



EAA-2017
For more information, contact:
Olivia Rasmus, Air Tours Coordinator
920-426-6599
orasmus@eaa.org

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

EAA's B-17 ALUMINUM OVERCAST TAKES TO THE AIR FOR 2017 NATIONAL TOUR

'Join the flight' rides and ground tours available in historic World War II bomber

EAA AVIATION CENTER, OSHKOSH, Wisconsin – Since EAA began tours of the aircraft in 1994, tens of thousands of people have experienced this unique airplane through its flights and ground tours. Known as “The Flying Fortress,” the B-17 bomber is considered one of the greatest military airplanes ever built and one of the best-known aircraft types of the World War II era.

“For more than 20 years, EAA’s national B-17 tour has been America’s most popular way to learn about this unique aircraft in an up-close way,” said Jack Pelton, EAA Chairman of the Board. “EAA is dedicated to preserving the spirit of aviation through these B-17 tours. It is more than the flight of a historic aircraft – it is an emotional connection to the men and women who were part the ‘The Greatest Generation’ and the sacrifices they made to benefit us in subsequent generations.”

Fairfield, NJ – Caldwell/Essex County Airport – September 21-24, 2017

Rides can be purchased, which allow people to “Join the Flight” and experience this historical aircraft from the air. Ground tours are also available at each tour location in the afternoon. For more information, including rates for flights and ground tours, visit www.B17.org or contact EAA’s B-17 Tour Office at 800-359-6217. Special pre-book rates on flights are available for EAA members and non-members.

All members of the press interested in attending the media event please contact Olivia Rasmus at orasmus@eaa.org or by calling 920-426-6599.

EAA’s *Aluminum Overcast* was built in 1945, but was delivered to the Army Air Corps too late to see active service in World War II. The B-17 was donated to the EAA Aviation Foundation in 1981 with the provision of the aircraft being maintained in airworthy condition. After being displayed at the EAA AirVenture Museum in Oshkosh, Wis., for a decade, the airplane made its national tour debut in the spring of 1994. Today, EAA’s *Aluminum Overcast* is proudly supported by Phillips 66® Aviation and Tempest Aerospace, helping keep this beautiful aircraft in the air.

About EAA

EAA embodies the spirit of aviation through the world’s most engaged community of aviation enthusiasts. EAA’s 185,000 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.