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Sunseeker '05 is now on display at the Air Zoo



Look for Sunseeker '05 in the Air Zoo lobby through April 9

Western Michigan University's Sunseeker '05 solar car is being displayed in the lobby of the Air Zoo, located at 6151 Portage Road in Portage.

According to Abraham Poot, WMU engineering lab coordinator for both the Industrial and Manufacturing Engineering and Mechanical and Aeronautical Engineering departments and advisor to the Sunseeker project, the Sunseeker '05 display runs through Sunday, April 9, and coincides with the spring break vacations of most area elementary and secondary schools.

According to its Web site, the Air Zoo is open Monday – Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. On Saturday it opens at 10 a.m. and closes at 5 p.m. in March and 6 p.m. in April. On Sunday it opens at noon and closes at 5 p.m. in March and 6 p.m. in April. Information about the Sunseeker can be found on "What's New at the Air Zoo," on its Web site: <http://www.airzoo.org/>

Last summer, WMU's solar car finished sixth in the North American Solar Challenge, a 2,500-mile race from Austin, Texas, to Calgary, Alberta, Canada. It also won the competition's "Aesthetics" award for being the "prettiest" entry.

From the 28 original entries, only 18 completed the race. The University of Michigan won first place, University of Minnesota placed second, and Massachusetts Institute of Technology came in third.

WMU is one of only three North American schools that have completed all eight collegiate solar races since the Challenge was first offered in 1990.



Abe Poot gives a Sunseeker'05 presentation

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