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B-17 Aluminum Overcast Press Flights

City of Manassas, VA . . . The Experimental Aircraft Association, Chapter 186, which operates out of the Manassas Regional Airport, will host the B-17 Aluminum Overcast Airplane from Oct. 23-27. On Oct. 24 at 1:30 p.m. members of the press are welcome to climb aboard and experience a half hour flight for themselves and step back in time to 1945. Along with the aircraft, there will be five WWII veterans flying with the press and willing to be interviewed either in the air or on the ground at the airport. Their bios are attached. If you would like to fly in the B-17 Aluminum Overcast, please contact Patty Prince at your earliest convenience to reserve your seat as space is limited.

The inspection protocol for this airplane is at an equivalent level to commercial air operations. Inspections occur every day prior to flight, as well as deeper inspections every 25 hours of flight and major inspections at 125 hours of flight. The required annual inspection looks at every function of the airplane to make sure it is performing at the highest level. Mechanics are required to have special, specific training on B-17 aircraft. Pilots each have thousands of hours piloting time prior to applying to be a B-17 pilot, with extensive flying experience in multi-engine aircraft and tailwheel aircraft, and long experience in airline, corporate and/or military flying.

The purpose of these flights is to bring living history to people throughout the country and to bring an understanding of the role of aviation in the history of this nation. For more information about flights for the public, visit <http://eaa186.org>.

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