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‘MAX EFFORT’ APPLIED TO HUGE DC-3 ACTIVITIES AT EAA AIRVENTURE OSHKOSH 2010

EAA AVIATION CENTER, OSHKOSH, Wis. — (June 8, 2010) — More elements to the huge DC-3 75th anniversary celebration at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2010, which will be held July 26-August 1, have been added, creating more opportunities to enjoy a unique gathering of these aircraft at “Aviation’s Family Reunion.”

The latest addition is a DC-3 and C-47 “Max-Effort Day” on Tuesday, July 27, that will include formation flights and aerial displays from all DC-3 aircraft that wish to be flown that day. That includes groups of the aircraft type in both airline and military configurations, plus others.

“This event will celebrate the legacy and people of an aircraft that played a massive part in the development of both civil and military aviation,” said Adam Smith, EAA vice president of membership. “Merging both ground and air operations into a single spectacle is sure to leave those in attendance with memories they’ll be able to share and recall for years.”

Among other highlights of the weeklong DC-3 celebration:

- A very special DC-3/C-47 reunion evening at Theater in the Woods, hosted by David Hartman and including special guest Jim Douglas, son of DC-3 designer Donald Douglas;
- “Salute to Veterans” activities in cooperation with Disabled American Veterans (DAV) to include re-enactor displays and personal appearances by WWII veterans of “Easy Company” (known from the HBO series “Band of Brothers”);

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- Air Show programs throughout the week to include a parade of classic airliners, a unique heritage flight that pairs the C-47 with the modern C-17 Globemaster;
- An appearance by the aircraft and stars of hit Canadian reality TV series “Ice Pilots”, still operating the DC-3 in daily passenger service;
- DC-3 movie screenings, including the John Wayne classic “Island in the Sky” at the outdoor Fly-In Movie Theater;
- Numerous public forums related to the people, history and operations of the DC-3;
- A major week-long effort by the EAA Timeless Voices of Aviation team to capture and preserve the video oral histories of all people connected with the DC-3.
- An exclusive DC-3 community cookout hosted by Basler Turbo Conversions of Oshkosh, which refurbishes DC-3s from its base at Wittman Regional Airport for continued use at locations around the world;
- A luncheon on Wednesday, July 28, in the EAA AirVenture Museum Founders' Wing for anyone who has even been connected with the DC-3, including pilots, mechanics, flight crew, veterans, etc. (Registration details will be forthcoming)

In addition, a rare DC-2 aircraft will be joining the assembly at Oshkosh, as well as a beautifully refurbished DC-7B aircraft.

EAA already has commitments from a large number of DC-3/C-47 operators who intend to arrive at Oshkosh. Other DC-3 and C-47 operators who wish to participate should contact EAA at dc3@eaa.org, and will be sent specific details on arrival procedures, aircraft parking, accommodations, and other important logistics.

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. 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. Immediate news is available at <http://twitter.com/EAAupdate>.