

B-17 'Aluminum Overcast' headed to Davenport

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B-17 'Aluminum Overcast' headed to Davenport during EAA'S 2011 National 'Salute to Veterans' tour

'Mission' flights, ground tours in historic WWII bomber available July 8-10

EAA AVIATION CENTER, OSHKOSH, Wis. — (March 16, 2011) — "Aluminum Overcast," the Experimental Aircraft Association's restored B-17 bomber, will descend upon Davenport Municipal Airport in Davenport, Iowa, on July 8-10 for one of nearly 60 tour stops scheduled for its 2011 "Salute to Veterans" national tour.

The national B-17 tours have taken place each spring and fall since 1994. Since EAA began the tours of the aircraft known as "The Flying Fortress," tens of thousands of people have experienced this unique airplane through its visits and aircraft ground tours. Thousands of aviation enthusiasts have actually flown in the renowned bomber, which is considered one of the greatest military airplanes ever built and one of the best-known aircraft types of the World War II era.

"The national tour EAA undertakes each year has become the nation's most popular way to learn about this unique aircraft in an up-close way," said Rod Hightower, EAA president. "EAA is dedicated to preserving the spirit of aviation through these B-17 tours. We take great pride in saluting all our nation's veterans as the airplane makes its way throughout our country, showcasing a living link to history for all generations to enjoy."

At each stop, flight "missions" are available in the airplane, which allow people to fly in this spectacular aircraft. For more information regarding these flights, including rates for flights and ground tours, visit www.b17.org or contact EAA's B-17 Tour Office at 800-359-6217. Special pre-book rates on flights are available for EAA members and non-members, and group ground-tour rates are available for schools or other large groups. The airplane's crew is available at each stop to answer questions.

Through the past decade of national tours, EAA's B-17 has created many emotional reunions for veterans who participated in B-17 operations during World War II. For most, it was their first experience in a Flying Fortress since that era. Even though more than six decades have passed since their wartime experience, the veterans' outpouring of emotion and memories have created a unique link to the original purpose of this aircraft. The veterans have often shared their stories, while also recalling and honoring their long-ago comrades, during the B-17's visits to their communities.

EAA's "Aluminum Overcast" was built in 1945, but was delivered to the Army Air Corps too late to see active service in World War II. It was purchased as war surplus for \$750 by a private individual, and served in mapping and spraying operations in many countries until a preservation group purchased it in 1978. The B-17 was donated to the EAA Aviation Foundation in 1981 with the provision of the aircraft being maintained in airworthy condition. After being displayed at the EAA AirVenture Museum in Oshkosh, Wis., for a decade, the airplane made its national tour debut in the spring of 1994. EAA now fully owns the aircraft and operates the national tour.

Members of the EAA Warbirds of America who are experienced in World War II airplane operations fly the airplane, which is painted in the colors of the 398th Bomb Group.

EAA embodies the spirit of aviation through the world's most engaged community of aviation enthusiasts. EAA's 160,000 members and 1,000 local chapters enjoy the fun and camaraderie of sharing their passion for flying, building and restoring recreational aircraft. For more information on EAA and its programs, call 800-JOIN-EAA (800-564-6322) or go to www.eaa.org. For continual news updates, connect with www.twitter.com/EAAupdate.

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July 1-3 Springfield, IL (SPI)

July 5-6 Peoria, IL (PIA)

July 8-10 Davenport, IA (DVN)

July 12-13 Lincoln, NE (LNK)

July 15-17 St. Cloud, MN (STC)

July 19-20 Fargo, ND (FAR)

July 22-24 Minneapolis, MN (ANE)

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Aug. 9-10 Washington, PA (AFJ)

Aug. 12-14 Oxford, CT (OXC)

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Aug. 19-21 Caldwell, NJ (CDW)

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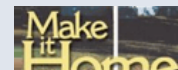
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Today is Monday, Oct. 3, the 276th day of 2011. There are 89 days left in the year.

1861 -- 150 years ago: Peter Cartwright is lecturing in this city tonight. Give him a rousing house. You will be well paid for it.

1886 -- 125 years ago: The Rev. S. S. Cryer of Central Presbyterian Church, Rock Island, tendered his resignation last night for the second time, and the resignation was accepted.

1911 -- 100 years ago: John H. Hauberg of Rock Island has been elected president of the Rock Island County Sunday School Association at its 34th annual convention.

1936 -- 75 years ago: A heavy frost prevailed in the area last night as the mercury reached a low of 39 degrees at the weather bureau office and 35 degrees at the Moline airport, the coldest since last April 23.

1961 -- 50 years ago: A fire prevention school for all building custodians in Rock Island will be held Friday and Saturday at the service building of the Iowa-Illinois Gas & Electric Co.

1986 -- 25 years ago: Mississippi River floodwaters today busted a 105-year-old record, swelling to 17.8 feet -- .1 of a foot above the record fall flood that swept through the Quad-Cities area in 1881. The river is expected to continue setting records as it heads toward a crest of 19.5 feet in Rock Island late Monday or early Tuesday.

(More History)

- Police still searching for cause of fatal accident
- Hillcrest school teacher found dead in classroom
- Former county circuit clerk remembered fondly
- Schulte 'fortunate' during 46-year coaching run
- Vikings, Bees both dealing with issues
- Lazy Dog Owner Arrested for Walking His Dog (Petside.com)
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