

VAA NEWS

Call for VAA Hall of Fame Nominations

Nominate your favorite aviator for the EAA Vintage Aircraft Association Hall of Fame. A huge honor could be bestowed upon that man or woman working next to you on your airplane, sitting next to you in the chapter meeting, or walking next to you at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh. Think about the people in your circle of aviation friends: the mechanic, photographer, or pilot who has shared innumerable tips with you and with many others. They could be the next VAA Hall of Fame inductees—but only if they are nominated.

The person you nominate can be a citizen of any country and may be living or deceased, and his or her involvement in vintage aviation must have occurred between 1950 and the present day. His or her contribution could be in the areas of flying, design, mechanical or aerodynamic developments, administration, writing, some other vital and relevant field, or any combination of fields that support aviation. The person you nominate must be or have been a member of the Vintage Aircraft Association, and preference is given to those whose actions have contributed to the VAA in some way, perhaps as a volunteer, a restorer who shares his expertise with others, a

writer, a photographer, or a pilot sharing stories, preserving aviation history, and encouraging new pilots and enthusiasts.

To nominate someone is easy. It just takes a little time and a little reminiscing on your part.

- Think of a person; think of his or her contributions.

- Write those contributions in the various categories of the form.

- Write a simple letter highlighting these attributes and contributions. Make copies of newspaper or magazine articles that may substantiate your view.

- If you can, have another person complete a form or write a letter about this person, confirming why the person is a good candidate for induction.

- Mail the form to:
VAA Hall of Fame
Charles W. Harris, Chairman
7215 East 46th St.
Tulsa, OK 74147

Remember, your “contemporary” may be a candidate; nominate someone today!

Call the VAA office for a form (920-426-6110), find it at www.VintageAircraft.org, or on your own sheet of paper, simply include the following information:

- Date submitted.
- Name of person nominated.
- Address and phone number of nominee.

- Date of birth of nominee. If deceased, date of death.

- Name and relationship of nominee’s closest living relative.

- Address and phone of nominee’s closest living relative.

- E-mail address of nominee.

- Time span (dates) of the nominee’s contributions to aviation. (Must be between 1950 to present day.)

- VAA and EAA number, if known. (Nominee must have been or is a VAA member.)

- Area(s) of contributions to aviation.

- Describe the event(s) or nature of activities the nominee has undertaken in aviation to be worthy of induction into the VAA Hall of Fame.

- Describe achievements the nominee has made in other related fields in aviation.

- Has the nominee already been honored for his or her involvement in aviation and/or the contribution you are stating in this petition? If yes, please explain the nature of the honor and/or award the nominee has received.

- Any additional supporting information.

- Submitter’s address and phone number, plus e-mail address.

- Include any supporting material with your petition.



Welcome to AirVenture . . . Wherever You Are!

It's August, and many EAAs are reading this issue at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh. Here's a quick summary of important information to help you make the most of your visit to The World's Greatest Aviation Celebration.

Not able to attend AirVenture? Then we invite you to follow along at www.AirVenture.org, where you'll find news and feature stories, daily videos, photo galleries, and more. To access the complete AirVenture videoplayer, visit www.AirVenture.org: click on MultiMedia and Videos to launch the player.

- The EAA Welcome Center—Learn about exclusive EAA programs and services, join or renew your membership, check your e-mail at the Internet Café, and more. Located west of AeroShell Square.

- Homebuilders Headquarters—Stop by to see hundreds of homebuilt aircraft, learn about EAA programs and services for homebuilders, and register your new homebuilt (certificated this year) to be the milestone 30,000th homebuilt aircraft in the United States.

- Learn to Fly Center—Looking for information about pursuing the dream of flight? Ask the experts staffing the Learn to Fly Center, try out simulated flight on one of the flight sims, or attend flight seminar presentations. EAA members may also receive a free sport pilot student pilot certificate, saving \$50.

- Affordable Flying Center—Discover ways EAA members are achieving and maintaining the dream of flight on limited budgets. Visitors are invited to stop by and provide their own frugal flight tips. Located in the NASA building.

- Theater in the Woods—Enjoy nightly entertaining and informative evening programs, beginning July 27. Theater in the Woods is supported by M&M'S.

- EAA Fly-In Theater—Ford Motor Company and Eclipse Aviation once again bring the Fly-In Theater to AirVenture, with nightly aviation movies introduced by celebrity presenters, including Harrison Ford, John Travolta, Oscar-winning producer Ben Shedd, and others.

- WomenVenture—All women

pilots are invited to be a part of a weeklong effort to encourage more women to learn to fly, including the world's largest gathering of female pilots on Friday, August 1, at 10:30 a.m. on AeroShell Square. Not able to come to Oshkosh, but want to show your support? Visit www.AirVenture.org/2008/events/WomenVenture.html, and sign the WomenVenture logbook.

- EAA AirVenture Info Guide—Every attendee gets one free! No other source provides as much useful information on scheduled events, exhibitors, air shows, forums and presentations, and workshops. You name it, it's in the *Info Guide*, presented by Ford Motor Company. It's also available online on www.AirVenture.org, so if you're on the grounds, you can access the information via any Wi-Fi hotspot.

- AirVenture Today—Pick up AirVenture's official newspaper each day and read about what's happening on-site. It will also be posted online and e-mailed daily in a special *e-Hotline*. Not an *e-Hotline* subscriber? Visit www.EAA.org/newsletters to sign up.

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DAILY AIRVENTURE COVERAGE

Daily videos, photo galleries, streaming radio, and breaking news stories will allow people all over the globe to get a virtual taste of AirVenture as it is happening. It's the next best thing to being there.

www.AirVenture.org/2008/video/multimedia.html



BOEING 40

If you enjoyed the article about Addison Pemberton's Boeing 40 in April's *Sport Aviation*, watch this video to hear its unique roar on takeoff and to see it soar over scenic Washington state. If you are reading this while at AirVenture, stop over to the Vintage area to see this one-of-a-kind plane in person.

www.EAA.org/video/eea.html

EAA Participates in Industry/FAA Study for Part 23 Certification Review

EAA recently participated in a Part 23 ad hoc certification standards committee meeting in Kansas City, Missouri. Created at the request of the Federal Aviation Administration Small Airplane Directorate, the committee is tasked with recommending changes for small aircraft. Part 23 regulates airworthiness standards of normal, utility, aerobatic, and commuter category airplanes. EAA's Vintage Aircraft Association Executive Director H.G. Frautschy represents EAA and is co-chairman of the Continued Airworthiness subgroup.

The committee includes representatives from various certification and operational offices within the FAA as well as from the General Aviation Manufacturers Association, National Air Transportation Association, Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, and Aircraft Electronics Association. John Colomy, the directorate's acting assistant manager, urged committee members to consider the lessons learned from aircraft maintenance and certification issues that have come to light over the past few years and apply them to a new version of Part 23 that will be created after the follow-up certification review by the FAA.

The review is intended to give the regulations relevance to aircraft that will be certificated in the future. Issues discussed included aircraft airframe maintenance and in particular the modification and upgrading of aircraft with modern avionics systems. The committee's charter is to create a list of suggested additions and changes to the certification regulations and then supply it to the FAA for use during the review process in 2010. The last certification review on Part 23 was done in 1985, and technology for both airframes and avionics has changed dramatically since then.

The committee expects to issue its final report in the fall of 2009.



Museum Guidebook Published

The EAA AirVenture Museum is celebrating its 25th year in Oshkosh with the release of a new EAA AirVenture Museum Guidebook. The 48-page publication is filled with colorful photographs of the planes and the people highlighted in the museum's exhibits, beginning with the Wright brothers and the early years of flight and ending with the eclectic collection of Treasures From EAA's Attic donated by EAA members and other aviation enthusiasts. Museum visitors can use the publication as a companion to their tour and as a remembrance of their visit. The Guidebook, available in the museum's gift shop, costs \$8.95 for members and \$9.95 for nonmembers.



New Commemorative AirVenture Program

The EAA AirVenture Program has undergone a face-lift. The annual keepsake is now a collectible souve-

nir of this year's event, printed on heavier paper and including more photos and interesting articles... and with room for air show performers' autographs. Price of the commemorative program is \$7, and a copy of the *Oshkosh: The Spirit of Aviation* DVD is bundled with each copy.

In addition to traditional distribution outlets on the grounds, you'll also see programs bundled with an exclusive Oshkosh T-shirt design that will be available for a special price at selected EAA merchandise locations.



Ken Kotik

We're sorry to report that aviation artist Ken Kotik, whose unique hangar/studio at Creve Coeur Airport near St. Louis was truly a work of art in itself, has passed away after a brief illness. Ken, whose aviation art clients included Fairchild Aircraft, Falcon Jet, Sabreliner, and McDonnell Douglas (where he was a staff artist for 11 years), enjoyed presenting all facets of aviation through his artwork. One of Ken's paintings was featured on the back cover of last year's July issue of *Vintage Airplane*, and a print of his artwork was made available to Diamond Plus contributors to VAA's Friend of the Red Barn. A Vietnam veteran, Ken regularly flew a beautifully restored 1943 Piper L-4B and was working on a replica Fokker Dr.I Triplane. Our condolences to his wife, Dot, and their many friends in the St. Louis area, and the many fans of his striking artwork.

If you'd like to see just how wide Ken's talents were, please view his art website at www.KenKotikAviationArt.com.



Last of a Generation: John Miller (1905-2008)



Summer 1939—Eastern Airlines Captain John Miller flies the mail from the roof of the Philadelphia Post Office in a Kellett KD-1 autogyro.

When John Miller (EAA 37635) was 4 years old, he saw Glenn Curtiss fly his *Hudson Flyer* down the Hudson River from Albany to New York City to win a \$10,000 prize sponsored by *New York World* newspaper. One of Curtiss' two allowed fuel stops was in a farmer's field across the road from the Miller family farm.

"I did not see him land," he told EAA in 2003, "but my father took me over to see the flying machine after he landed, and I was so thrilled when he took off and flew down the river that I lost all interest in becoming a steam locomotive engineer." Miller passed away on June 16 in his native Poughkeepsie, New York, at the age of 102.

He began flying at age 18 and went on to attend the Pratt Institute for Mechanical Engineering, graduating in June 1927. He skipped school to travel to Roosevelt Field on Long Island to witness Charles Lindbergh take off at the start of his historic nonstop flight to Paris in 1927.

But Miller had several achievements himself, such as being the first person to land an aircraft—a Kellett KD-1 autogyro—on the roof of a building when a mail delivery service was started in July 1939 between the Philadelphia Post Office and Camden Airport in Philadelphia. He was also a test pilot for the Grumman J2F Duck during World War II, later flying for Eastern Air Lines, from which he retired in 1963.

According to his daughter, Miller last flew an aircraft about two years ago, capping more than 35,000 flight hours over more than eight decades. Two of the planes he flew are in the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum: a Boeing 247D and a DC-3.

He has received numerous honors, including enshrinement in the Vintage Aircraft Association Hall of Fame in 2002.

Upcoming Major Fly-Ins

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
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.*

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