

Wisconsin Aviation Hall of Fame



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“WOW, Women Over Wisconsin”

Presentation highlights the accomplishments of Wisconsin’s women aviators

OSHKOSH, WI. February 7, 2012 – The Wisconsin Aviation Hall of Fame will highlight the accomplishments of our state’s women pilots by sharing their stories at a series of historically minded presentations in March, known as Women’s History Month. The event coincides with Women in Aviation Worldwide Week, March 5-11, an effort to encourage anyone involved in aviation to honor the women of aviation of the past (and the present) as a means to reach out and introduce girls and women to the opportunities aviation has to offer.

On Saturday, March 10, Tom Thomas, a director and inductee of the Wisconsin Aviation Hall of Fame, will present, “WOW, Women Over Wisconsin,” at the Wausau Downtown Airport (KAUW). Learn of Wisconsin’s earliest female pilots and airport managers, their contributions to the war effort during World War II, and the challenges they faced to make it to the sky. You’ll hear the story of Ruth Harman, Wisconsin’s first female airport manager; Wausau’s Marie Towle-Schuette, who in her time was the country’s youngest pilot; and two Madison women who took off on a 19-day adventure by flying a tiny Piper J-3 Cub to Florida and back in 1950. If time permits, expect to hear more stories about our daring aviatrixes.

Sponsored by EAA Chapter 640, the event takes place at Wausau Flying Service, located at Wausau Downtown Airport (KAUW), on Saturday, March 10 at 12:00 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

For more information, contact EAA Chapter 640 President Keith Mathews at kdonmathews@gmail.com. Alternatively, contact John Chmiel at Wausau Flying Service at 715-845-3400.

The Wisconsin Aviation Hall of Fame has inducted more than 100 men and women since it organized in 1985. Its mission is to collect and preserve the history of aviation in Wisconsin, recognize those who made that history, inform others of it, and promote aviation education to future generations.

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