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## **FEWER THAN 100 DAYS REMAIN 'TIL OPENING DAY AT EAA AIRVENTURE OSHKOSH 2010!**

*'World's Greatest Aviation Celebration' packed with special events, airplanes*

EAA AVIATION CENTER, OSHKOSH, Wis. — (April 21, 2010) — The clock is ticking toward the July 26 opening day of EAA AirVenture Oshkosh, “The World’s Greatest Aviation Celebration,” which is now fewer than 100 days away. The 58th edition of EAA’s fly-in convention takes place July 26-August 1 at Wittman Regional Airport in Oshkosh.

Even three months before the official opening, tremendous excitement has already been generated by some of the featured programs and attractions. Those confirmed events already include:

- A weeklong Salute to Veterans, with aircraft and guests that highlight service and duty to country;
- The massive reunion of the Douglas DC-3 aircraft on its 75th anniversary;
- An unmatched gathered of new innovations of electric-powered aircraft;
- A rare night air show at Oshkosh on Saturday, July 31;
- Aircraft anniversaries that include the 75th anniversary of the B-17 bomber and the 50th anniversary of the Piper Cherokee.

“The aircraft attractions alone make this year at Oshkosh one that has never been seen before and a gathering that won’t be re-created ever again,” said Tom Poberezny, EAA chairman/president and AirVenture chairman. “As we head into the final three months of preparations, we know there will be even more major highlights to announce and reasons to again say that you’ve got to be here!”

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Featured entertainment this year includes the legendary band Chicago for the opening night concert on Monday, July 26, presented by Ford Motor Company; and actor Gary Sinise's "Lt. Dan Band" returning to Theater in the Woods on Friday, July 30, presented by EAA in partnership with the EAA Warbirds of America and Disabled American Veterans. Those concerts, as well as other features to be announced and the nightly Fly-In Theater, are included with AirVenture admission.

In 2010, there are a number of new options for EAA AirVenture visitors to make their preparations for Oshkosh even easier. As in previous years, AirVenture admission can be purchased in advance online at [www.airventure.org](http://www.airventure.org). In addition, Camp Scholler drive-in camping credentials are available online, as well as an easy-to-buy weekend (July 30-August 1) package for aviation enthusiasts who are not currently EAA members that allow them to become part of EAA and enjoy all the spectacular highlights on those days.

Site improvements to benefit EAA members and visitors also continue in 2010. Those at Oshkosh this summer will find additional shower and indoor toilet facilities, expanded indoor exhibit areas, a limited number of Camp Scholler sites with electric and water hookups, and larger trams for transportation throughout the grounds.

"There are a number of announcements coming in the next few weeks that will add to the list of highlights at Oshkosh this year, so now is the time to plan your trip to aviation's annual family reunion," Poberezny said. "Whether you're looking for knowledge at the forums and workshops, the latest in aircraft and aviation parts, marvelous aerial and ground entertainment, or a great family event, AirVenture is the place to be this summer."

EAA AirVenture annually draws participants from more than 70 nations and in excess of 10,000 airplanes, including more than 2,500 showplanes. The event includes 700 exhibitors with the latest aviation innovations; nearly 1,000 forums, workshops and seminars covering the entire world of flight; daily afternoon air shows featuring the world's finest aerobatic performers; up-close sessions with top aviation personalities; and the gathering of aviation enthusiasts from around the globe.

EAA AIRVENTURE OSHKOSH is The World's Greatest Aviation Celebration and EAA's yearly membership convention. Additional EAA AirVenture information, including advance ticket and camping purchase, is available online at [www.airventure.org](http://www.airventure.org). EAA members receive lowest prices on admission rates. For more information on EAA and its programs, call 1-800-JOIN-EAA (1-800-564-6322) or visit [www.eaa.org](http://www.eaa.org). Immediate news is available at <http://twitter.com/EAAupdate>.