

Wisconsin Aviation Hall of Fame

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WAHF/Wausau Flying Service Present: “The First Thing I Knew, I Was Flying”

OSHKOSH, WI. June 22, 2009 – The Wisconsin Aviation Hall of Fame (WAHF) has planned a series of 2009 events celebrating Wisconsin’s Centennial of Flight, including history presentations and a traveling exhibit of a quarter-scale model of the first airplane that flew in Wisconsin. It happened when Arthur Pratt Warner flew a Curtiss aircraft from a farmer’s field in Beloit, Wisconsin, on November 4, 1909.

To celebrate this historic event, Michael Goc will present, “The First Thing I Knew, I Was Flying.” Sponsored by the Wisconsin Aviation Hall of Fame and Wausau Flying Service, this lively presentation tells how Warner brought Wisconsin into the age of aviation. The presentation takes place on Wednesday, July 15 at 6:30 p.m. in the terminal building at the Wausau Downtown Airport (AUW). See the centennial exhibit and the quarter-scale Warner Curtiss model, built by EAA Chapter 60 members in Beloit/Janesville. The public is invited and there is no charge for this event.

The historical exhibit and model airplane will be on display from Thursday, July 9 through Sunday, July 19 at the airport.

“The First Thing I Knew, I Was Flying”

Presentation by Michael Goc, Historian and Author, Wisconsin Aviation Hall of Fame
Wednesday, July 15, 2009
6:30 p.m.

Wausau Downtown Airport Terminal Building

See the quarter-scale model of the first airplane that flew in Wisconsin at this event.
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To learn more, visit www.aviationhalloffamewisconsin.com
or call Michael at 608-339-7191.

Michael Goc bio: Michael J. Goc is the author/editor of more than 80 books on historical subjects, including aviation, business, education, industry, natural resources, and community and economic development. Eight of those books have received Awards of Merit from the Wisconsin Historical Society, including *Forward in Flight, the History of Aviation in Wisconsin*. The Wisconsin Aviation Hall of Fame published *Forward in Flight*, a comprehensive history of aviation in our state, in 1998. Currently, Michael serves as vice-president of the Wisconsin Aviation Hall of Fame.

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The Wisconsin Aviation Hall of Fame has inducted more than 90 men and women since its inaugural ceremony 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 for future generations.



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