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Time Machines Really Do Exist!

William B. Stout was a true visionary who was determined to design the first all-metal passenger airplane in the early 1920's. He was able to convince 19 businessmen to invest \$1000 each in his new venture and famously said, "For your thousand dollars you will get one definite promise: you will never get your money back!" Fortunately two of his investors were Henry and Edsel Ford, who eventually purchased his Stout Metal Airplane Company in 1925.

Between 1926 and 1933 the Ford Motor Company's new Aircraft Division in Dearborn, Michigan manufactured 199 Tri-Motor airplanes. Nicknamed the "Tin Goose", these

airplanes were outrageously expensive for the time and averaged around \$40,000 each, but they revolutionized and virtually started the commercial passenger airline industry. Over 100 airlines, the US Army Air Corps, Marines, Navy, and the Royal Canadian Air Force also used Ford Tri-Motors.

Other pioneering services credited to the Ford Tri-Motors include the first transcontinental passenger flights from New York to Los Angeles in 48 hours in 1929, and being the first all-metal passenger airliner, Ford marketed the airplanes as "the safest airliner in the world." At one time Ford was reputedly the largest manufacture of commercial



Original VFR Panel of Ford Tri-Motor 5-AT-74, N414H. Radio and transponder are modern but straight forward and simple.

airplanes in the world!

Of the 199 Ford Tri-Motors ever built, there are only six known Ford's still flying, and we are fortunate to have probably the most famous one; a 1929 5-AT-CS, serial number 74, N414H. Come check it out!

Tri-Motor Type Rating Now Available!

Do you want to travel back in time, literally? Do you close your eyes and dream of taking the controls of the world's first, all-metal commercial airliner; the Ford Tri-Motor? Well wait no longer because your dreams can now come true! In January 2008 after more than a fifteen year hiatus, the rare opportunity to get a type rating in the famous 1929

Ford Tri-Motor N414H is available once again. Operated in beautiful Northern Arizona near the Grand Canyon or near Las Vegas in Southern Nevada, you'll have no excuse, and can make it a true vacation! Second-In-Command experiences are also available for a very affordable price. This would make a wonderful gift. We hold selective classes limited to

no more than three lucky applicants at a time for this very intimate experience. Be a part of history and schedule your memory today! This is the only Ford Tri-Motor in the world to offer this special experience! Join us and take part in this rare chance-in-a-lifetime! Read more details about the type rating program on page 3 of this newsletter.



Who could possibly blow out 80 candles? But we'll celebrate and try anyway!

Ford Tri-Motor N414H Celebrates 80 Years!

If our Ford could talk, the stories she would tell! First flown on September 4, 1929, N414H will be celebrating its 80th anniversary this year. This very special airplane has a remarkable history. First used as Ford's factory demonstrator, N414H was put on an experimental certificate and utilized on straight floats on the Detroit River. She was sold to PanAm in 1931 and flew scheduled routes from Miami, FL to Central America. From 1935 to 1950 she stayed south

of the border working in Mexico and Guatemala with several operators except for a brief return to PanAm for one year. In 1950 she returned back to the States and was outfitted to spray bug pesticide and smoke jumpers in Choteau, MT. After several more owners, Johnny and Katherine Louck bought and barnstormed the Ford and flew more than 100,000 passengers! Chuck LeMaster also owned the airplane and also barnstormed the airplane for years. Current

owner, John Seibold, acquired N414H in 1977 and has used the airplane for promoting aviation and air tours at Grand Canyon. It has been used for too many special missions to name here as well as starring in movies and commercials. It flew in the National Air Tour 2003. After a special invitation from the Ford Motor Company to celebrate its 100 year centennial, it was privileged to return to the original Ford Airport in Dearborn after leaving 73 years earlier! WOW!



"It was incredible! Thanks for keeping the Ford alive and making this experience possible!" Greg Herrick

Greg Herrick - A Modern Day Pioneer!

It was only fitting that after taking a 15 year break from giving type ratings in N414H, the first person to receive his type rating in this special airplane was Mr. Greg Herrick. Greg is a TRUE modern-day aviation pioneer and enthusiast. He is a recognized leader and well-respected expert and collector of antique aircraft.

Greg is the President of Aviation Foundation of America. He is also the founder of Historic Aviation Magazine, Aircraft Owner. He also serves on many boards and associations. Greg owns one of the finest collection of antique aircraft in the world, including Tri-Motor NC1099. When we resurrected the Type Rating

program Greg was first in line. "I have spent the better part of my adult life pursuing the rarest, most exhilarating aviation experiences. Few things compare to the type rating experience in the Ford Tri-Motor. It was absolutely incredible! Thanks for keeping the Ford alive and making this experience possible!" Greg Herrick

New Grand Canyon Valle Airpark Development



Grand Canyon Valle Airpark is the newest airport community in AZ.

After years of careful planning, the newest Airpark Community in Arizona is now underway. The Grand Canyon Valle Airpark (40G) is perfectly located just 25 miles south of the most beautiful real estate on the planet - the Grand Canyon National Park! This spectacular development boasts 88 spa-

cious lots, including well water, full underground utilities, water treatment (not septic), and most importantly, airport access for those enthusiasts who want to taxi directly into their own hangars! Northern Arizona offers four seasons and is home to some of our most special national parks, monu-

ments, and recreation areas all within 250 miles. Flagstaff, AZ (home of Northern Arizona University) is the largest city in Northern Arizona and is just 50 miles away. For more information, contact Norm Gobeil at Valle Airport (928) 635-5280 or visit www.valleairport.com.

Ford Tri-Motor Type Rating Program Details

Come and join a very small and exclusive club of individuals with "FO-5" on the back of your ticket! Our special FAA authorized VFR Type Ratings are extremely friendly and fun! The program is generally accomplished in 6 flight hours which includes the 1 hour FAA approved check-ride. Minimum requirements include a private pilot certificate with an instrument and multi-engine land rating, along with tail wheel and multi-engine proficiency. A minimum 3rd class

medical certificate is also required. The PIC program in affordably priced at \$10,900 and includes everything you will need, such as flight training manual, ground school, five hours of flight training, and a one hour check-ride. If additional flight time is required or desired, this can be accommodated at the additional discounted rate of \$1900 / flight hour. A successful completion of the type rating also counts as a biannual flight review! We also offer a special SIC

(Second In Command) check-out experience from the right seat for \$2900, which includes flight training manual, ground school, and two hours at the controls flying in dual instruction in the Ford. Instructor Captain Bryan Godlove and our designated examiners are true professionals dedicated to working with a variety of levels of experience and helping make your dreams come true to get that "FO-5" stamped on your ticket! See more on page six of this newsletter.



Doug, Bryan, Greg, and John. Now bring your buddies and fly the Ford!

Thunder Over the Coconino Fly-In / Car Show

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! Saturday, August 29, 2009 is the date set for the greatest aviation event in Northern Arizona. This year marks the 5th Annual "Thunder Over the Coconino" fly-in and car show event at the Grand Canyon Valle Airport (40G). Come join us for a great day which includes airplane rides in the

historic 1929 Ford Tri-Motor, or an original North American P-51 Mustang. Or perhaps a ride in a helicopter is your thing! And you can't miss some of the most spectacular automobiles in the State as the car clubs make their trek to the high-country for a terrific static display. Attendance includes access to the Air Museum

Planes of Fame as well as the historic Wings & Wheels museum and collection. Great vendors and food will make this a day you won't soon forget. For more information about the Thunder Over the Coconino event, call 928 635 5280 or send email questions to info@valleairport.com or visit our website directly.

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John Seibold - Owner Valle Airport (40G)

AvFuel Continues to Sponsor Ford Tri-Motor

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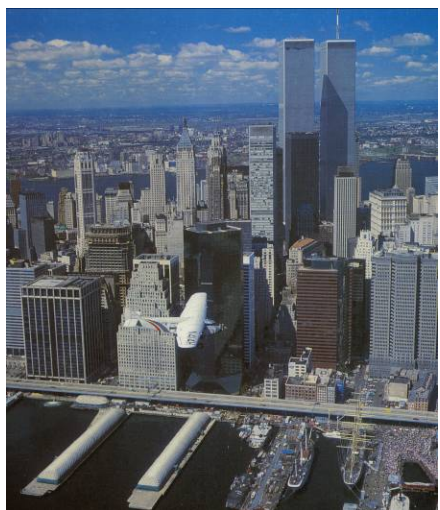
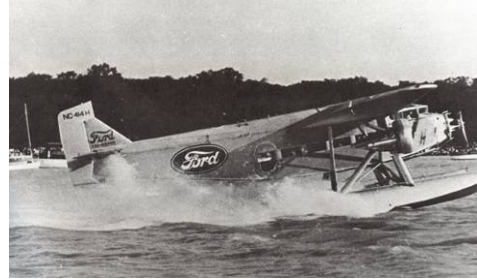
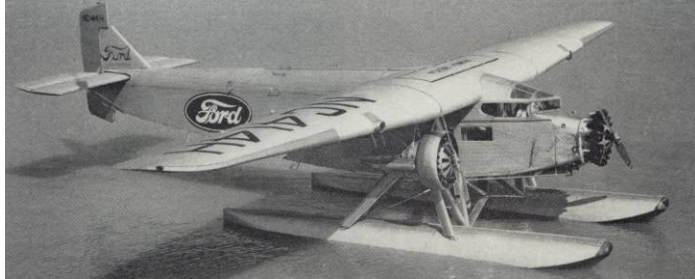
sor our fleet of historic aircraft, including Ford Tri-Motor N414H. AvFuel has consistently been voted #1 Fuel Brand year after year by pilots in annual Professional Pilot magazine PHRASE surveys and has the best AvTrip Loyalty Program in the country. "I've been involved in aviation

my entire life and I have never dealt with such a professional fuel company such as the AvFuel Corporation. I have bought and sold millions of gallons of fuel over the last 50 years, and AvFuel is by far the best I have ever worked with." - John Seibold, Owner Grand Canyon Valle Airport



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Photo Gallery of Ford Tri-Motor N414H



Tri-Motor Type Rating Alumni: Class 08-09



Captain Greg Herrick



Captain Doug Conciatu



Bryan Godlove, Jim Wells, Bill Crawford, and Jim Ward



Captain Tom Logan



Captain Tracy & Ray Forrest



Captain Foster Bachschmidt - 19 years old!

Likely the youngest person ever to receive a type rating in the Ford Tri-Motor!
“The entire trip was the experience of a lifetime. Thank You for exceptional instruction and the unique opportunity to fly a piece of History.”



Captain Mike McComb

Mike’s day job is flying tourists over the spectacular Grand Canyon. He is the Chief Pilot for Grand Canyon Airlines, the world’s oldest air tour operation operating since 1927. “Getting a type rating in the Ford is a dream come true! I have never had so much fun and Bryan Godlove, John Seibold, and the entire Valle Airport team are truly the best! Thank you so much!”

Grand Canyon Valle Airport 1929 Ford Tri-Motor N414H

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are Cleared for Takeoff!

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During your visit to Grand Canyon, be sure to include a visit to the Valle Airport which has some virtually undiscovered treasures of privately owned vintage aircraft and vehicles on display. The world famous Air Museum Planes of Fame has a wonderful collection, including many early Scenic Airways and Grand Canyon Airlines aircraft, a great collection rare war birds, as well as General MacArthur's Lockheed C-121A Constellation among others. And Valle Airport is also a great fuel stop for you as you fly across Northern Arizona with Grand Canyon vacation packages available. We welcome your visit and look forward to meeting you!



Tri-Motor Captain Bryan Godlove's Message



(Above) Bryan and Bernie Godlove.

(Below) Bryan and Kelby Godlove.

Dear Future Ford Tri-Motor Captain,

I hope you will agree with me that true joy in life is found in finding new challenges and reaching for new achievements. We need to continually work to improve our skills and experiences and never take anything for granted, whether it is flying a DC3, B-25, B-17 or a historic Ford Tri-Motor! I've been very blessed in life to have some extremely choice experiences in aviation, and some of the most enjoyable times I have ever had in an airplane has been in N414H. My father Bernie Godlove flew this special airplane for years and used to give type ratings in it. He shared it with me when I was a very young boy. I was so fortunate to be one of the youngest pilots ever to get my type rating in a Ford Tri-Motor nearly 25 years ago. Since then I've been able to fly and share this airplane with my son, as well as with thousands of other people around the country who have shared fond memories with me. At my day job, I have the great opportunity to fly the "leading edge of technology" like the Boeing 777, but my true

passion is flying the "trailing edge of technology" in the Ford Tri-Motor. There is something very special about the Ford that you need to experience to understand. Please come join us!

And if you are like me, you also might be deeply concerned about the constant threat to our liberties and ability to enjoy general aviation and freedom to just FLY! It seems like every year there are more and more rules and restrictions that hamper our ability to enjoy and share our passion with others. I hope you'll join us and do all we can to help keep these airplanes flying and share them with many generations to come. Let's all hope for strong tailwinds in the future. Now let's go fly! - Captain Bryan Godlove

