

Bio: James "Jim" Riviere, Jr.
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Jim was born and raised in South Louisiana. His Father was responsible for his love for aviation. Jim became a Private Pilot in 1973 after graduating from LSU and has owned several aircraft through the years.

After joining the EAA in 1975, he then:

- Served as President of the New Orleans EAA Chapter in the late 70's
- Chartered and became the first President of the Louisiana State EAA Chapter in the early 80's
- Organized the Louisiana Fly-in Series in 1983 which consisted of 10-12 fly-ins held at several airports by EAA Chapters. The series continued for over 18 years.
- Served as Southeastern US Representative on the EAA Chapter Executive Committee that raised funds to move the headquarters to Oshkosh in the mid-80's.
- Received the EAA President's Award from Paul Poberezny in 1986.

Jim is also an AOPA member/ASN Volunteer and Charter member of two Wings of the Commemorative Air Force.

Jim's sport aviation volunteer work led him to realize that more needed to be done to promote all areas of Louisiana aviation. So then he:

- worked with Louisiana aviation leaders to start the Aviation Association of Louisiana serving as a Charter Member and Board Member. The group was able to introduce a constitutional amendment that dedicated aviation fuel taxes for aviation purposes which were formally going to general state budget areas. This resulted in hundreds of millions of tax dollars being dedicated to airport improvements.
- developed an information webpage called LaAviator.com after retiring in 2010 to keep the entire Louisiana Aviation community informed about news, events, and classifieds. He also added a Facebook page and sends two news emails a week to 1700 subscribers.

In recognition of his "decades of aviation promotion and advocacy", Jim was inducted into the International Forest of Friendship in Atchison, KS, in 2018.