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CIVA 2009

**Plenary Meeting of the FAI Aerobatics
Commission**

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**To be held at the EAA Aviation Center
3000 Poberezny Road
Oshkosh, Wisconsin USA
17-18 October 2009**

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1. Location of the Meeting

The 2009 plenary meeting of the FAI Aerobatics Commission (CIVA) will be held at the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) Aviation Center in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, USA.



The meeting will take place in the “Founder’s Wing” of the EAA AirVenture Museum which is a part of the EAA complex.

Oshkosh is the home of “EAA AirVenture”, the largest aviation event in the world. The event has been held continuously since 1953, the year EAA was founded, and has been located at Oshkosh since 1970.

EAA headquarters is also the home of the International Aerobatic Club (IAC), the American organization which sanctions all aerobatic competitions in the USA and sends Delegates to CIVA. The IAC will be holding its Board of Directors meeting in Oshkosh on 15-16 October 2009.

The EAA’s website is www.eaa.org. The EAA Museum’s website is www.airventuremuseum.org. The AirVenture Museum houses the largest private museum collection of aircraft in the world.

2. Dates and Times of the Meeting

Dates: Saturday and Sunday, 17-18 October 2009

Times: 09.00 – 17.00 on both days

3. Accommodation

A bloc of rooms has been reserved at the following hotel for CIVA delegates. Delegates must make their own reservations by using the attached Hawthorn Hotel Reservation Form. The form can be faxed or e-mailed and is provided in Microsoft Word and PDF format so it can be filled out on computer or by hand.

Hawthorn Inn & Suites
3105 S. Washburn Street
Oshkosh, WI 54904
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Phone: +1 (920) 303-1133
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www.hawthorn.com



Hotel room rate is **\$81.90** per night plus taxes. In the United States, the rate is the same for both single and double occupancy. Credit card must be used to confirm the reservation.

The Hawthorn Hotel has its own restaurant. Breakfast is available at the hotel free of charge to hotel guests from 06.30 to 09.00. All rooms have free WiFi.

Reservations must be made by using the attached Form or by telephone and not through the Hawthorn website. The hotel is fully booked for that weekend due to other EAA meetings taking place at the same time and the special room rate is only available by using the Form or by calling the hotel direct and specifying the “CIVA” bloc of rooms.

4. Meeting Schedule

The following is the tentative schedule for the meeting:

Date	Time	Event	Location
Thursday, 15 October		Arrivals & Hotel Check-in	
Friday, 16 October	17.45	Reception – Hall of Fame	EAA Museum “Eagle Hangar”
	19.00	Dinner and Awards – Hall of Fame	
Saturday, 17 October	09.00 - 17.00	CIVA Plenary Meeting	“Founder’s Wing” EAA Museum
	19.00	Dinner – “Kodiak Jack’s” restaurant	
Sunday, 18 October	09.00 – 17.00	CIVA Plenary Meeting (continued)	
Monday, 19 October		Departures	

Because most Delegates will be traveling from Europe, it will be necessary to plan your travel to arrive in the USA on Thursday, 15 October, in order to be present for the activities planned on Friday evening. Most airline arrivals from Europe are in the afternoon.

Friday will be free of activities in order for Delegates to visit the EAA AirVenture Museum.

5. Dress Code

The dress code for the Hall of Fame reception and dinner and the CIVA plenary meeting will be coat and tie (business formal). Dinner at Kodiak Jack’s is informal.

6. Suggestions for Travel to Oshkosh and the USA

There is no airline service into Oshkosh. The best destination is Milwaukee, Wisconsin’s General Mitchell International Airport (MKE). Milwaukee is served by most of the US air carriers (American, Delta/Northwest, Continental, Midwest, United) through one of their international US hubs. Milwaukee is a medium size, clean and efficient airport which is easily traversed and there is very little air or car traffic. Rental car agencies are located on the airport across from baggage claim.

Delegates must rent cars to reach Oshkosh as you will not be picked up but rental rates on the weekends are extremely reasonable and are approximately \$35 per day and up (plus taxes). Driving distance from Milwaukee's airport to the EAA Aviation Center in Oshkosh is 147 kilometers (91 miles). Driving directions can be found at maps.google.com or other mapping services. Be sure to specify exact addresses or airport codes.

Please note that many of the car rental agencies in the USA also have GPS available for rent. The GPS can usually be reserved at the time you make your on-line reservation.

Delegates can also arrive in New York (JFK) but there is only one Delta non-stop flight per day (evening) to Milwaukee. Flights into Chicago's O'Hare International Airport (ORD) are also possible but driving distance is considerably more and rental cars are located off-airport. Distance from ORD to the EAA Aviation Center is 259 kilometers (161 miles) and the traffic can be heavy in the Chicago area.

The other possibility is a connection into Appleton, Wisconsin (ATW) from Chicago. United Airlines operates several flights a day from ORD to ATW. United is a part of the Star Alliance. The Hawthorn Hotel does operate a shuttle to Appleton Airport if arrangements are made at least 24 hours in advance. Appleton Airport is 39 kilometers (24 miles) from the EAA facility.

If you need help with travel suggestions, contact Mike Heuer (mike@mheuer.com).

7. Visas – Electronic System for Travel Authorization

International travelers who are seeking to travel to the United States under the Visa Waiver Program are now subject to enhanced security requirements. All eligible travelers who wish to travel under the Visa Waiver Program must apply for authorization and can do it electronically at this website:

<https://esta.cbp.dhs.gov>

What is the Visa Waiver Program (VWP)? The Visa Waiver Program allows foreign nationals from certain countries to travel to the United States for business or pleasure, for stays of 90 days or less without obtaining a visa. Details can be found on the website above.

Countries participating in the program and which normally send Delegates to CIVA include Austria, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom, Czech Republic, Hungary, Lithuania, and Slovakia.

Citizens of the following VWP countries are required to present electronic passports: Czech Republic, Slovakia, Hungary, and Lithuania. Please consult the website.

8. Registration Costs

Cost of CIVA Plenary Meeting registration will be approximately **\$200.00** (final fee to be announced). The fee covers the Hall of Fame reception and dinner, lunch on Saturday, dinner at Kodiak Jack's restaurant on Saturday (alcohol not included), Sunday lunch, and the administrative costs of organizing the meeting. The hotel provides a breakfast buffet.

Delegates are responsible for their own hotel rooms and rental cars.

Payment for registration is to be made in cash (US Dollars) at the meeting. There is no credit card or bank transfer facility.

9. General Information

Hall of Fame



The Hall of Fame induction ceremony to be held on Friday night, 15 October, is one of sport aviation's most important events in the United States. EAA has hosted the Hall of Fame since the 1980's and there will be an induction into the Aerobatics Hall of Fame this year. The recipient of this honor will be announced at the EAA's convention, AirVenture in late July and early August 2009.

Hall of Fame inductees include personalities from all aspects of sport aviation including homebuilts, antique and classic aircraft, flight instructors, microlights, warbirds, and aerobatics. Aerobatics Hall of Fame members include many past US Team members such as Duane Cole, Charlie Hillard, Bob Herendeen, Tom Poberezny, Frank Price, Betty Stewart, Bob Davis, and Clint McHenry. Other leaders in the sport like Curtis Pitts, Jose Luis Aresti, Mike Heuer, and others have been inducted for their contributions to aerobatics.

The reception prior to the Hall of Fame dinner will be an opportunity to meet some of the Hall of Fame members who have been inducted in the past and this year's inductees. It will be a very special night for everyone.

Saturday Night's Dinner

The dinner for CIVA Delegates on Saturday night, 17 October, will be at the Kodiak Jack's Steak & Seafood Restaurant in Oshkosh. Please visit their website for more information: www.kodiakjacksrestaurant.com. The restaurant is located at 2059 Witzel Avenue, Oshkosh, Wisconsin. Telephone is +1 (920) 426-9939.

The dinner will be held in a semi-private area in the back of the restaurant with access to the bar for alcoholic drinks. The CIVA registration fee does not include alcoholic drinks so these must be purchased individually.



The restaurant features many popular American foods and has a unique décor.

Other Notes

There is no deadline on hotel reservations but we strongly suggest sending in your forms as soon as possible, as a courtesy to the hotel staff who have been very cooperative with CIVA in arranging the rooms at very favorable prices.

Delegates are also requested to send their travel plans to Mike Heuer as soon as possible. While we cannot pick you up at the airport, we will publish everyone's travel schedules so it may be possible to meet others on your arrival in the United States and coordinate rides to Oshkosh. A form for this will be attached to the message with this Bulletin.

Our special thanks to the EAA President, Tom Poberezny, and the EAA Manager of Event Sales and Logistics, Mark Liesses, for hosting CIVA in Oshkosh. Tom Poberezny was a member of the 1972 US Aerobatic Team which competed in Salon de Provence, France.



The US Team won the Nesterov Trophy that year. Charlie Hillard also won the World Champion title in his Pitts S-1S, N442X, an aircraft that was built by Bob and Mike Heuer in the late 1960's and which is on display in the EAA AirVenture Museum.

<p>For assistance, contact Mike Heuer at mike@mheuer.com, +1 (901) 230-9006 (mobile), or Skype (civapresident).</p>
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