

The Silver Wings Fraternity 2026 Reunion/Convention was held this year in
Titusville Florida
Sept 8 – 12th

We kicked off our activities with a visit to the **Valiant Air Command Museum**, Titusville Airport.



This museum on the Florida Space Coast curates their collection of Warbirds, both



genuine and replica planes, from WWI up through the Gulf War era.

You can literally walk right up to the birds to do some serious inspection (please don't touch).

A late lunch at the **Dixie Crossroads** refreshed us. Excellent “Old Florida” seafood restaurant; Good food and Great Service!



On Thursday we made a visit to the **American Space Museum** and **Walk of Fame**. It turned out to be both interesting and personal for our group.



The docents who conducted our tours were extremely knowledgeable and pure “Space Geeks”. *That is a good thing.*

There were several items of memorabilia in their collection donated by our own **Member/Astronaut Nicole Stott**.





Nicole's Sleeping Bag she used on the International Space Station.



Staying in shape on the treadmill is important to Astronauts.

Why am I not surprised **Jim Porter** found a tool he actually **didn't** have in his tool box!

Too bad – not for sale.

It was hard to get our group out of the museum to go to lunch. What a great tour! ***When next in Titusville don't miss this Gem right in downtown.***



Lunch thursday was at the **Playalinda brewery** with an adjacent “brewpub” serving not only their product, but a surprisingly large lunch menu of some tasty food.



Another highlight for Fraternity visitors.

Following lunch the Fraternity “Business” was next handled in the Annual Membership Meeting held back at the Hotel.

On Friday, the last full day, most of the attendees struck out on their own to explore a variety of local attractions. **Kennedy Space Center, Playalinda Lighthouse, Science Museum in Cocoa**, etc.

We finished off Friday evening with our annual convention banquet at the Hotel. Our Guest Speaker was **Mr. Ed Hoffman Jr.** who gave us a narrated picture presentation of his 61 years of active Experimental Aviation. Ed Jr. and his father Ed are very well known in the Experimental Aviation community for aircraft design, building and flying.



Ed was featured in the March 2020 edition of EAA Sport Aviation magazine telling about one of the five original designs his father designed and they built and flew. He and “Sweetpotootie” were invited to come back to Oshkosh 2019 for the 50th anniversary of the fly-in.

Good bye for this year!
We hope to see everyone back next year

