

President's Message

As of this writing, EAA's newly imagined, post-COVID 2021 AIRVENTURE begins in just hours, with record numbers of pre-sold tickets and aircraft inbound for the event. With much of the world's aviation enthusiasts in one place, it makes sense that AAHS should make plans to attend as well. We had decided a few months ago that AAHS would not attempt to attend Oshkosh in 2021, as we did not have the resources to plan and implement such a trip with other critical projects consuming our time.

We intend, however, to start planning now for the airshow season next year, and make AAHS a regular presence at a few key airshows around the country. Many AAHS members are already regulars at airshows and other aviation events, photographing aircraft, displaying aircraft, or participating in some way. Having an AAHS booth would give us the chance to meet AAHS members and share our passion with others who may not be aware of our organization.

Would you be interested in attending an aviation event representing AAHS? Would you enjoy meeting potential new members and sharing a story or two about your own aviation passion? Or maybe get a press pass and develop a write up (with photos) of an aviation event that includes an AAHS booth?

We have already begun to create the advertising materials and display items that would tell the AAHS story at an airshow. We have priced out booth space for various airshows, and the costs to ship materials to a venue. We also have discussed how best to staff booths at these aviation events.

Start your planning now if you'd like to be part of the 2022 AAHS AirVenture team! We are organizing housing and travel plans for those who will dedicate a couple of days supporting the AAHS booth. We would like to hear if you plan to attend EAA Airventure 2022 and could give a couple hours of volunteer time during your visit to Oshkosh.

Everyone is looking forward to getting back out to enjoying the sounds and smells of aircraft engines, the sight of history and innovation in the air. The AAHS wants to get out there, too. With a little planning and support from our members, we'll be out there together!

Jerri Bergen
AAHS President



Douglas A-20G, N747HS, owned by the Lewis Fighter Fleet and restored by AAHS board member Carl Scholl's Aero Trader, was the Grand Champion Warbird at AirVenture 2017.