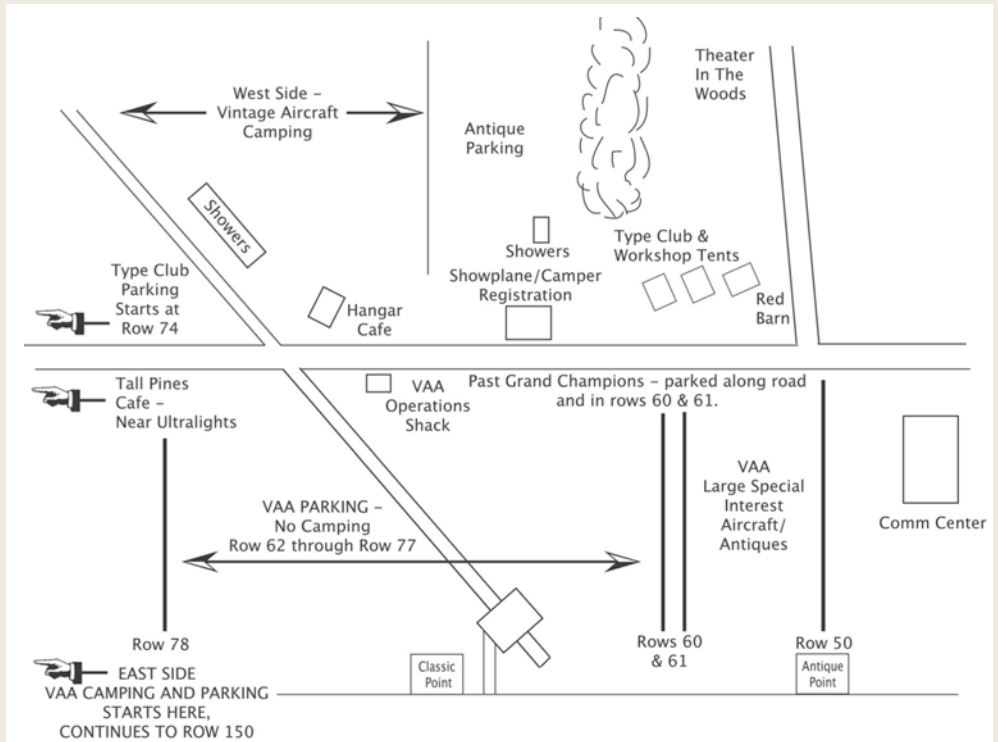


VAA NEWS

To help members who fly in to understand the layout of the convention area administered by VAA, we've prepared this simplified map. As you can see, camping starts at Row 74 on the east side of the main north/south road (Wittman Road), with the areas to the north of that line set up to handle display-only vintage aircraft. That's why you may see open areas as you taxi south to your camping location.

Once you arrive, you'll need to register your aircraft and/or campsite. In addition to roving registration vehicles, there is one main aircraft registration building, located just south of the Red Barn (see map). The EAA convention campgrounds are private campgrounds and are not open to non-EAA members. Each campsite must be registered



by a current EAA member.

Another immediate benefit of VAA membership is your free VAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2008 Participant Plaque, which you can pick

up in the rear of the Red Barn. EAA and VAA memberships are available at both aircraft registration and at the membership booth located northeast of the Red Barn.

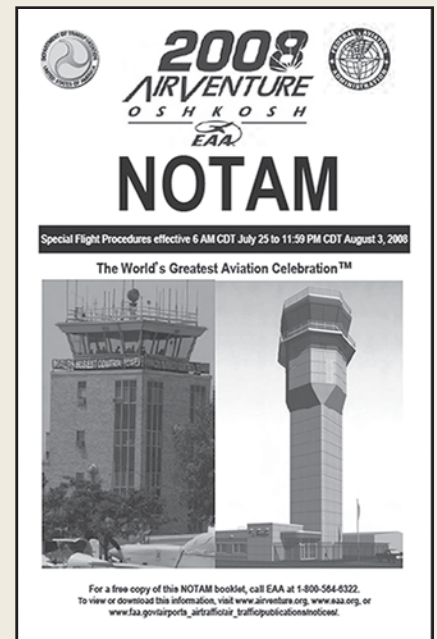
Flight Planning for Your EAA AirVenture Trip

As an EAA member (an important part of your VAA membership), you can use the EAA Flight Planner to chart your trip to Wittman Field for EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2008. Just click on the EAA Flight Planner link on the left side of the members-only home page at <http://Members.EAA.org> or you can log in at www.VintageAircraft.org.

Get Your EAA AirVenture 2008 NOTAM Booklet

Printed copies of the EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2008 Notice to Airmen (NOTAM) can be ordered by calling EAA Membership Services at 800-564-6322, or you can download it directly from the Web at www.AirVenture.org/2008/flying.

The NOTAM contains the special flight procedures in effect for Wittman Regional Airport and alternate airports from 6 a.m. CDT on Friday, July 25, to 11:59 p.m. CDT on Sunday, August 3, 2008. All pilots who fly into the event are expected to know the special flight procedures prior to arrival. EAA AirVenture Oshkosh runs from July 28 through August 3. For additional EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2008 information, including advance ticketing purchases, visit www.AirVenture.org.



Grass Runways and Fuel

Also on our VAA website, we publish a list created by VAA member Kris Kortokrax.

Kris flies a variety of old biplanes that are more pleasant to fly when they are flown from grass strips, and he and his buddies from Shelbyville, Illinois, do their best to keep the old biplanes happy (and keep tire wear to a minimum) by flying cross-country from grass strip to grass strip. Finding fuel facilities can be a challenge these days, and Kris has distilled this airport information to be useful for like-minded grass-runway-preferring pilots. This data was current as of the beginning of the year, and we'd suggest calling ahead to confirm fuel availability and hours of operation. If you have any changes or additions, drop us an e-mail here at vintageaircraft@eaa.org and we'll forward it to Kris.

Our thanks to Kris for sharing his list. Let us know if you find it useful!

Breakfast and a Briefing

The VAA Tall Pines Café will be in operation again this year with an expanded schedule prior to convention, and fly-in-style pancake breakfasts during EAA AirVenture. Starting on Friday morning, July 25, and continuing through Sunday, July 27, the VAA Tall Pines Café will be open for breakfast (6:30-9:30 a.m.) and dinner (4:30-7:30 p.m.). Starting Monday, July 28, only breakfast will be served at the Tall Pines Café (6:00-9:30 a.m.). Just to the north, an FAA Flight Service Station (FSS) trailer will be located near the café. At the trailer you'll be able to check the weather for your flight and obtain a full briefing from FSS specialists without having to trek up to the FAA Building near the control tower. We'll see you there each morning for "breakfast and a briefing."

Are You a Friend of the VAA Red Barn?

If so, be sure to check in at the information desk at the VAA Red Barn. There, we'll issue you a special

name badge. We can also point out the location for the Ford Tri-Motor rides. If you have any questions, feel free to ask for Jillian Rooker, the VAA administrative assistant. If you need to reach her in advance of your arrival, call her at EAA headquarters, 920-426-6110.

Our thanks to each of you who have contributed to the VAA Friends of the Red Barn 2008 campaign. We'll have the list of contributors in next month's edition of *Vintage Airplane!*

VAA Message Center

If you would like to leave a message for people you know who frequent the VAA Red Barn, stop by the information desk. You can write them a message in our "notebook on a string," and we'll post their name on the marker board so they'll know there's a message waiting for them. Sure, cellular phones and walkie-talkies are great, but sometimes nothing works better than a hand-scribbled note!

VAA Picnic

Tickets for the annual VAA picnic to be held Wednesday, July 30, at the Nature Center will be available for sale at the VAA Red Barn prior to the start of EAA AirVenture. Tickets must be purchased in advance so we know how much food to order. The delicious meal will be served after 5:30 p.m. Trams will begin leaving the VAA Red Barn around 5 p.m. and will make return trips after the picnic. Type clubs may hold their annual banquets during the picnic. Call Jeannie Hill (815-943-7205), and she will reserve seating so your type club can sit together.

Shawano Fly-Out

The annual fly-out to Shawano is Saturday, August 2. The sign-up sheet will be at the desk at the VAA Red Barn, and the briefing will be at 7 a.m. the morning of the fly-out. The community of Shawano, approximately an hour north of Oshkosh (as the Cub flies), is a big supporter of VAA and puts forth a

lot of effort to sponsor this event. Shawano's residents do a great job of hosting us, and we hope you'll help us thank Shawano by joining us on the flight.



VAA Red Barn Store

The VAA Red Barn Store, chock-full of VAA logo merchandise and other great gear, will be open with expanded hours all week long, Monday through Saturday, 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. Early-bird arrivals can shop on the previous weekend as well, during limited hours. Show your VAA membership card (or your receipt showing you joined VAA at the convention), and you'll receive a 10 percent discount.

When you first visit the Red Barn store, check to see when there will be a special VAA members-only sale. Bring your VAA card to the sale, and save with additional discounts. See you there!

VAA Volunteer Opportunities

Are you an ace pancake flipper? If you're not one yet, we can help! The VAA Tall Pines Café is looking for volunteers who can help provide a hearty breakfast to all the hungry campers on the south end of Wittman Field. If you could lend a hand for a morning or two, we'd appreciate it. If that's not your cup of tea, feel free to check with the VAA volunteer center, located just to the northeast of the Red Barn. The volunteers who operate the booth will be happy to tell you when your help is needed each day. It doesn't matter if it's just for a few hours or for a few days—we'd love to have your helping hands!

VAA Judging Categories

The VAA's internationally recognized judging categories are:

- Antique: Aircraft built prior to September 1, 1945
- Classic: September 1, 1945, - December 31, 1955
- Contemporary: January 1, 1956, - December 31, 1970

Any aircraft built within those years is eligible to park in the Showplane parking and camping areas. If you wish to have your aircraft judged, let the volunteer know when you register your aircraft and camping area. If you want your aircraft to be judged by VAA volunteer judges, you need to be a current Vintage Aircraft Association member. VAA contributes a significant portion of the costs related to the EAA awards that are presented to the award winners.

Designated Smoking Areas Near Flightline

Smoking on the flightline at EAA AirVenture is prohibited because it's a hazard to all aircraft. There are several designated smoking areas with butt cans along the flightline, well away from aircraft and refueling operations.

Designated smoking areas will be south of the ultralight runway; near the Hangar Café; near the Warbirds area (northeast corner of Audrey Lane and Eide Avenue); the Warehouse flag pole area; the shade pavilion north of the control tower; and near the Ultralight Barn. Locations will be indicated on EAA's free convention grounds map. The admission wristband also instructs visitors that smoking is allowed only in designated smoking areas.

VAA Ballot

If you have not sent in your VAA election ballot, we encourage you to do so as soon as possible.

Due to a printing error, the 2008 VAA Election ballot may lead you to believe that you should only vote for six candidates. That's incorrect. As it states in the ballot introduc-



Aeroplane Factory volunteer Ron Kempka shows (l to r) Roger White, Beverly Cushman, Sam James, Reed McCall, and Bruce Leighfield how to tie a knot.

Find Your Favorite Presentations and Workshops Online

With hundreds of the world's leading aviation authorities delivering close to 1,000 individual presentations at nearly 35 locations spread throughout the expansive EAA convention grounds, planning your week at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2008 can be, in a word, challenging. Fret not, eager aviation enthusiasts, because you can plan your visit to the World's Greatest Aviation Celebration with EAA's integrated presentations and workshops schedule database, and the preliminary version is now available at www.AirVenture.org/forums.

The database will include all the venues, subjects, topics, and presenters from not only forums and workshops, but also Warbirds in Review, KidVenture, Museum Speaker Showcase, Authors Corner, Theater in the Woods, special "at the aircraft" presentations on AeroShell Square, and more. You can search for activities by date, interest level (such as Aerobatics or Homebuilding), name of presenter, location, or simply by keyword. If it's on a schedule, it'll be here, allowing you to create custom searches to conveniently preplan your AirVenture stay.

The process of confirming schedules, making modifications, and adding new presentations is continuing, so check back often for the latest updates.

tion, please vote for two officers and 7 directors. If you'd prefer to download a corrected ballot, you can do so by visiting the VAA website at www.vintageaircraft.org.

AirVenture's Member Village Becomes EAA Welcome Center

EAA's organizational center of activity at AirVenture Oshkosh, known as EAA Member Village, will become the EAA Welcome Center in 2008. While maintaining the high service to EAA members, the Welcome Center will be even more inviting to all AirVenture attendees, with an emphasis on customer ser-

vice and information.

Visitors can obtain general information, directions, exhibitor information, or answers to virtually all questions regarding EAA or AirVenture. The EAA Welcome Center will continue to provide EAAers a convenient place to renew their memberships, get information on all EAA member programs, see unique aircraft displays, check their e-mail at the Internet Café, and much more.

Visit the EAA Welcome Center at the corner of the east-west AeroShell Square taxiway and Knapp Street Road.

More on the Web

Visit www.AirVenture.org for more information on EAA AirVenture 2008.



AirVenture Is Almost Here ... Are You Ready?

We've made it easy to learn the status of, for example, Oshkosh area accommodations, with new pages on the Web.

Just a few short weeks from now, many of you will make the annual pilgrimage to Oshkosh for EAA AirVenture 2008. Are you ready? Here are several handy online tools on the newly redesigned AirVenture website that can help you take care of any last-minute concerns.

- For pilots flying in: www.AirVenture.org/2008/flying/index.html

Arrival procedures, ground operations, parking, even a Special Offers for Pilots interactive map (www.AirVenture.org/2008/flying/alternate_airports.html) help get you here and take you home.

- For lodging: www.AirVenture.org/2008/planning/where_to_stay.html

See area accommodations availability at a glance.

- Find/offer a lift: www.AirVenture.org/rideshare

Sharing the load with a fellow EAAer can help make AirVenture more affordable.

- What to see and do at AirVenture: www.AirVenture.org/2008/planning/dailyevents.html

- A quick rundown of major happenings each day: www.AirVenture.org/2008/events/aircraft_attractions.html

From the massive Boeing Dreamlifter to the small but *fast* Nemesis NXT . . . more military aircraft than you've ever seen outside an invasion, including F-22 Raptors, the V-22 Osprey, and those great vintage warbirds . . . and the iconic Goodyear blimp . . . find out what you'll want to see at AirVenture this year.

- www.AirVenture.org/2008/news/080605_presentations.html. Put more than a thousand presentations, workshops, and other scheduled events at your fingertips.

SPOT to Offer Free Messengers for EAA Members Attending AirVenture



EAA members attending EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2008 are eligible to receive a free SPOT Satellite Messenger through an exclusive offer from SPOT Inc. available only at Oshkosh.

SPOT Inc. will give away SPOT Satellite Messengers (a \$169.99 value) to current EAA members when they subscribe to a one-year satellite service package for \$149.98 at AirVenture.

SPOT uses the GPS network to pinpoint a user's location, then transmits that information to friends, family, or an emergency response center over a separate satellite network. SPOT works where cell phones don't and communicates like GPS devices can't, making it a real asset to pilots and their loved ones. Users can even track and share their flying adventures online using Google Maps.

This exclusive offer is available to current EAA members whether they join or renew before or during the convention. For more information on the special SPOT offer for EAA members at AirVenture, go to www.FindMeSpot.com/ea.

Upcoming Major Fly-Ins

Arlington Northwest Fly-In

Arlington Municipal Airport (AWO),
Arlington, Washington
July 9-13, 2008
www.NWEAA.org

EAA AirVenture Oshkosh

Wittman Regional Airport (OSH),
Oshkosh, Wisconsin
July 28-August 3, 2008
www.AirVenture.org

Mid-Eastern Regional Fly-In

Mansfield Lahm Regional Airport
(MFD), Mansfield, Ohio
August 23 & 24, 2008
www.MERFI.info

Southeast Regional Fly-In

Middleton Field Airport (GZH),
Evergreen, Alabama
October 24-26, 2008
www.SERFI.org

Rocky Mountain Regional Fly-In (New Date)

Front Range Airport (FTG), Denver
(Watkins), Colorado
September 19-21, 2008

Copperstate Regional Fly-In

Casa Grande Municipal Airport (CGZ),
Casa Grande, Arizona
October 23-26, 2008
www.Copperstate.org

U.S. Sport Aviation Expo

Sebring Regional Airport (SEF),
Sebring, Florida
January 22-25, 2009
www.Sport-Aviation-Expo.com

Aero Friedrichshafen

Messe Friedrichshafen (EDNY),
Friedrichshafen, Germany
April 2-5, 2009
www.Aero-Friedrichshafen.com/html/en

Sun 'n Fun Fly-In

Lakeland Linder Regional Airport (LAL),
Lakeland, Florida
April 21-26, 2009
www.Sun-N-Fun.org

For details on EAA chapter fly-ins and other local aviation events, visit www.EAA.org/calendar.