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FEATURED EVENT
EAA Presents - Fighter Pilot Film and Forum

May 8, 2006
7 p.m. at the Big Picture Theater
in Downtown Appleton, WI

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? Now you can find out.

On Monday, May 8th, at 7 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, P-39 and P-38 pilot Ren Olson and F-16 pilot Ben Gerds, an active member of the Wisconsin Air National Guard. They'll tell you what it's like to be at the controls of some of the world's most amazing aircraft.



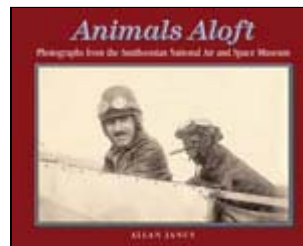
Then witness a showing of *Fighter Pilot: Operation Red Flag* on a movie screen 6 stories tall and 80 feet wide. The screen is so large that it extends beyond your field of vision, making you feel like you're right inside the cockpit. Filmed over the Nevada desert with unprecedented access to military 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!

The cost for the evening is \$10 for EAA members and \$12 for non EAA members. Reservations are recommended for this one-night-only event. Call Mary McKeown at 920/426-6880 or fill out the registration form [here](#) to reserve your seat. For directions to the Big Picture Theater, please visit www.bigpicturetheater.com.

NEXT WEEK!
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 event is presented with support from the Oshkosh Area Humane Society. Check out their website at www.oahs.org.

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 youths 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 and 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.

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!



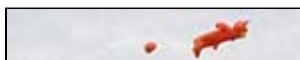
At EAA headquarters in Oshkosh a Young Eagles rally is planned for the morning of Saturday June 10, operating from the Orion FBO at Wittman Field.

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 <http://www.young eagles.org> for more information.

Wings on Strings Kite Festival

June 24, 2006

EAA will host an exciting family kite-flying event on June 24. This event is



sponsored by The Kite Society of Wisconsin & Illinois, Milwaukee's Gift of Wings kite store, and WROE Radio. The Kite Festival will be held at the EAA AirVenture Museum in Oshkosh on Pioneer Airport from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m., with the grand launch of 200 kites at noon. Other highlights will include free kite-making workshops and an opportunity to receive a free kite for the first 100 kids that sign up to participate in the Kids' Mad Dash at 1 p.m.

A series of world-class performers will stage kite-flying displays throughout the day to musical accompaniment. Featured performers include Chicago Fire, Team Pegasus, Mike Delfar, Jim Wirt, Paula Schenk, Paul Koepke, Dan Newman, Josh and Zak Gordon, Charlie Sotich, and the Giant Kites of Yves LaForest and Anne Clement. Charlie Sotich will be making free kites for the kids. Food and beverages will be sold during this free event.

Planes, Manes and Automobiles - An All Ford Show

July 1, 2006

This exciting annual event combines two classic examples of American engineering, pairing legendary P-51 Mustang airplanes with a wide selection of Ford Mustang cars. EAA's event partner, the Midwest Mustang Association, is expecting more than 200 cars and several P-51s, along with Ford Mustangs ranging from classic 1960s-era models to modern "supercars." Spectators are welcome to attend the event, which is included in regular museum admission. Automobile owners should pre-register online at www.airventuremuseum.org/mustangs/.



Owners pre-registered by June 15, 2006, will receive a free souvenir dash plaque and have the opportunity to photograph their vehicle with a P-51 Mustang or an A-4 jet. A registration fee is required. All Ford powered vehicles are welcome.

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