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Hello All,

Unfortunately, given the uncertainty surrounding the transmission and spread of the coronavirus, EAA has made the tough decision to cancel all stops on the Ford Tri-Motor's National Tour for thirty days. This includes its much anticipated stop at Apalachicola Regional Airport. We are very disappointed however understand that these measures are being taken with the health and safety of all guests, crew, our community and volunteers in mind. Please see EAA VP's statement below. I've also attached the full EAA Stand Down press release. Hopefully we can bring this great event to Apalachicola in the future.

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All pre-booked flight reservations are being fully refunded.

Regards,

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

EAA FORD TRI-MOTOR TOUR TO STAND DOWN UNTIL MID-APRIL AS PRECAUTION

Tentative April 16 date for resumption of vintage airliner tour

EAA AVIATION CENTER, OSHKOSH, Wisconsin — (March 12, 2020) — The national tour for the Experimental Aircraft Association's 1929 Ford Tri-Motor aircraft will pause for one month in consideration of the current coronavirus/COVID-19 situation and the health of flight crew and passengers.

A tentative date for resumption of the tour is April 16 in Hickory, North Carolina, although the situation will be

continually monitored for any changes. The month-long suspension of the Tri-Motor tour will cancel planned stops in Gainesville, Florida (March 19-22); Apalachicola, Florida (March 26-29); and Milledgeville, Georgia (April 2-5).

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EAA's national Tri-Motor tours feature the 1929 Ford 4-AT-E, which has a colorful history. It has served as an airliner for Eastern Air Transport, a Cuban airline, and the government of the Dominican Republic. The airplane has also had roles in two movies — *The Family Jewels* (1965) starring Jerry Lewis, and *Public Enemies* (2009), starring Johnny Depp.

The airplane has been taken on tour annually since 1991. More information on the aircraft and tour is available at FlyTheFord.org.

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