

Talking Points for the Ford Tri-Motor

- This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to experience the magic of flight in the world's first mass-produced airliner!
- Flights in EAA's 1928 Ford Tri-Motor are \$70 per adult in advance (walk-up price is \$75), \$50 per child 17 and under.
- The Tri-Motor carries up to 10 passengers at a time, and every seat on the aircraft has a window. It is possible to reserve an entire flight of 10 passengers. We encourage passengers to bring cameras and camcorders on board
- **Short History of the Plane:** Liberty Aviation Museum's 1928 Ford Tri-Motor 5-AT-B, serial number 8, flew its first flight on December 1st, 1928. It was flown for Transcontinental and Western Air (TWA), Grand Canyon Airlines, Boulder Dam Tours, and Transportes Aereos del Continente Americano (simply known as TACA Airlines) throughout the 1930's and 1940's. In 1964 Reno, Nevada's very own William F. Harrah (of Harrah's Hotel and Casinos) purchased the aircraft and began an extensive 7 year restoration. After Harrah's death in 1978 NC9645 was auctioned off in June of 1986 to high bidder, Gary Norton of Athol, ID. Finally in February of 1990 the Evergreen Aviation and Space Museum in McMinnville, OR acquired the aircraft. There it remained in storage until 1996. In 2014 the aircraft was acquired by Ed Patrick and the Liberty Aviation Museum in Port Clinton, OH. Volunteers ferried the aircraft across the country to its new home. After further maintenance getting the aircraft tour-ready Liberty entered into a lease agreement with EAA, working together to tour the aircraft around the country!
- **Considerations for the plane ride:** An adult must accompany children under the age of 16. Children under the age of 2 can be carried free of charge in an adult's lap.
- **Accessibility of the plane**
Access to the airplane is easy and not normally a problem for elderly, large or mobility-limited people. Two normal-sized steps are used to enter the cabin. Seats are individual (no double seats) and separated by an aisle. Seatbelt extensions are available.
- **What is "EAA"**
The [Experimental Aircraft Association](#) is a nationwide organization of over 180,000 aircraft enthusiasts. The Ford Tri-Motor is a flying outreach component of the EAA AirVenture Museum based in Oshkosh, Wisconsin.
- **Contact information to book a flight, or any other questions:**
If you have further questions, please email flytheford@eaa.org or call 1-800-843-3612.