

Learn from the best

We've gathered the top aviation experts in one spot

YOU ASKED FOR MORE from your AOPA Fly-In. We listened. The 2017 fly-ins will be our best yet, with expanded programming and lots of new opportunities for you to connect with fellow

aviators, deepen your skills, and grow your aviation experience. Friday workshops (tuition fees apply) and Saturday seminars (free) are led by renowned aviation speakers.

With AOPA medical specialist Gary Crump, maintenance experts Adrian Eichhorn and Mike Busch, industry leaders such as Jeppesen's Slim Morgan and Garmin's Michael Kussatz, aviation

luminaries such as retired Navy Cmdr. Kirk Lippold, and AOPA standouts such as Chris Moser and ADS-B guru Mike Collins, we've got you covered. See the full weekend schedule on page R-8.

AOPA PRESIDENT

MARK BAKER

An owner of multiple aircraft, Mark Baker works daily to ensure GA stays safe, strong, and accessible. He'll be presenting a Pilot Town Hall meeting, updating attendees on the advocacy work of the association, and taking questions from the audience.
Saturday 2 p.m.



LISA BAINTER

An escrow agent for the past five years, Bainter works exclusively with AOPA members.
Saturday 9 a.m.



STEVE BATEMAN

AOPA's director of the You Can Fly flying clubs initiative.
Saturday 12 p.m.



PAT BROWN

AOPA's You Can Fly Ambassador for the Texas area.
Saturday 1 p.m.



MIKE BUSCH

Mike Busch's company Savvy Aviation helps aircraft owners keep their favorite ride in tip-top shape. Busch is a regular columnist for *AOPA Pilot*.
Friday Workshop
Saturday 12 p.m.



CATHERINE CAVAGNARO

An expert on spins, stalls, and going upside-down in an aircraft, Cavagnaro is the owner of Ace Aerobatic School in Sewanee, Tennessee.
Saturday 11 a.m.



MIKE COLLINS

AOPA's technical editor, Collins is the association's leader in ADS-B information. He writes a monthly column for *AOPA Pilot* on ADS-B.
Saturday 11 a.m.



JOHN COLLINS

AOPA's manager of aviation safety programs.
Saturday 12 p.m.



GERRY CREAGER

Research associate with the National Severe Storm Laboratory.
Saturday 1 p.m.



GARY CRUMP

AOPA's director of medical certification, Crump is an expert on aviation-related medical issues and is a private pilot.
Saturday 10 a.m.



ROBERT DELAURENTIS

DeLaurentis is a noted speaker and author on safety and other aspects of aviation.
Friday Workshop



SCOTT DIMMICH

Meteorologist with Sirius XM.
Saturday 10 a.m.



ADRIAN EICHHORN

The 2016 Maintenance Technician of the Year, Eichhorn enjoys finding out what's going on inside an aircraft engine.
Friday Workshop
Saturday 12 p.m.



JIMMY GIST

Air Boss of the Texas STOL Roundup since its inception. His wife, Sally, will serve as the Mini Boss.
Saturday 9 a.m.



JIM KOEPNICK

An award-winning aviation photographer, Koepnick has 30-plus years as a leader in aviation photography.
Friday Workshop



GEORGE KOUNIS

The *Pilot Getaways* publisher founded the magazine with his late brother, John, to share their experiences flying GA across the country.
Friday Workshop



MICHAEL KUSSATZ

Garmin's Kussatz has 24 years of experience in aircraft maintenance and modification sales and program management.
Saturday 1 p.m.



KIRK LIPPOLD

Former commander of the *USS Cole* and noted aviation speaker.
Saturday 1 p.m.



JOLIE LUCAS

As a Mooney owner, psychotherapist, private pilot, and founder of two grassroots general aviation service groups, Lucas is a passionate advocate for GA.
Friday Workshop



JANET MAXWELL

Co-owner of Don Maxwell Aviation Services in Texas, Maxwell has more than 1,300 flight hours.
Friday Workshop



JOHN MCKENNA

Founder and president of the Recreational Aviation Foundation (RAF).
Saturday 1 p.m.



RICHARD MCSPADEN

Executive director of the AOPA Air Safety Institute.
Saturday 9 a.m.



SLIM MORGAN

Morgan is the general aviation senior manager for the Americas, Asia, and Pacific at Jeppesen.
Saturday 12 p.m.



CHRIS MOSER

The director of AOPA's flight training initiative leads the association's Rusty Pilots initiative.
Saturday 9 a.m.; 10 a.m.; 11 a.m.



PAUL NEW

In 1989, New purchased Tennessee Aircraft Services Inc. from his father and specializes in structural repairs and routine maintenance.
Friday Workshop



RAINIER FLIGHT SERVICE

This Seattle-based FBO is renowned for its expert flight instruction. Rainier is the largest flight school in western Washington.
Friday Workshop



STEVEN ROTH

Manager of ForeFlight's Pilot Support team and an avid pilot.
Saturday 11 a.m.



ERIC RUSH

AOPA's director of project management and lead of flight planning products.
Saturday 10 a.m.



STEVE ROBINSON

Teaches sea-plane ratings in a Lake Amphibian at Oklahoma's Grand Lake.
Saturday 9 a.m.



BENNETT SNOWDEN

Director of Operations for Aero-Space Reports.
Saturday 9 a.m.



MIKE VIVION

Former wildlife biologist/pilot for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.
Saturday 9 a.m.



PHIL WHITTEMORE

Winner of the Texas STOL Roundup Obstacle STOL event.
Saturday 9 a.m.



KEN WITTEKIEND

Founder of ProMark Aviation Services, Burnet, Texas.
Saturday 9 a.m.



TOUR THE NATIONAL WEATHER CENTER

AOPA will offer tours of the National Weather Center (NWC) on Friday of the fly-in weekend. NWC is of particular interest to pilots because it is home to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) Storm Prediction Center, which forecasts weather around the clock; the National Severe Storms Laboratory, which works to improve forecasts and warnings of severe weather; the Nexrad Radar Operations Center; and the National Weather Service's Norman, Oklahoma, forecast office. Tours of the 244,000-square-foot NWC facility will be offered throughout the day on Friday as well as an intensive all-day workshop on Understanding Aviation Weather (pre-registration required; tuition fees apply). AOPA will provide transportation to and from the Westheimer Airport on Friday for both the all-day workshop and tours. See the website for more information.
www.aopa.org/koun17

