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NEWSLETTER -

JULY 2026

AirVenture 2026 at Oshkosh!

FAN will be well represented at AirVenture 2026 in Oshkosh, the world's largest aviation event, July 20-26.

EAA WomenVenture has once again donated a coveted booth to FAN for this year's event. You can find us in the "AIR-CONDITIONED" EAA WomenVenture Center on Knapp Street, between EAA Press Headquarters and the Forums and Workshops area.



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**EAA AIRVENTURE
OSHKOSH
2026**

The graphic features a collage of aviation-themed elements. At the top, the text "WORLD'S GREATEST AVIATION CELEBRATION®" is written in a large, bold, red serif font. Below this, the dates "JULY 20-26" are centered between three stars. The background is a light yellow with a subtle grid pattern. Several aircraft are depicted: a biplane on the left, a modern fighter jet on the right, and a large propeller-driven plane in the center. In the foreground, there is a dark blue t-shirt with a circular logo that says "FREEDOM AVIATION NETWORK" and a black baseball cap with a similar logo. The bottom of the graphic has a dark blue banner with white text that reads "GET YOUR FREE FAN CAP OR SHIRT!". To the right of the banner is the "EAA AIRVENTURE OSHKOSH 2026" logo, which includes the EAA logo and the year "2026" in a large, bold, red font.

Are You Going to OSHKOSH 2026? We'd Love Your Help!

If you'll be at AirVenture this year, sign up for a booth shift with Freedom Aviation Network. It's a fun way to meet fellow aviators, share our mission, and introduce others to how FAN is helping survivors of human trafficking by providing free air transportation through our network of volunteer pilots.

[Sign Up Here](#)

No experience is necessary. We'll make sure you have everything you need to confidently share FAN's mission. Volunteer for one or more booth shifts and receive your choice of a FAN cap or T-shirt as our way of saying thank you.

We hope you'll stop by, say hello, and join us in sharing our mission... *For the One*.

FAN Presentations at Oshkosh



FAN: Pilots Providing Hope

Howard Kohnstamm

Thursday, July 23, 2026, 2:30 PM-3:45 PM CDT
Workshop Classroom B

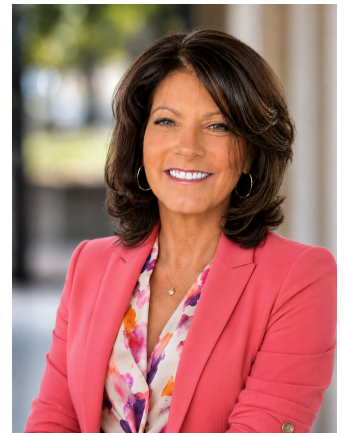
[Learn More](#)

For the One: Using Aviation to Fight Human Trafficking

Paula Swift & Debbie Owen

Saturday, July 25, 2026, 10:00 AM-11:15 AM CDT

EAA WomenVenture Center on Knapp Street, between EAA Press Headquarters and the Forums and Workshops area.



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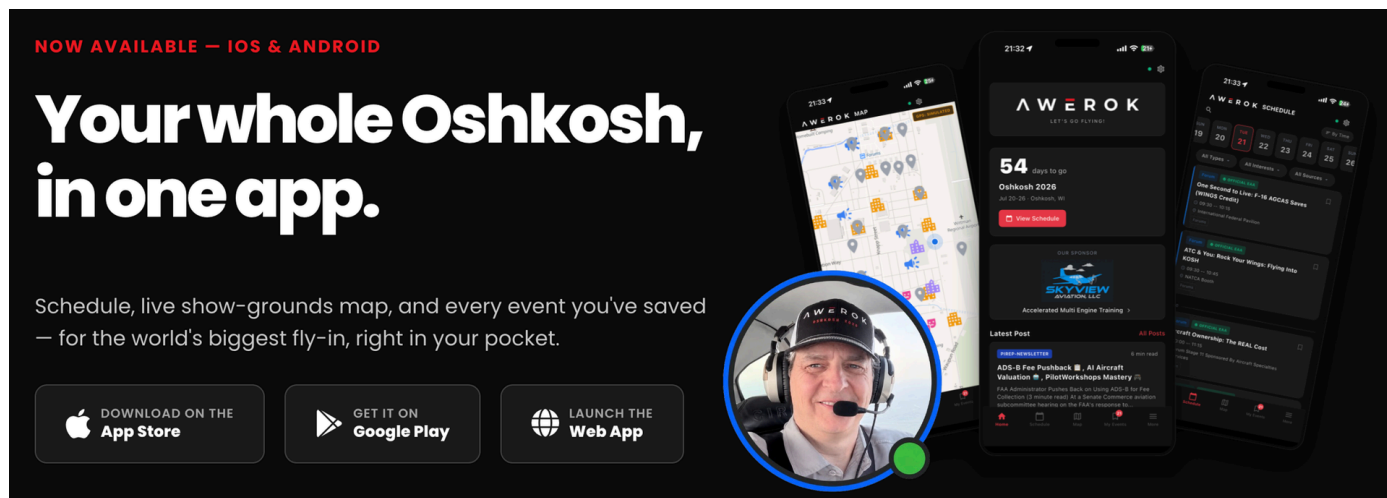
A Must-Have for Oshkosh!

FAN volunteer Brad Young has done something remarkable. Brad became frustrated that there wasn't a good app for AirVenture, so he created one himself!

"I'm a pilot, and I've built software for 30 years. Every year, I fly into the world's biggest fly-in at Oshkosh, and every year, I fight the same problems: no real map, no way to see what my crew was up to, and no good way to find the events I actually cared about. So I built the app I always wanted. It's called AWEROK. It's free on iPhone and Android, and the schedule and map even work offline. Take a look, and if you're headed to OSH this year, grab it at <https://awerok.com/app>."

Get the App

More proof that we have some remarkably talented people volunteering and working with FAN.

A promotional banner for the AWEROK app. On the left, text reads "NOW AVAILABLE — IOS & ANDROID" in red, followed by "Your whole Oshkosh, in one app." in large white font. Below this, it says "Schedule, live show-grounds map, and every event you've saved — for the world's biggest fly-in, right in your pocket." Three buttons are shown: "DOWNLOAD ON THE App Store", "GET IT ON Google Play", and "LAUNCH THE Web App". On the right, three smartphone screens display the app's features: a map of Oshkosh, a list of 54 days to go for Oshkosh 2026, and a schedule for the event. A circular inset shows a man wearing a headset and the AWEROK logo on his shirt, smiling.

Mission Story

We've had several recent missions, but this one stood out in a remarkable way.

Amy, an advocate with Scarlet Rope and a survivor of human trafficking herself, accompanied one of our VIPs on her journey to safety. After the mission, she shared these heartfelt reflections:

"Today, I had the incredible privilege of experiencing Freedom Aviation Network, and I don't think I'll ever forget it.

As a survivor of sex trafficking, being able to walk alongside another woman on her journey to safety was deeply personal. She was terrified to fly, so we held hands, talked, prayed, and I reminded her that she was safe. Little by little, her fear began to settle.

When we landed, I watched something beautiful happen. She realized she had just done something she never thought she could do. More importantly, she had arrived in a safe place where healing could begin. Witnessing that moment was an honor I can't put into

words.

On the flight back, I was invited to sit in the co-pilot's seat. As I looked out over the clouds, I couldn't help but think about how faithful God is. He truly redeems every part of our story. The very places of our deepest pain can become places where He allows us to bring hope and healing to someone else.

I'm so grateful for the incredible crew who gave their time, talents, and hearts to serve. Their kindness, professionalism, and compassion made such an impact, not only on her, but on me as well.

God uses ordinary people to do extraordinary things when they are willing to say "yes." Today was a beautiful reminder that He is still rescuing, still restoring, and still writing redemption stories every single day.

To everyone at Freedom Aviation Network, thank you for allowing me to be a small part of something so much bigger than myself. I'll carry this experience with me for a lifetime."



Special thanks to FAN volunteer pilot **Michael Spurgeon** for once again answering the call and caring so well for our VIP. We're also grateful to our partner agencies, **Trafficking Hope** and **Scarlet Rope**, for the trust they place in FAN and for the compassionate advocates who walk beside survivors every step of the way.

This mission was made possible because FAN staff and supporters, a dedicated volunteer pilot, and two partner agencies came together with one shared purpose... ***For the One.***

Aero Crew News Article

FAN founder Stephanie Lamar wrote an article that was featured on the cover of the June issue of *Aero Crew News*, a monthly digital aviation magazine and career resource created for crew members by pilots.

In the article, Stephanie shares how her love of aviation began and how that first flight set her on a path toward both a career in aviation and a calling to help survivors of human trafficking.

[Read it Here](#)



for the one ✈️

by Stephanie Lamar

**For the One: A Pilot's Journey from
Passion to Purpose**



Summer of Freedom Campaign

FAN's Summer of Freedom campaign was a tremendous success!

Because of your generosity, compassion, and willingness to stand with survivors, FAN will continue providing safe, compassionate air transportation for survivors of human trafficking seeking safety, shelter, healing, and hope.



Support Survivors

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SUMMER OF FREEDOM

THANK YOU!

for helping us reach our goal!

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Together, we surpassed our Summer of Freedom goal of \$10,000, raising an incredible \$14,930 and helping ensure that FAN can continue answering the call when survivors need us most.

To everyone who donated, shared our posts, encouraged others to give, or followed along throughout the campaign, thank you for being part of this mission. We truly could not do this without you.

While the campaign has ended, the need continues.

DONATE HERE

Advocate Spotlight: Harmony

Harmony has been a trusted friend and partner to Freedom Aviation Network since day one. As Rescue Coordinator at NAHT, she has accompanied survivors on many FAN missions, walking alongside them during some of the most difficult and vulnerable moments of their lives.

Every survivor FAN transports is accompanied by an advocate, and Harmony exemplifies what that calling looks like. She is a fearless protector of the women in her care and has even saved the life of a survivor during a flight mission.

Harmony's strength, courage, and compassionate heart continue to inspire us and remind us why this mission matters so deeply.

We are grateful to serve alongside advocates like Harmony... ***For the One.***



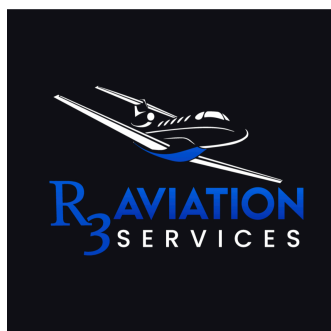
Nick and R3 Aviation Services

Thinking about buying or selling an airplane? Freedom Aviation Network is grateful to partner with R3 Aviation Services.

When someone contacts R3 through a referral from FAN and purchases or sells an aircraft, R3 Aviation Services will make a substantial donation to support our mission.

Whether you're purchasing your first airplane, upgrading to your next one, or preparing to sell an aircraft, it's a great way to support Freedom Aviation Network while working with an experienced aviation team.

Learn More



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[Contact R3 Aviation Services](#)

Thank you to Nick and R3 Aviation Services for supporting FAN and helping us provide free air transportation to survivors of human trafficking.

Nick will also be at AirVenture! Stop by the FAN booth and say hello.



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