

EXPERIMENTAL AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATION

Chapter 135 News



Upcoming Events:

**Friday, Feb. 6 -
Saturday, Feb 7 2015**

2015 Midwest Aircraft Maintenance Symposium and Trade Show
Airport Holiday Inn
Des Moines, IA
Phone: 319-389-3943 (Phil Conn)
Email: philip.conn@rockwellcollins.com
Website: www.iaaviation.com

Saturday, Feb. 21 2015

Independence Municipal Airport (IIB)
Formation Flying Ground School (Free)
10-11 a.m.
Phone: 319-334-4000 (Johnathan Walter/Walter Aviation)
Email: office@walteraviation.com



Next Chapter Meeting

Saturday - February 14th, 2015
Exec 1 Aviation (KIKV)
6:00p.m.

Program: Matt and Amy Sawhill will share a 30-45 minute presentation on their summer flying trip in their PA-30/Twin Commanche.

Board Meeting 5:30p.m.
Before regular meeting

Tuesday, February 24 2015

Red Oak Municipal Airport
(RDK)

Pilot Safety Meeting and Master
Pilot Presentations

7p.m. - 10p.m.

Phone: 515-289-3840 (Chris
Manthe or Joe Quiring)

Website: www.faasafety.gov

Saturday, March 21 2015

Independence Municipal Airport
(IIB)

Emergency Management
Ground School (Free)

FAAST Wings credit available
10a.m. - 11a.m.

Phone: 319-334-4000
(Johnathan Walter/Walter
Aviation)

Email:
office@walteraviation.com

Tuesday, March 24 2015

Carroll Municipal Airport-
Arthur N. Neu (CIN)

Pilot Safety Meeting
6:30p.m. - 10p.m.

Phone: 515-289-3840 (Chris
Manthe or Joe Quiring)

Website: www.faasafety.gov

Thursday, March 26 2015

Iowa Lakes Community College
Estherville (EST)

Pilot safety meeting at ILCC
Auditorium

7p.m. - 10p.m.

Phone: 515-289-3840 (Chris
Manthe or Joe Quiring)

Website: www.faasafety.gov



National Air and Space Museum lowers 'Spirit of St. Louis' to ground level

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For the first time in more than 20 years, the Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum has lowered Charles Lindbergh's Ryan NYP "Spirit of St. Louis" to the floor. The famous aircraft will remain on the floor at eye level for visitors to see for approximately five months while it undergoes preservation work before being suspended once again.

It is one of several major icons being prepared for an updated exhibition in the museum's central space, the Boeing Milestones of Flight Hall, according to museum officials.

This is a unique opportunity to see the "Spirit of St. Louis" from a different perspective since it has not been lowered to the gallery floor since 1992, museum officials noted. Visitors will also be able to observe the museum's conservation staff while they clean and preserve the iconic airplane.

“This is a rare chance for us to get a close-up look at the plane and to give it a thorough preservation treatment that will last decades into the future,” said Malcolm Collum, chief conservator at the museum.

The “Spirit of St. Louis” is one of the museum’s most popular artifacts and is showcased in the Milestones exhibition because of its impact to the world of aeronautics.

On May 20, 1927, Lindbergh took off alone from New York and arrived in Paris 33 hours and 30 minutes later. He was greeted by a crowd of more than 100,000 eager to glimpse the 26-year-old who had just completed the first solo transatlantic flight.

The plane was presented to the Smithsonian by Lindbergh in 1928, soon after the milestone-setting flight. It was initially on display in the Smithsonian’s Arts and Industries Building and then came to the National Air and Space Museum when it opened in 1976.

The Milestones exhibition, which is the museum’s central and largest space, has looked much the same since the museum opened.

During the renovation, the museum will stay open to the public. Although some smaller artifacts have already been moved, the lowering of the “Spirit of St. Louis” is the first of many major changes visitors will notice in the hall.

The renovation will be completed in time for the museum’s 40th anniversary in 2016, museum officials noted.

The National Air and Space Museum building on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., is located at Sixth Street and Independence Avenue S.W. The museum’s Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center is located in Chantilly, Va., near Washington Dulles International Airport. Attendance at both buildings combined exceeded 8 million in 2014, making it the most visited museum in America.



75th anniversary of Ercoupe to be celebrated at AirVenture

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EAA AVIATION CENTER, OSHKOSH, Wis. — The 75th anniversary of the Ercoupe will be celebrated at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2015 with a gathering of these unique airplanes and their owners. The 63rd annual Experimental Aircraft Association fly-in convention is July 20-26 at Wittman Regional Airport in Oshkosh.

The festivities at Oshkosh welcome all versions of the design, beginning with the original Ercoupe 415 that first became available in 1940. Other iterations of the airframe are also expected, including the Aircoupe, Alon, and Mooney M-10.

The innovative airplane became the first widely popular consumer aircraft that had no rudder pedals and allowed the pilot to control the aircraft's direction in the air and on the ground similar to driving a car.

There are more than 2,000 individuals in the U.S. who own Ercoupe designs, which made a major splash in the post-World War II general aviation era and continued to be built until 1970.

The celebration at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh will follow the 2015 National Ercoupe Convention that takes place July 15-18 at the Sheboygan County Airport (SBM) in Sheboygan Falls, Wis.

On Sunday morning, July 19, planes will fly to Oshkosh. Special parking for Ercoupes will be provided in the vintage aircraft area. The Ercoupe Owners Club will hold a banquet on July 21, where the guest speaker will be Jessica Cox, a woman born without arms who learned to fly in an Ercoupe in 2009.

Ercoupe owners who want to participate in the EAA AirVenture Oshkosh activities and National Ercoupe Convention should email sydlois@charter.net or call 715-573-7063 for information and registration forms.

Scales Rental Info

All scale rentals require a check for \$200 deposit (Will be returned, uncashed, upon timely scale return). Three day rentals. May be extended for three additional days at no charge, if there are no other conflicting requests for their use, with notification by phone. Otherwise late fee of \$100/day applies.

Chapter 135 members (must be member 3 months prior to rental date.).....\$25.00 for 3 days

National EAA member, but not Chapter 135 member.....\$75.00 for 3 days

A&P or FBO rate.....\$125.00 for 3 days

Copy of rental agreement available by fax or email by calling Craig Martin at 515.250.3124 or email to cmartindsm@gmail.com

Scales are kept at Wisecup Willow Aviation (Craig Martin)

Membership Dues

Name: _____

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Dues are \$20.00 per year — Dues are due July 1 and run through June 30. (After January 1st you may pay \$30.00 for 11/2 years)

LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE \$200.00

You must be a member of the National EAA.

You may mail your dues to our treasurer:

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