

From Adventure to AirVenture

Longtime convention-goers may recognize a few, if not all of the pieces from this collection of memorabilia found in EAA's Attic. From one of the earliest pieces (an EAA membership/magazine subscription form, circa 1956) to the most recent (a Vintage Aircraft Association volunteer hat from 2002), EAA's evolution as the leader in recreational aviation can be seen.

Admission tags from 1969 and 1971 (middle) were used rather than wristbands to attend the fly-in when it was in Rockford, Illinois, and attendance was only a fraction of what it is

today. Other items such as coasters, a coffee cup, an ash-tray, a 1963 program (25 cents), and buttons (one that once belonged to Steve Wittman) remind us of EAA's growth in size and appearance.

An unusual piece of memorabilia is a state of Illinois Proclamation (left) that recognized the potential of EAA in 1964, while the early prop sign that reads "Walk Me," used for aircraft judging, is a more familiar one. And lastly, the sign made out of wood planks (back) was used to help advertise EAA's museum before it was renamed

EAA AirVenture Museum.
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