

Sully and Skiles: Flight 1549 Pilots Coming to Oshkosh

On the morning of January 15, 2009, virtually no one outside of the aviation industry had ever heard of Chesley “Sully” Sullenberger and Jeff Skiles. By the next morning, however, the two pilots had become household names after they executed a textbook emergency landing of an Airbus A320 airliner in the Hudson River in New York City, averting disaster and saving 155 people aboard the airplane.

Flight 1549 Captain Sullenberger and First Officer Skiles will share their experiences from “The Miracle on the Hudson” with fellow aviators at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2009. Along with several appearances during the week, the two pilots will speak at a special Theater in the Woods evening program on Friday, July 31, hosted by longtime TV personality David Hartman.

“These two pilots have told their story to the world since the remarkable events of January 15, but at EAA AirVenture they’ll have the opportunity to talk in-person with fellow aviators on how their training, planning, and airmanship skills were tested,” said Tom Poberezny, EAA chairman and president, as well as AirVenture chairman. “There is perhaps no place better than Oshkosh where an audience would understand the decision-making process that took place in the cockpit that day and learn the lessons from these two pilots’ experiences. We eagerly look



Captain Chesley “Sully” Sullenberger



First Officer Jeff Skiles

forward to welcoming them to ‘aviation’s family reunion’ at Oshkosh this summer.”

Sullenberger has nearly 20,000 flight hours logged and began his airline career with PSA Airlines in 1980. He also served in the U.S. Air Force, attaining the rank of captain, and has been a flight instructor, accident investigator, and national technical-committee member during his career.

Skiles has more than 20,000 flight hours and began his career with US Airways in 1986. The Oregon, Wisconsin, resident is also a regular AirVenture attendee who first visited the event with his parents—who are also pilots—in the early Rockford days in the 1960s.

Visit www.AirVenture.org to learn more about Sully and Skiles’ appearances as they are finalized.

New Location for Affordable Flying Center

The Affordable Flying Center—where budget-conscious builders and fliers can learn about inexpensive pathways to flight—returns to AirVenture Oshkosh this year, but at a different location. The all-new Aviation Learning Center, formerly Exhibit Hangar E, will house both the Affordable Flying Center and the Fuels Education Center, providing a one-stop economic shop for AirVenture visitors. (The Aviation Learning Center is supported by Chevron Global Aviation.)

The new location, just across the way from its original spot in the former NASA building, provides more overall space, a specially dedicated forum area, and both indoor and outdoor displays. EAA staff and volunteers will be on hand to answer questions and provide information to those seeking a less expensive way to pursue their aviation passion.

Like so much of what occurs throughout the week, the Affordable Flying Center’s success depends on EAA members volunteering their time, their ideas, and their infectious enthusiasm.

“We’re asking once again for EAA members to share their ideas and experiences on how they have made their involvement in aviation more affordable,” said coordinator Ron Wagner. “If you would like to present a forum on something you are doing or have done to make flying more affordable, we would like to hear from you.”

Also sought are EAA members who plan to bring their already flying affordable aircraft to Oshkosh. Contact Ron at 888-322-4636, ext. 6122, or rwagner@EAA.org.



Tim Buttles’ homebuilt Husky Chaser II epitomized low-cost flying at the Affordable Flying Center in 2008.

EAA, GAMA, Build A Plane to Present AirVenture Teachers' Day

Build A Plane, a non-profit aviation education organization, is partnering with EAA and the General Aviation Manufacturing Association (GAMA) to sponsor Teachers' Day at AirVenture Oshkosh 2009, Tuesday, July 28. Educators from across the United States are expected to participate, gaining exposure to a variety of programs and curricula that put aviation in classrooms—from kindergarten through high school.

Participating teachers may take advantage of a number of hands-on presentations and speak directly to program specialists. A wide variety of take-home materials on all aspects of aviation—from vocation to avocation—will be available from private industry, the federal government, and aviation organizations.

Registration for the free event is available at www.BuildAPlane.org. To learn more, contact Build A Plane at 804-843-3321. Space is limited, so register today!



Brett Brock

Activities like this hands-on classroom for building model helicopters take place at AirVenture's annual Teachers' Day.

EAA AirVenture Museum Looking for Chapter Artifacts

The Founders' Wing project in the EAA AirVenture Museum is now entering a new phase. The museum staff has finished designing and started the construction of the exhibits that will be part of the new space. An important section of those exhibits will be devoted to EAA chapters, and the museum staff needs the help of all EAA chapters. The exhibit will feature chapter patches, logos, or pins (duplicates are okay), and the museum staff is asking members to contribute such items. Anything not immediately displayed will become a part of the museum's permanent collection.

Please send your contributions to Ron Twellman, EAA AirVenture Museum, 3000 Poberezny Rd., Oshkosh, WI 54902. If you have questions, please contact Ron at rtwellman@EAA.org. Deadline for submissions is June 1, 2009.



Bonnie Kratz

Notice of Annual Business Meeting

In accordance with the sixth restated bylaws of the Experimental Aircraft Association Inc., notice is hereby given that the annual business meeting of the members will be held at the Theater in the Woods on Saturday, August 1, 2009, at 10 a.m. at the 57th annual convention of the Experimental Aircraft Association Inc., Wittman Regional Airport, Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

Notice is further given that the election will be held as the first item on the agenda at the annual business meeting. Six Class I directors (three-year terms) shall be elected. In accordance with the sixth restated bylaws of the Experimental Aircraft Association Inc., the Nominating Committee has submitted the following candidates:

Class I

Michael H. Dale (Incumbent)
Barry E. Davis
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Secretary, EAA Board of
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Flush Toilets!

...and other site improvements to make AirVenture attendees more comfortable

It's not that often that something as modest as a commode takes center stage. But when talking to EAA's members about the sweeping changes coming to their convention site, a common desire prevailed: flush toilets.

Toilets are a small consideration a small consideration in the big scheme of things, something that doesn't really matter to anyone... except to you when your comfort begins to suffer. And then it matters a lot.

The 10-year, multimillion-dollar plan to upgrade EAA's convention site not only will bring improvements to roadways, layout, and infrastructure (see last month's Hotline), but also will result in significant improvements in "creature comforts" for attendees. The long-range vision calls for flush toilets, additional and refurbished campground shower facilities, more green spaces, additional shaded rest areas, more benches, campground hookups, expanded wireless Internet availability, social gathering pavilions.

Enhancements in place for AirVenture 2009 will cater to the most compelling of the members' desires, according to member surveys, focus groups, and general feedback.

Accordingly, members will see more shady retreats as they traverse the grounds this year. "The best and most cost-effective way to create shade is with trees, and we had a ready supply of trees that had to be removed from the paths cleared for new roadways and construction," said Steve Taylor, EAA facilities manager. "We've transplanted 42 trees and added a few new ones to strategic locations around the site to create shade areas for relief from the sun."

Many of these shade areas were relocated around food venues so visitors will be able to take advantage of some refreshments while taking a break. In addition to the trees, Taylor's facilities team is also creating more seating and tables equipped with large umbrellas.

Another conspicuous enhancement, particularly for campers, will be the renovation and expansion of four key shower facilities. The Bunkhouse, West, Stits, and North 40 shower houses will boast new interiors with better lighting, upgraded shower stalls, lavatory sink facilities...and, of course, (drumroll) flush toilets. The toilets will be added to the back half of each shower house, with access from both inside and outside the facility. The number of available stalls will vary from one to two dozen, according to each shower house's size. Renovations to the other shower houses and the addition of brand-new shower facilities is planned for subsequent years.

Next month, we will highlight new navigation, wayfinding, and transportation routes, including a map to acquaint readers with the site's new layout showing locations of the renovated shower houses and the shady rest areas.

For the latest updates on AirVenture grounds renovations, see Steve Taylor's blog: <http://airventuresiteupdate.blogspot.com>



AirVenture Cup Race Begins This Year at Dayton

The 12th running of the AirVenture Cup Race is planned for Sunday, July 26, as nine classes of amateur-built category aircraft take off from Dayton-Wright Brothers Airport (MGY) in Dayton, Ohio, in a beat-the-clock dash to AirVenture Oshkosh.

Race Chairman Eric Whyte, EAA 357260, explained that the race began alternating between Mitchell, South Dakota, and Dayton last year. "That mixes things up from year to year for the pilots," he said. "We were very well-received in Mitchell and plan to start from there in even years and from Dayton during the odd years."

Founded in 1998, the race is open to all private pilots of aircraft certificated in the amateur-built category. A current medical certificate is required. This year's race begins at MGY and then heads to two pylon turns in Illinois: the first at Kankakee Airport (IKK) and the second at Freeport (FEP). From there it's on to the finish line at the Quad Graphics Airport in Lomira, Wisconsin, before reassembling at Fond du Lac for a group flight to OSH.

Whyte has been told that people in the city of Sterling Heights, Illinois, (near Freeport) are attempting to organize spectators to visit the airport for aircraft flybys at the second pylon turn.

The Sportsman/Sprint category this year will feature aircraft with VW and Corvair engine conversions, and these aircraft will be allowed a no-penalty pit stop. There are currently no plans for other new classes.

See all the categories, along with registration forms and other related information, at www.AirVentureCup.com.

2009 AirVenture NOTAM Available for Pre-Order

Get a jump on EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2009 by pre-ordering the 2009 notice to airmen (NOTAM). Although many of the procedures are similar to previous years, there are updates in nearly every area to enhance safety, efficiency, and convenience for the thousands of airplanes expected.

The EAA AirVenture NOTAM is required reading and should be part of a pilot's preflight preparation. It outlines all arrival/departure procedures, radio frequencies, Wittman Regional Airport details, and much more.

The 32-page booklets are expected to be printed and available later this month, along with an online version.

You can place your order at https://Secure.EAA.org/airventure/notam_request.html.

Oshkosh: The Spirit of Aviation Updated for 2009!

You already have plenty of reasons to view the *Oshkosh: The Spirit of Aviation* video—but we'd like to give you one more. Since the editing of the first cut, technology did what it does best—it got better. We've refreshed this classic production with new shots and unique points of view. But beware—you'll be chomping at the bit for AirVenture to get here!

See the updated version now at www.EAA.org/spiritmovie.

Submit Your Type Club Meeting Information

Many type clubs hold special events, dinners, and meetings in and around Oshkosh throughout AirVenture week, and EAA provides a listing on the AirVenture website.

If your type club plans to meet here, visit https://Secure.EAA.org/airventure/type_clubs.html and complete the online form. The deadline to submit information is July 14. Call 888-322-4636, ext. 6112, or e-mail ssedlachek@EAA.org for more information.



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For details on hundreds of upcoming aviation happenings including EAA chapter fly-ins, Young Eagles rallies, and other local aviation events, visit the EAA Calendar of Events located at www.EAA.org/calendar.

Transition Coming to Oshkosh

Terrafugia's Transition makes first flights



The Transition from Terrafugia lifts off at Plattsburgh, New York, in March.

In the early morning hours of March 5 at Plattsburgh (New York) International Airport, pilot Phil Meter made the first flight in the Terrafugia Transition, a two-seat, "roadable" aircraft designed to take off and land at local airports and drive on any road.

Now that the Transition is a proof of concept flying *and* ground vehicle, the team from Terrafugia is designing the next prototype using the lessons learned from the first flights of this vehicle. In the meantime, Terrafugia plans to return to EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2009.

Richard Gersch, vice president of business development, said that the number one question people had in past Oshkosh appearances was: "Has it flown yet?" "People are always looking for that next step," he said. "We are so looking forward to saying, 'Yes, it has' at the air shows this year."

Meter, a retired U.S. Air Force colonel, said the Transition was stable and smooth on the runway, and the controls responded like a normal airplane. "The first flight was remarkably unremarkable," Meter said. "I've flown several thousand hours in everything from Piper Cubs to F-16s, and the Transition flew like a really nice airplane."

Following a successful full vehicle inspection, flight testing continued on March 7 with six additional flights, reaching an altitude of about 100 feet.

Will AirVenture visitors get a flight demo at Oshkosh?

"We're doing this very methodically, which is why our current test protocol is on the runway," Gersch said. "We will have to wait and see." EAA and, in particular, the team's home EAA Chapter 106 were among the many receiving thanks from Carl Dietrich, Terrafugia CEO, and the Terrafugia team. "Our company would not be on the path to success without the support of our friends in the aviation industry," Dietrich said.

When ready for production in 2011, the roadable vehicle will sell for an estimated \$194,000.

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The AirVenture 2009 Commemorative Souvenir Program is now available for pre-sale online when you order your advance AirVenture tickets. Order now and save \$2! Pick up the program at the gate when you exchange your advance ticket for a wristband. Order yours today at www.AirVenture.org/planning/advance.html.



Where To?

Let EAA Calendar of Events take you there

Searching for someplace interesting to fly to? Look no further than the EAA Calendar of events located at www.EAA.org/calendar.

The calendar's extensive listing of events includes EAA fly-ins, pancake breakfasts, air shows, and more. Within a couple of mouse clicks, you'll be able to search the database listing the gatherings being held throughout

the United States and Canada. International EAAers can list their events, too; the list currently includes events in Denmark and Germany.

Searches can be done according to airport, ZIP code, state, date, or a host of event tags.

EAA chapters are encouraged to use the calendar as another way to promote an upcoming event.



Submit Your Nominations for Young Eagles Awards

The EAA Young Eagles program is successful because of the efforts of EAA member volunteers who make significant contributions to its overall success. EAA chapters and individual EAA members are encouraged to nominate outstanding volunteers for the annual Young Eagles awards.

The following honors will be presented by Program Chairman Harrison Ford at AirVenture this summer: Chapter Coordinator, Field Representative, Ground Support Volunteer, Humanitarian (presented for efforts to reach special needs Young Eagles), and the Young Eagles Horizon award, recognizing efforts to go beyond the basic Young Eagles flight.

The nomination period is open through June 15, and the official nomination form is available at www.YoungEagles.org/NominationForm.pdf.



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TSA Appoints GA Liaison

It's not certain whether the Transportation Security Administration's (TSA's) recent appointment of a general aviation (GA) liaison will be the agency's attempt to collaborate with the GA community or merely to placate it. But it's crystal clear that no one in GA favors recent security directives and proposals coming from the TSA—most notably the Large Aircraft Security Program (LASP).

As this issue went to press, more than 7,200 (and counting) anti-LASP comments had been entered into the LASP docket. Additionally, hundreds voiced anti-LASP opinions during the TSA's five public hearings held throughout the country in February.

The GA liaison, Juan M. Barnes, will serve as the main contact for GA stakeholders to voice concerns and pose questions about TSA programs, policies, and security directives. The liaison program will also include monthly teleconferences between TSA officials and GA stakeholders. "We consider this a step in the right direction and welcome TSA's action with regard to our longstanding requests for this sort of inclusion in their processes," said Earl Lawrence, EAA vice president of industry and regulatory affairs.

Send Your Young Eagle to Camp!

The EAA Young Eagles Camp is designed as an introduction to the wonderful world of aviation for students ages 12-13. This program uses small group activities and close counselor relationships to present the basics of flight in a science camp format that is a unique combination of fun and discovery. Primary activities include rocketry and learning about how balloons fly and about aviation history and flight.

There are plenty of opportunities for kids to learn about aviation at the EAA Air Academy. To learn more, visit www.AirAcademy.org.

- Session 1: June 15-19, 2009
- Session 2: June 21-25, 2009

Earning My Wings Update: Back in the Air

After two months of being on the ground, I can't tell you how good it felt to get back in the air! There's no doubt the aviation bug has bit me.

While the plane's windshield was being repaired, I took advantage of the opportunity to study for and take my written test! It feels good to now have that milestone behind me.

On my first flight back, I was surprised with how natural everything felt in the plane. Flying isn't like riding a bike, but at the same time you're not going to lose everything in two months.

Thanks to some comments and suggestions on the blog I've also been doing some mental exercises—going over flights in my mind—and it really did help keep me sharp during these last couple months. Once I was back in the plane, all the controls felt just like I remembered. Landings will take a little work to smooth out again, but I'm sure I'll get it.

I encourage you to read through the comments on the blog. There's some great advice in there for pilots of all skill levels.

—Brady

Using cockpit cameras, Brady records video of each flight lesson and posts it on EAA's website at www.EAA.org/wings. He encourages you to visit the blog frequently for updates and welcomes comments and questions.

Ultimate Fantasy: Classic Military Trainers

You won't want to miss this chance of a lifetime to experience unforgettable flights in two incredible aircraft from EAA's collection of military trainers—a Consolidated PT-3 and a North American T-6.

EAA's Classic Military Trainers Ultimate Fantasy Flight Camp, October 9-11, will include a course on the history of perhaps the most interesting period of military trainers: the 1930s. Participants will have a rare opportunity to fly in the only remaining airworthy PT-3, plus take a second flight in the famed "pilot maker," the North American T-6. Flights include a preflight briefing on the aircraft and its controls.

EAA pilots and instructors will perform the takeoff, demonstrate in the air how the controls work, and then it is your turn! To learn more on this and other EAA Fantasy Flight Camps, visit www.FantasyFlightCamp.org.



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