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HAYWARD AIR RALLY CELEBRATES ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY WITH DESTINATION OF EAA® AIRVENTURE® OSHKOSH™ 2014

Entries now open for rally that tests piloting, flight planning and navigation skills

EAA AVIATION CENTER, OSHKOSH, Wis. — (March 27, 2014) — The [Hayward Air Rally](#), which has tested pilot planning, navigation and flying skills on the West Coast for nearly a half-century, will celebrate its 50th anniversary this year in a big way – with a final destination of the [EAA® AirVenture® Oshkosh™](#) fly-in convention.

EAA AirVenture, “The World’s Greatest Aviation Celebration” and the 62nd annual convention of the Experimental Aircraft Association, is July 28-Aug. 3 at Wittman Regional Airport in Oshkosh.

Entries are now being accepted for the rally, which traditionally is flown from Hayward, Calif., to destinations in the western U.S. In 2014, the rally will be flown July 24-27, with overnight stops in Nevada, South Dakota, and Wisconsin supported by local EAA chapters before the rally’s final destination at Oshkosh.

“The Hayward Air Rally’s long tradition of flying skills and camaraderie makes it a perfect fit with ‘aviation’s family reunion’ here in Oshkosh,” said Jim DiMatteo, EAA’s vice president of AirVenture features and attractions. “We’re eagerly looking forward to the rally’s arrival in Oshkosh so we can give them a big welcome.”

Unlike air races that rely on horsepower and speed, the Hayward Air Rally focuses on pilots and flight crews to use their flight planning, fuel management and navigational skills to come closest to their preflight estimates of time and fuel use. The event is open to all pilots who hold at minimum a valid sport pilot or higher certificate.

“Flying to Oshkosh is an unforgettable way to celebrate the Hayward Air Rally’s 50th anniversary”, said Chris Verbil, chairman of the rally. “Not only will our pilot crews demonstrate their flying and flight planning skills, they are also part of a wonderful group of aviators who raise funds to support young people in discovering aviation.”

The Hayward Air Rally is one of the largest scholarship providers for the EAA Air Academy, the summer aviation residence program for teens held at the EAA Aviation Center in Oshkosh. In 2014, the rally is giving seven scholarships to young people representing communities that are hosting 2014 rally stops and checkpoints.

More information and rally registration forms are available at www.hwdairrally.org.

About the Hayward Air Rally

The annual Air Rally is staged by the Hayward Air Rally, Inc., a not-for profit California public benefit corporation and charitable organization with IRS 501(c)(3) status. Originally conceived by the City of Hayward’s Mayor in 1964, the Air Rally’s primary charter is to enhance general aviation safety by encouraging aircraft pilots to stay proficient in basic flight and fuel management techniques. The 50th annual Air Rally will be conducted on July 24-27, 2014, originating at the Hayward Executive Airport and continuing over a challenging and competitive route through seven states with an ultimate destination of EAA AirVenture Oshkosh.

About EAA AirVenture Oshkosh

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 www.twitter.com/EAAupdate.



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Scholarship Winners Announced for Rally's EAA Air Academy Program

HAYWARD, CA, March 26, 2014 -- The Hayward Air Rally, the longest continually-held proficiency flying event in North America, has selected seven teenagers to receive fully-paid scholarships including tuition and roundtrip airfare to the Experimental Aircraft Association's (EAA) Advanced Air Academy summer 2014 program.

In partnership with local chapters of the EAA, the Hayward Air Rally is pleased to announce the winners of the scholarships as

Aidan Cameron-Smith of Livermore CA, a freshman at Kolbe Academy High School;
Richard Frewert, Jr. of Carson City NV, a junior at Nevada Connections Academy;
Enrique Trujillo of Wendover UT, a sophomore at Wendover High School;
Nathan Womack of Lander WY, a sophomore at Lander Valley High School;
Aspen Eatherton of Rapid City SD, a junior at Stevens High School;
Joshua Hoernemann of Granite Falls MN, a sophomore at Yellow Medicine East High School; and
Eric Sabol of Sussex WI, a senior at Hamilton High School.

"With the generous support of the City of Hayward, our industry partners and sponsors, and participating Rally pilots and crew, we are pleased to expand our scholarship program this year and offer this opportunity to these outstanding youth at each of the seven airports to be visited on the Rally", said Chris Verbil, Chair of the Hayward Air Rally Committee. "As part of our non-profit mission, it is important to help seed the next generation of aerospace industry professionals, aircraft pilots, and aviation enthusiasts."

The Air Academy is located in Oshkosh, WI and is an in-residence summer camp for students to develop and explore their interest in aviation. The Academy camps provide the foundation for a lifelong love of aviation as well as the opportunity to create friendships with fellow aviation enthusiasts.

"We appreciate the Hayward Air Rally's ongoing support for the EAA Air Academy scholarship program, because it gives young people the opportunity to pursue and discover their own aviation dreams," said Bob Campbell, EAA's Director of Museum Education. "Having the rally finish in Oshkosh in 2014 is a notable way to 'complete the circle,' so to speak, as rally participants can personally see the transformational experience they help bring to these young men and women."

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About EAA: EAA embodies the spirit of aviation through the world's most engaged community of aviation enthusiasts. EAA's 180,000 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.