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GE AVIATION SPONSORING ELECTRIC AIRCRAFT SYMPOSIUM AT EAA AIRVENTURE 2010

EAA AVIATION CENTER, OSHKOSH, Wis. — (June 4, 2010) — As part of its commitment to advancing electric flight, GE Aviation has agreed to sponsor the World Symposium on Electric Aircraft as well as the Aviation Learning Center, which will host a week full of activities devoted to the emerging era of electric-powered flight at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2010 being held July 26-August 1 at Wittman Regional Airport.

The day-long World Symposium on Electric Aircraft sponsored by GE Aviation, scheduled for Friday, July 30, will feature several influential industry leaders discussing electric propulsion aircraft in an open forum, offering what they envision is the future for this rapidly growing flight segment that is attracting the attention of scientists, engineers, manufacturers, and investors.

“We’re really excited about this electric aircraft partnership with EAA,” said Chet Fuller, GE Aviation president and scheduled speaker for the World Symposium on Electric Aircraft. “We believe the path to electric flight is through fundamental technologies, and the research and development GE is doing within those technologies include generation, distribution, energy storage and platform-level load management.”

Among the confirmed participants for the symposium are Scaled Composites founder Burt Rutan, FAA Administrator Randy Babbitt; Electric Aircraft Corporation founder Randall Fishman; Yuneec founder Tian Yu; Sonex Aircraft founder John Monnett; Earthstar Aircraft founder Mark Beierle (EAA #47579), who displayed his eGull ultralight aircraft at AirVenture 2009; as well as commercial pilot and flight instructor Erik Lindbergh, grandson of aviation pioneer Charles Lindbergh.

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Daily themed forums will be held at the Aviation Learning Center presented by GE Aviation on safety and airframes; motors, fuel cells, and propulsion; advanced batteries and controls; and regulations. The week will conclude with working sessions on Saturday, July 31.

Airplane concepts and active prototypes will be on display throughout the week capped off by with special flight demonstrations to showcase these aircraft.

If you'd like to register to attend the free symposium or participate in the event's forums or presentations, contact Kelly Meyer at EAA headquarters at kmeyer@eaa.org or 920-426-4800.

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