

## WELCOME

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We welcome you to this year's induction ceremonies. In 1953 a group of people interested in building their own airplanes formed the Experimental Aircraft Association. Over the ensuing half-century, EAA's family has grown to include many different types of aircraft—and the people who fly them. While the family is diverse, each of its members share the founders' spirit: a passion for the freedom that flight offers. They have made myriad contributions to their particular realm of flight—and aviation as a whole.

To recognize their contributions, each year EAA inducts a new class of members into its Halls of Fame, each of them nominated by their peers.

Please welcome the Class of 2005.



## LARRY MAURO

EAA ULTRALIGHT  
HALL OF FAME RECIPIENT

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Larry Mauro of Mulberry, Florida, was not a pilot when he pitched in five dollars to buy an Icarus II glider in 1972 after seeing one in an issue of *National Geographic* magazine.

He soon was hooked on flying, though, and shortly thereafter started the Ultralight Flying Machine Company. Mauro designed several popular ultralight aircraft, then known as hang gliders, including the *Demoiselle*, *Solar Riser*, and the *Easy Riser*.

Demand for the *Easy Riser* increased significantly after it appeared at the EAA Oshkosh Fly-in in 1976.

