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WARBIRDS & CLASSICS OVER THE MIDWEST 2024

The annual *Warbirds & Classics over the Midwest* remote control air show will take place in Fond du Lac on Thursday August 15th through Sunday August 17th, 2024. Sunday, August 18th will be the annual Robert Wellnitz Memorial Airshow and will feature all types of flying model aircraft. Pilots from all over the United States and Canada sign up in advance to fly at this air show.

Previous years the air show has attracted over 2,500 spectators from the Fond du Lac area. A single \$10 parking pass entitles a vehicle to view the show for all four days. For many families, the air show has become a family fun day tradition. Buses and vans can also take advantage of the \$10 admission fee to allow organized groups of kids and adults to enjoy this summer outing. Spectators are encouraged to bring their own chairs. The event does not require a lot of walking.

The remote-control air show begins at 9am on Thursday August 15th, featuring more than 125 pilots and over 350 flying aircraft. To qualify for this event, planes must be giant scale models of World War I to modern day warbirds, or models of classic aircraft built before 1960. Planes at this event can have wingspans over twenty feet.

Spectators will view precise formation flying, flight speeds of up to 200 miles per hour, and simulations of bomb drops as the pilots perform to period music. Sunday's "Robert Wellnitz Memorial Airshow" features many types of remote-control aircraft, including aerobatic planes in all shapes and sizes.

The air show showcases our community as pilots and spectators from out of town stay at local hotels and patronize businesses.

Licensed food vendors offer a selection of food items available to spectators including brats, burgers, subs, ice cream novelties, and soft drinks. An area for vendors includes specialty items of interest to RC enthusiasts and merchandise for spectators. There will also be a raffle of RC planes and other prizes.

Well-known national guest pilots are also expected to attend the Fond du Lac event. The Fond du Lac Aeromodeler Association is the home field for some nationally recognized celebrity pilots. A special show feature will be held at noon each day.

The air show is located at Wellnitz Field, N4841 Hickory Road, 2-½ miles south of Highway 41 on Hickory Road.

For more information or to view video clips of flying RC aircraft, visit ***www.midwestwarbirds.com***, a website dedicated to the Warbirds and Classics 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 15th, pilots will begin flying at the field earlier in the week if you would like to take video or photographs.

Please contact: Fond du Lac Aeromodelers Club, Doug Woolridge, Board Member, Phone: 920-266-6408 for more information, photo opportunity details, or media demonstrations.

Photographs available at:

<http://www.midwestwarbirds.com>

<http://www.fdlaa.com>

Carl Bachhuber Mayville celebrity pilot:

<http://www.carlb-rcplanes.com>

http://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=carl+bachhuber&aq=0&oq=carl+bachh

Paul Letourneau Oconto celebrity pilot

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8khWxanQMHw>