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EARLY DAYS OF FLIGHT COME TO PADUCAH DURING EAA'S 1929 FORD TRI-MOTOR FALL TOUR

Experience aviation history aboard commercial air travel pioneer

EAA AVIATION CENTER, OSHKOSH, Wis. — (July 11, 2011) — A classic aircraft from the early days of commercial air travel re-creates those days this fall as the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) is bringing its restored 1929 Ford Tri-Motor airliner to Barkley Regional Airport in Paducah, Kentucky on September 26-29 as part of its fall tour.

The tour provides opportunities for aviation enthusiasts in the area to see and ride in the world's first mass-produced airliner. It begins in Rockford, Ill. August 25-28 and continues to Iowa, Oklahoma, Missouri, Kentucky, and Indiana through early October. Some of the airports on the tour likely saw a Ford Tri-Motor on their grounds 81 years ago.

"This airplane allows people to experience true living history of aviation, as well as learn more about EAA and our mission to help people fully participate in the world of flight," said Rod Hightower, EAA president. "As we bring the airplane to this region of the country, thousands of people will get a rare glimpse of a unique flying machine that changed the way people travel in America."

The Ford Tri-Motor, nicknamed the "Tin Goose," was built by the Ford Motor Company in the late 1920s. EAA's airplane underwent a 12-year restoration beginning in the 1970s and since the mid-1980s, has been based at the EAA AirVenture Museum's historic Pioneer Airport located in Oshkosh, Wis. This facility is a faithful re-creation of an early aerodrome, including flying activities from a 2,000-foot grass airstrip.

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At each tour stop, visitors will have the opportunity to take 15-minute flights aboard this unique aircraft. Those flights are available for \$60 for EAA members and \$70 for non-members. A secure flight-reservation system and complete information are available through EAA's Tri-Motor tour website at www.flytheford.org. You can also pre-book a flight by calling 1-877-952-5395.

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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EDITOR'S NOTE: Photo and video of EAA's 1929 Ford Tri-Motor are available at EAA's FTP website:
<http://media.eaa.org> Username: eaamedia Password: airventure2011

EAA'S FORD TRI-MOTOR 2011 FALL TOUR SCHEDULE

(as of 6/30/2011 — Schedule subject to change without notice.)

Dates	City	Airport
Aug 25-28	Rockford, Ill.	Chicago/Rockford International Airport
Aug 29-31	Burlington, Iowa	Southeast Iowa Regional Airport
Sep 1-5	Iowa City, Iowa	Iowa City Municipal Airport
Sep 7-11	Lee's Summit, Mo.	Lee's Summit Municipal Airport
Sep 15-18	Bartlesville, Okla.	Bartlesville Municipal Airport
Sep 19-21	Jefferson City, Mo.	Jefferson City Memorial Airport
Sep 22-25	St. Louis, Mo.	St. Louis Downtown Airport
Sep 26-28	Paducah, Ky.	Barkley Regional Airport
Sep 29-Oct 2	Kokomo, Ind.	Kokomo Municipal Airport
Oct 3-5	Valparaiso, Ind.	Porter County Regional Airport