes are limited to just 16 seats, so you can't afford to wait!

Sheet Metal Boot Camp: June 5-6

This immersive two-day experience will lead you through the sheet metal aircraft construction process. You'll receive extensive hands-on training working with the tools and techniques required, along with expert advice on setting up your workshop, registering, certifying, test flying, and operating your new experimental amateur-built aircraft. Enroll Now at <http://go.eaa.org/gv0p0KB0B30qEU0OS000KJu>

Fabric Covering Boot Camp: June 7-8

Fabric Covering Boot Camp is an intensive two-day course designed to immerse you in the techniques you will need to successfully cover, repair or restore your fabric covered aircraft. The training is primarily hands on using the most widely used fabric covering method – the PolyFiber System.

Enroll at: <http://go.eaa.org/R00B0pqEBO0030u0SwUJLK0>

Van's RV Fiberglass Techniques: June 10-11

Fabric Covering Boot Camp is an intensive two-day course designed to immerse you in the techniques you will need to successfully cover, repair or restore your fabric covered aircraft. The training is primarily hands on using the most widely used fabric covering method – the PolyFiber System.

Enroll at: <http://go.eaa.org/FqpEB00xM0S0u3JB000UOK0>

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