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!!! SPECIAL NOTICE !!! **Pancake Breakfast, July 3rd At Sport Flyers Airport, 8:30am**

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July Pancake Breakfast / Fly-In / Flour Bombing Extravaganza!!

We are having a pancake breakfast/fly-in/flour bombing event on Saturday July 3 at Milholland's hangar at Sport Flyers. Serving begins at 8:30 AM and flying commences as soon as the first flapjacks are consumed. This event also serves as the July meeting.

CONGRATULATIONS – SPACESHIPONE REACHES SPACE!

Aircraft designer Rutan, X-Prize officials coming to EAA AirVenture next month

June 21, 2004 - The homebuilt aircraft movement reached unprecedented heights Monday, as the Burt Rutan-designed SpaceShipOne became the first civilian aircraft to reach outer space, as fellow EAA member Mike Melvill piloted the craft to 100 kilometers above the earth's surface. That altitude (approximately 62 miles) is generally regarded as the end of Earth's atmosphere and the beginning of space.

EAA President Tom Poberezny immediately sent congratulations to Rutan (EAA #26033), Melvill (EAA #53387) and the entire SpaceShipOne project team.

"This is an incredible achievement, as it is another successful step toward the ultimate Ansari X-Prize goal," Poberezny said. "We are very proud of Burt Rutan, Mike Melvill and everyone involved. It is especially gratifying to us as these individuals began their flight innovation in the homebuilt movement and have been part of EAA for more than 30 years."

SpaceShipOne was lifted to nearly 50,000 feet by the "White Knight" aircraft, at which point the two aircraft separated and Melvill ignited SpaceShipOne's rocket engine. After reaching speeds approaching Mach 3, Melvill's craft climbed past 100 kilometers and then descended back to the Mojave, Calif., airport from where the trip began.

"It was a mind-blowing experience, it really was -- absolutely an awesome thing," Melvill said to the media after landing.

Rutan is scheduled to participate at EAA AirVenture this year, as he has for the past three decades. He and, hopefully, Melvill will be at AirVenture Oshkosh '04. They will be arriving in Bob Scherer's Beech Starship, and the aircraft will be parked on Aeroshell Square. This aircraft is only one of four that is still in private hands. In addition, it is the official chase aircraft for Burt's Tier One Program (White Knight/Spaceship One).



Mike Melvill is jubilant as he climbs out of SpaceShipOne following Monday's successful flight to 100 kilometers above Earth's surface.

EAA To Resume `Salute To Veterans' B-17 Tour at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh

"Wings of Eagles" Steps In, Offers Use of *Fuddy Duddy*



Through a special arrangement finalized this week, a well-known B-17 bomber will return to the sky and allow EAA's popular national B-17 tour to resume beginning at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2004. The return comes less than three months after the tour was temporarily halted when a landing gear malfunction sidelined EAA's B-17 *Aluminum Overcast*. The "Salute to Veterans" tour will continue with the famed B-17G *Fuddy Duddy*, which will fly through an EAA partnership with the Wings of Eagles Discovery Center (formerly the National Warplane Museum) of Elmira, New York. The museum's B-17 will fly during EAA AirVenture July 27-August 2 at Wittman Regional Airport in Oshkosh, then pick up the regularly scheduled late summer and fall tour stops throughout the country.