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FOND DU LAC REMOTE CONTROL AIR SHOW

EXPECTING RECORD CROWDS

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This year's fifth annual Warbirds & Classics Remote Control Air Show in Fond du Lac is expected to be another record setter. According to officials of the Fond du Lac Aeromodelers Club which hosts the four day event, the air show continues to attract both pilots and spectators.

The remote control air show which begins at 9 am on Thursday, August 18, is expected to feature more than one hundred pilots and over two hundred flying aircraft.

The show will feature warbirds and classic aircraft on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, August 18-20. Sunday, August 21, is a "fun fly" featuring many types of remote control aircraft, including acrobatic planes in all shapes and sizes.

Guest pilots are expected to attend the event from Wisconsin, Illinois, Ohio, Indiana, Georgia, Michigan, Minnesota, Arizona, Kentucky, Texas, Florida, and even Canada. Some of the pilots arrive early. The air show is becoming a helpful event for our local economy with pilots and spectators staying at local hotels and patronizing businesses.

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A tent called the "Canadian embassy" will be constructed in fun at the airfield to welcome and host Canadian pilots.

The local club is also preparing for a record number of spectators. Its last air show attracted over 3,000 spectators. This year the club is preparing for 4,000 to 5,000 spectators. It has become one of the top late summer family events in Fond du Lac County.

“Most of our spectators seem to have a really good time” said George Becker, spokesperson for the club.

“It's hard to beat a good brat, lots of sunshine and a great show for only five dollars per car-full. Everyone seems to enjoy it, from kids to grandparents. Lots of our visitors come back over and over during the four day event and it's just a good time for everybody” said Becker.

According to Becker, the club continues to expand its list of food items available to spectators to accommodate visitors who visit the show several times during the four day event.

New this year, the Fond du Lac event will host nationally-recognized celebrity RC pilot Mac Hodges and five crew members. The six-man RC crew will come from Georgia to fly Hodges' famous B29 aircraft and X1 rocket. The B29 is a scale replica of the first long range heavy bomber made by Boeing, known as the B29 Superfortress. The plane was first flown in 1942.

This "toy" replica is a monster with a wingspan of twenty feet and weigh ninety-eight pounds. At the command of its master pilot using a little box and a couple of joy sticks, it flies with four engines and 16 batteries.

Other well-known national guest pilots and scale masters are also expected to attend the Fond du Lac event, including Scott Prossen from Florida and Bob Patton from Illinois.

Not to be outdone, the Fond du Lac area also boasts its own nationally-recognized celebrity pilots. Carl Bachhuber of Mayville has been featured in many national RC magazines for his large planes and engineering techniques that make his planes look and sound remarkably real. This year Bachhuber will be flying his Lockheed Electra L-188, a plane he created from scratch, with a wingspan of 160 inches. Bachhuber's "toy" Electra runs with four engines and weighs 94 pounds.

Nationally-recognized celebrity pilot Paul LeTourneau from Oconto is also expected to attend.

The air show will feature a wide variety of unique warbird aircraft from World War I to current. Visitors can see biplane and triplane aircraft from the days of the Red Baron, to today's modern, super fast F22 jet fighters. The show will also feature RC aircraft depicting classic aircraft predating 1960.

With wingspans over nineteen feet, some of these RC planes are actually larger than real aircraft, such as some acrobatic planes that have wingspans of approximately seventeen feet.

RC planes may be considered toys by some, but good luck trying to tell the toys from the real thing. These big birds glisten, maneuver and roar just like their real counterparts and are fun for the whole family to watch.

Some planes may drop harmless "dummy bombs" from the sky while others will amaze you with precise formation flying and smoke shows. Still others will excite the whole family with flight speeds of up to two hundred miles per hour... whistling in the air just like the real thing.

The air show is a great family value. Visitors can also attend the event as often as they want during the four days for just one modest admission fee. For many families, the air show has become a family fun day tradition before going back to school.

The Fond du Lac Aeromodelers Club also hosts a smaller one day air show in June each year.

The Warbirds & Classics Air Show will take place from 9 am – 4 pm each day on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, August 18, 19, 20 and 21, weather permitting. Brats, burgers, pizza, baked goods, ice cream and soft drinks will be available and admission is only \$5 per vehicle, regardless of how many occupants are in the vehicle. Visitors can attend the event as much as they want during the four days for one admission fee.

There will also be a raffle of RC planes and other prizes. Limited seating is available but spectators are encouraged to bring their own chairs if they'd like to sit. Attending the event does not require a lot of walking.

The Air Show is located at Wellnitz Field, N4841 Hickory Road, two and one half miles south of Hwy 41 on Hickory Road.

For more information or to view video clips of flying RC aircraft, visit <http://www.midwestwarbirds.com>, a website dedicated to the Warbird and Classic event sponsored by the Fond du Lac Aeromodelers Club. The website also provides a map.

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MEDIA: While this air show will officially begin on Thursday, August 18, pilots will begin flying at the field starting on Wednesday, August 17 if you would like to take photographs.

For more information, arrange photo opportunity or media demonstration please contact:

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