

Kids fly free at Airport Daze celebration
Logan County Airport and Heritage In Flight Museum Anniversaries to be observed and Vietnam soldiers remembered

Come rain or shine, the Logan County Airport is the place to be this Saturday, May 1, 2010. This year's Fourth Annual Airport Daze will feature several events and many activities are scheduled to take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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The day opens with Young Eagle flights. Through this EAA program youth ages eight up to 18 are given the opportunity to experience the joy of flight. These flights are *free* to first time rides in a small airplane. Flights are provided by experienced pilots wishing to inspire youth through aviation. A parent must be present for the sign-in.

10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

WLCN FM radio will be broadcasting live remote with popular DJ's Jim Ash and Jeff Maxwell.

Noontime

As soon as the planes have been shutdown and quieted, ceremonial matters will begin.

In honor of the Logan County Airport's 60th Anniversary, Logan County Board Chairman Terry Carlton will speak about the economic impact and quality of life that the airport has provided the community, and the airport's future potential.

With this being the 45th anniversary of when U.S. troops entered combat in Vietnam, a bell ceremony has been planned that will observe each Logan County soldier that was killed in Vietnam.

The year 2010 also marks Heritage In Flight Museum's 30th Anniversary, the last 25 years being located at the Logan County Airport. Museum Curator Jack Burke will present recognitions to a few of its members.

Food

Doug Board will be grilling IGA rib eye stakes for sandwiches with profits going to St. Jude. Come out and get a sandwich and enjoy the airport.

Free popcorn and balloons all day.

Free anniversary cake in the afternoon.

Afternoon

For those wanting to see our community from a different perspective, airplane flights will be available in the afternoon. Donations from flights will go to support the museum.

All day

Visitors can learn more about the airport and aviation through various displays, demonstrations and presentations.

Informational booths and presenters:

- National Weather Service with aviation weather specialist James Auten
- Lincoln Land Community College with Aviation Program Director Jim Van Kleek
- Logan County Airport engineering, layout and general information about the airport display

Demonstrations:

- Glider planes
- Remote Controlled Aircraft

Weather permitting, various types of aircraft will be flying in throughout the day. Come out and just enjoy watching the planes if you like. See if you can identify what they are and then visit with the pilots. You might expect to see antique 1920 to 1950 Fairchild aircraft with radial engines, or an SNJ Navy Warbird, or more common Cessna's, Piper's, Bonanza's, experimental RV's, maybe even a Kitfox and other aircraft. There are sure to be tail – wheel, low wings, high wings, high performance, not so fast, every sort, size and shape aircraft with a few surprises thrown in.

When planes aren't coming or going, you can also get a close up and inspect the static line aircraft and vehicle display featuring: two military helicopters, a Huey and a Bell 47, the F4 Phantom long-range supersonic jet interceptor fighter/fighter-bomber, or a Lockheed T-33 Shooting Star, aka "T-Bird" jet trainer, the A-7 Corsair subsonic light attack aircraft or the classic cargo Beechcraft C-45.

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In the museum hangar you will find some of the finest displays of historic Warbird nose-art around, and other all-the-time displays. You and your children can watch how an aircraft engine works as a cut-away engine in an enclosed lighted display case moves.

Come for an hour, or plan to hang out for the day. Where there are planes there are pilots and it's a given there'll be plenty of hangar talk, rain or shine. It's always a fun day at the airport.

This year's Airport Daze is co-sponsored by the Logan County Board and Abraham Lincoln Tourism Bureau of Logan County, and hosted by Heritage In Flight Museum.

The Logan County Airport and Heritage In Flight Museum are located east of N. Kickapoo Street, northeast of Lincoln.