



Evergreen Aviation Museum
The Captain Michael King Smith Educational Institute

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Evergreen Aviation Museum Unveils Miniature Aircraft from Award Winning Film *The Aviator*

World Class Aviation Museum Adds a Bit of Hollywood to Its Collection During Memorial Day Weekend

MCMINNVILLE, Ore.— May 27, 2005 - What seemed like life-size aircraft in the Academy Award nominated film, *The Aviator*, are really miniatures. Two bi-planes that were used in the *Hells Angels*-filming sequence, the Howard Hughes' XF-11 plane used prior to the Beverly Hills crash sequence and a motion-controlled *Spruce Goose*, will be unveiled for visitors to enjoy during Memorial Day weekend. The miniature models will join the growing collection of aircraft on exhibit as a part of regular museum admission.

Initial Entertainment Group (Initial) of Los Angeles, has donated several miniature sets and aircraft from the movie, as well as full-scale cockpit mockups to the McMinnville, Oregon museum.

“We feel very fortunate to be adding a piece of Hollywood to our display at the Evergreen Aviation Museum. Initial has made a very significant contribution to our museum in providing us with these miniature creations,” said Darrell Kuelpman, Executive Director.

Initial contracted with New Deal Studios of Los Angeles to create the “miniatures”, which have wingspans of six to 25 feet.

Included in the donation, along with the miniature aircraft, were several production sets from *The Aviator*. Scheduled for future unveilings are: the detailed *Spruce Goose* flight deck, the Sikorsky cockpit and cabin, the *Hell's Angels* camera plane cockpit and the XF-11 reconnaissance aircraft cockpit. The museum also plans to display the miniature set that illustrates the *Spruce Goose* under construction in the Cargo Building at the Hughes Aircraft Plant in Culver City, California.

The Evergreen Aviation Museum is best known as the home of the world's largest wooden airplane, the *Spruce Goose*, SR-71 *Blackbird* and Grumman F6F-3 *Hellcat*. In addition, there are more than 60 historic aircraft and exhibits on display, along with artwork, traveling displays, the newly remodeled Spruce Goose Café and the museum store. The Evergreen Aviation Museum's

hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., daily except when it is closed for Thanksgiving, Christmas Day, New Year's Day and Easter. The Museum is located at 500 NE Captain Michael King Smith Way, across the highway from the McMinnville Airport and about three miles southeast of McMinnville, Ore., on Highway 18. Regular visitor admission is required. Call (503) 434-4180 for more information, and visit www.sprucegoose.org.

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Memorial Day Weekend Event Schedule

Friday, May 27th

- 9:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m. Miniature models from *The Aviator* on display
SR-71 cockpit viewing and *Spruce Goose* cargo deck viewing
Children's Interactivity Center open
- 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. B-17 Walk-thrus (\$3/person)
- 11:00 a.m. Docent-led guided tours
- 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Evergreen Vineyards wine tasting
- 2:00 p.m. Docent-led guided tours
- 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. United States Marine Corps Band of San Diego free concert

Saturday, May 28th

- 9:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m. Miniature models from *The Aviator* on display
SR-71 cockpit viewing and *Spruce Goose* cargo deck viewing
Children's Interactivity Center open
- 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. B-17 Walk-thrus (\$3/person)
- 11:00 a.m. Docent-led guided tours
- 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Evergreen Vineyards wine tasting
- 12:00 p.m. Captain Russell Barney "B-17 Combat Crew Operations"
- 1:00 p.m. Linda Stockton lecture regarding her documentary film *My Heroes and Their Ladies in Waiting*
- 2:00 p.m. Docent-led guided tours

Sunday, May 29th

- 9:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m. Miniature models from *The Aviator* on display
SR-71 cockpit viewing and *Spruce Goose* cargo deck viewing
Children's Interactivity Center open
- 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. B-17 Walk-thrus (\$3/person)
- 11:00 a.m. Docent-led guided tours
- 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Evergreen Vineyards wine tasting
- 2:00 p.m. Docent-led guided tours

Monday, May 30th

- 9:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m. Miniature models from *The Aviator* on display
SR-71 cockpit viewing and *Spruce Goose* cargo deck viewing
Children's Interactivity Center open
- 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. B-17 Walk-thrus (\$3/person)
- 11:00 a.m. Docent-led guided tours
- 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Evergreen Vineyards wine tasting
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