

MORE information about the 1929 Ford Tri-Motor which EAA Chapter 106 is hosting at the Lawrence Municipal Airport on June 20-23, 2013:

Local EAA Chapter 106 is bringing the museum to the public!

Most rare aircraft hang from the ceiling of a museum or sit behind a rope. We are hosting a four-day National tour stop of a fully restored museum aircraft, a 1929 Ford Tri-Motor, June 20-23 at the Lawrence Municipal Airport. This is a living artifact which the public can not only watch it fly but have the opportunity to actually take a local sightseeing flight in it! Ticket discount if purchased by June 19 at: www.FLYtheFORD.org

This aircraft was the **first** all-metal airliner - and the **first** mass produced airliner

It was designed and built by The Ford Motor Corporation.

With only 10 passenger seats, every seat has a huge window – and every seat is an aisle seat.

Prior to the Tri-Motor, the first airlines were created flying larger wood and fabric planes whose mission was to fly mail. Since mail was the priority, not people, if people wanted to travel, they did so in small wood & fabric planes or flew sitting on the mailbags. **The Ford Tri-Motor** changed that when Henry Ford believed there was a business for ferrying people, not just mail. His vision was that all-metal planes with three engines for reliability would inspire more public acceptance and travel by air.

Some additional "firsts" associated with Ford Tri-Motors:

First paved runways **First** airport hotel **First** in-flight meals

Many airlines we know of were started because of the Tri-Motor,

including **Eastern (flew from Boston)**, TWA, & more.

btw -- Did you know that TWA started out meaning "Transcontinental and Western Air", not "Trans World Airways"?

NorthWest, American Airlines, United Airlines, PanAm, Alaska Airlines, & others used the Ford Tri-Motor, too.

Franklin Roosevelt also flew aboard a Ford Tri-Motor in 1932 during his presidential campaign - rather than just by train for "whistle stops".

On a Tri-Motor & train plan laid out and overseen by **Charles Lindbergh**, this was the first time people could travel **coast-to-coast in only 48 hours!**

Here is a 3-part newsreel from that time about this new service:

Part 1 - http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vowvQxM9_g8

Part 2 - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JArADO80Tg8>

Part 3 - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XtlvfVWnsmM>

There are also some photos at the Boston Public Library of Tri-Motors in Boston:

1 - **Amelia Earhart** arrives at East Boston Airport in a Ford Tri-Motor (probably 1929 Air Tour)

http://www.flickr.com/photos/boston_public_library/5964142706/

btw – read “Promoting Aviation” at http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Amelia_Earhart

2 - New England and Western Air "New" Ford Tri-Motor

http://www.flickr.com/photos/boston_public_library/5863902628/

EAA Chapter 106, a 501(c)(3) educational aviation public charity, has approximately 200 members throughout New England and has a hangar at the Lawrence Municipal Airport. EAA106 hosts monthly aviation seminars and presentations covering a wide array of topics, hosts New England tour stops of the EAA Museum's WWII B-17 and 1929 Ford Tri-Motor, hosts an annual fly-in with ~ a dozen free seminars, organizes the NorthEast LSA (Light Sport Aircraft) Expo, flies youth (ages 8-17) for free “Young Eagle” flight experiences, and awards an annual youth scholarship. For more about EAA106, go to: <http://www.106.eaachapter.org/about.htm>