

News From The



# EAA AIRVENTURE MUSEUM

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## Paul H. Poberezny: Flying the P-51



We are very proud to welcome EAA Founder and Chairman of the Board Paul H. Poberezny to give a very special presentation in the Eagle Hangar on February 5 at 7pm. Paul has logged time in well over 400 aircraft types during his long and illustrious career in aviation. However, one airplane is particularly close to his heart: the North American P-51

Mustang. Paul is believed to be the only person alive who has flown every version of the P-51 ever produced, including the prototype XP-51 in the Museum's collection. In what is sure to be an unforgettable evening, Paul will share his experiences, memories and love of the P-51 - and reflect upon his lifetime's involvement with aviation. We will also formally induct P-51D Paul I into its new, permanent display home - the Eagle Hangar. The event is free to attend, but demand will be high and seating capacity may be limited. To reserve your seats please contact Kate Phillips

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**Stop the Press...** we have just confirmed that the B17 will be doing passenger flights in Oshkosh on Saturday April 26, see [www.b17.org](http://www.b17.org) for pricing and booking details.

## Operation Aviation Family Mission

Operation Aviation is now available to the general public - form a flight team and take part in one of the most unusual museum programs in the country! Operation Aviation is a three-hour experience that uses cutting-edge flight simulation and role-playing to fly a disaster relief mission into earthquake-ravaged Los Angeles. It is also huge fun! The cost is \$25 per team of 3 or 4 people (this also includes Museum admission.) Join us on March 29 at 1pm, the program is suitable for everyone aged 10 years and above. Contact Mason Marsh at 920-426-6846 for more information and booking.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

2/5	Flying the P-51
	Friday 7:00 - 9:00
2/15-16	Flight Simulator Weekend
	Saturday 8:30 - 5:00
	Sunday 10:00 - 5:00
3/15-16	Model Weekend
	Saturday 8:30 - 5:00
	Sunday 10:00 - 5:00
3/29	Operation Aviation
	Saturday 1:00 - 5:00
4/19-20	Wings on Strings
	Saturday 8:30 - 5:00
	Sunday 10:00 - 5:00

## **Flight Simulator Weekend**



Oshkosh's Wittman Regional Airport is seen from the cockpit of a Cessna 172 in Microsoft Flight Simulator 2002.

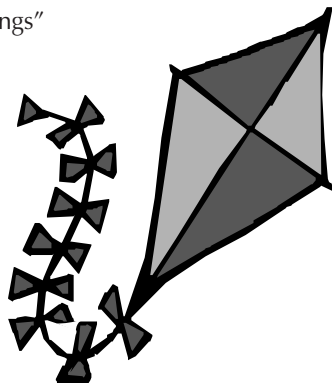


A US Navy Corsair idles on the grass at EAA's Pioneer Airport in Microsoft Flight Simulator 2002. Museum guests will be able to pilot the Corsair and many other digital airplanes at the museum's annual celebration of flight simulation.

Get ready for another dose of our highly popular Flight Simulator Weekend, which is packed with hands-on activities! Visitors can try various types of flight simulators, from basic through to advanced types. The weekend of February 15-16 features hands-on experiences with a radio-control model simulator; instructional sessions on Microsoft Flight Simulator in the EAA Computer Lab; Xbox and Playstation 2 based flight simulators; missions in the Operation Aviation Center; rides in the popular MaxFlight F-16 motion simulator; and Microsoft Combat Flight Simulator 3 dogfight missions in the Eagle Hangar. The star attraction for 2003 is sure to be our new Wright Flyer simulator cradle developed for EAA's Countdown to Kitty Hawk program. The idea is to allow everyone to experience the control system utilized by the Wright brothers in their first airplane. We will be conducting a public test of the simulator's capabilities prior to its national tour in 2003. All activities are included in regular Museum admission apart from the MaxFlight full-motion simulator, which costs an additional \$5 per person.

## **Wings on Strings**

During this event, which recognizes April as National Kite Month, there will be expert demonstrations of kites featuring some of the biggest kites in the world, as well as "traction kites" and specially shaped kites. In addition, all Museum visitors are invited to participate in kite-making workshops, where they can design, decorate and fly their own kite. Museum guests are also invited to bring their own kites and fly them from the grass runway at Pioneer Airport, located directly behind the AirVenture Museum. All "Wings on Strings" weekend activities are designed for the entire family and are included with regular Museum admission. Join us April 19-20 to celebrate National Kite Month.



## **Model Weekend**

March 15 and 16 is a weekend dedicated to aviation modeling - from displays and instructional sessions about plastic model kits and dioramas, to radio control airplane demonstrations and even a radio controlled hot-air balloon. This year there will be a special focus on the fascinating hobby of indoor free flight airplanes. Why fly model aircraft indoors? Well, there's no wind, rain or snow to worry about, so models can be built much lighter than models intended for outdoor use. There are rubber powered indoor models weighing just 1 gram that can stay aloft for nearly an hour! We will be using the large open space of the Eagle Hangar to show what lies behind this compelling form of "ultra-ultralight" flight. There will be a rolling program of expert explanations and flight demonstrations throughout the weekend. Event included with regular museum admission.

## ***Timeless Voices of Aviation***

It's full steam ahead for the Museum's Timeless Voices of Aviation program! Originally announced at AirVenture last year, Timeless Voices attempts to capture on videotape personal recollections and accounts of the thousands of individuals who have impacted aviation's development over its first 100 years.

### ***Let No Story Go Untold!***



Every event, every airplane and every airport has important human stories attached to them. Our goal is to preserve as many of these stories as possible for posterity, be they individual aviation stories about serving a local airport, starting a flying club, building an airplane, or serving one's nation in war or peace. They all create the countless threads which, woven together, create the priceless tapestry of human flight.

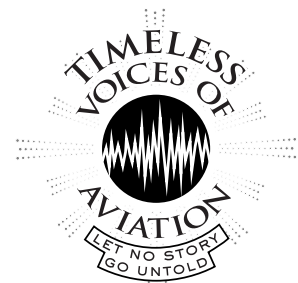
To accomplish this challenge—the target is to complete 1,000 interviews by AirVenture Oshkosh 2003 — we are seeking EAA members who are willing to volunteer in their local communities to help capture this vital history before it's lost. The end product will be a major video repository telling the personal stories of those who experienced aviation's development so they are preserved for future generations of family members, teachers, students, historians and others.

Volunteerism will play a key role in the success of EAA's Timeless Voices project. We seeks those who have stories to tell, those who are willing to capture them through videotaped interviews, and others willing to help transcribe interviews to the written page. Those interested in taking part in this important effort should visit the new website established for the program at [www.timelessvoices.org](http://www.timelessvoices.org) or call Mary McKeown at 920.426.6880



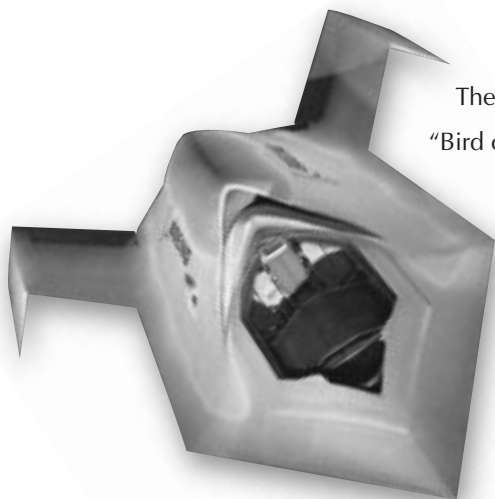
### ***The Goals of Timeless Voices of Aviation***

- To collect thousands of first person video oral history recordings from individuals who have impacted aviation's development.
- To document and preserve these recordings for future generations of family members, teachers, students, historians and others.
- To make the recordings accessible through an on-line video history archive, and initiatives such as Museum displays and TV productions.
- To engage thousands of volunteers in the rewarding process of gathering video oral history recordings.



# **“BIRD OF PREY”**

## **LANDS IN MUSEUM**



The Museum recently received an impressive set of wind tunnel models relating to the “Bird of Prey” stealth technology test aircraft, recently unveiled by the Boeing “Phantom Works” in St Louis following the declassification of the program on October 18 2002. As we approach the centennial of flight, it is delightful to have acquired an example of this radical design, showing the very cutting edge of modern aviation. It is incredible to see how far aviation has progressed from the sands of Kitty Hawk in December 1903! We plan to include the Bird of Prey material in an exciting gallery re-fit scheduled for completion by AirVenture 2003. The new “Innovations Gallery” will highlight amateur-built aircraft of the modern era that represent significant technical, personal or record-breaking accomplishments, and will be supported by an updating of our Design Gallery.