

Flagship Detroit Newsletter



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Greetings from Flagship Central !

WOW !! Prairie Airshow, Oshkosh AirVenture 2006, and a big weekend in Chicago - We have really been busy during the last four weeks !!

The Prairie show in Peoria, IL started with an arrival on Friday, 21 July. Captains Dave Liscomb and Ron Tallant were at the controls, with Cal Moreland as the observer in the jumpseat. The Friday night festivities included a party and fireworks, but were postponed because of some low ceilings. We were welcomed with open arms by the folks who visited and did the tour of the airplane. The airshow management and ground personnel could not have been more accommodating. Other Foundation members helping at Peoria were John and Claudia Tegmeier and John Whalen.

On Sunday afternoon after the show, the same crew flew the "Detroit" to Oshkosh to begin an 8-day marathon airshow at the 2006 EAA AirVenture. We landed and taxied the plane to the EAA hangar to rinse off a little oil that had accumulated from the two-hour flight from Illinois. (If you haven't been around DC-3's lately, you may not recall that "Radial Engines don't leak - but they do Mark their Territory.. !") The good news was that there was an ambitious clean up team ready to hose her down and make it shine like new.

We had a pleasant surprise when we arrived at Oshkosh as one of our members, Jeff Selby, found the new 2007 EAA calendar had a great rendition of "Detroit" on the cover. We took part in a photo shoot at Lakeland Florida. We



are very happy to be **May 2007** on EAA's calendar. We have a small stock of them available, so if you are interested contact Dave Buffington or me and we'll can get one to you. The member price is \$12.99 plus shipping.



The show at Oshkosh is quite an event. If you haven't been there, it's certainly worth your time to visit. I think I'm right in saying it is the largest airshow in the United States. As you can imagine, with a show this size, it takes several people to show off our DC-3. We had a great crew and I want to thank the following for their dedication and hard work: Jane and David Gorrell, Ron Tallant, Cal Moreland, Ken Kraska and his family, Jeff Selby, Fred Gorrell, Dave Buffington, John Whalen, Jerry Gazda, David Hendry, John Heilman, Larry Jamison, Steve Jacobson, Larry

Wertsch and Dave Liscomb. I would also want to thank all the Foundation board members and related committees for helping with decisions to get through these events. It truly has been a rewarding time for our foundation.

Our latest event was the Chicago employee appreciation day and The Chicago Air and Water Airshow. The flight crew of John Heilman and Dave Buffington flew the plane from Oshkosh to Chicago, where the Chicago maintenance folks let us rest our wings in the hangar. Ed Laudicina and his merry men of the Chicago maintenance crew were more than helpful getting the plane ready to show. The Chicago Flight and the Flight Service Departments could not have been more fun and willing to work with us to make this event a huge success. John Jirschele and John Burton did a super job organizing the day. It was fun to see the faces of many



of the employees as they took a trip back in history on our 70 year old treasure. The ORD Recreation Committee made some fine Chicago hot dogs for us to feast on during the day. Later that evening, after a much-anticipated raffle drawing for seats, John Heilman and David Gorrell

flew an excited group of member-employees around downtown Chicago and over Lake Michigan to cap off a great appearance.

The airshow portion of the weekend was flown by Dave Liscomb and John Heilman. They flew 2 formation passes in front of more than a million spectators with an American Airlines Boeing 767 flown by Captain Dave Monroe and First Officer Harvey Meek. Dave and Harvey are experienced airshow performers with the Aerostar USA Yak demo team and are now 2 of our 25 new members this week.

David and Jane Gorrell were the voice of the Flagship Detroit Foundation during the flying portion of the airshow. They were able to get in a few good words about our organization and remind the crowd how important it is to preserve this historic airplane.

Here is the calendar of events for the next few weeks. If you see a date that you would like to join us in showing off the Detroit, please call or write Cal Moreland for scheduling (calmoreland@charter.net / 817-578-0519.)

Please take a moment to look at our web site www.FlagshipDetroit.org, check out the new pictures, and see if there is a airshow that you might be able to help with. We have a great time at these appearances, along with a little hard work. We are always looking for new friends and new ideas to improve the Foundation.

I want to thank everyone for all the hard work and the financial support for our foundation. I know how important your time and money is to each of you and we truly do appreciate every thing you all do for the Flagship Detroit Foundation.

Once again, thanks to everyone for all the great support,

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
08/20 FSDETR ?GGY CHICAGO AIR & WATER SHOW	08/21	08/22	08/23	08/24 FSDETR KORD KAPA 1200 - 1658	08/25	08/26 FSDETR APA CENTENNIAL - DENVER CONCOURS
08/27 FSDETR KAPA KCYS 1400 - 1456 FSDETR KAPA KMCI 1400 - 1815	08/28	08/29	08/30	08/31	09/01	09/02
09/03	09/04	09/05	09/06	09/07	09/08 FSDETR KMCI KCYS 0900 - 1137	09/09 FSDETR KCYS CHEYENNE AIR GUARD OPEN HOUSE
09/10 FSDETR KCYS KAFW 0800 - 1348	09/11	09/12	09/13	09/14	09/15	09/16
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