

## Historic Date: History and Fun at the Airport!

Anderson (IN) Municipal Airport, Darlington Field, will reach its 50<sup>th</sup> birthday this summer, and the celebration surrounding this historic event will match its significance.

Plan to be in **Anderson, Indiana** on **Saturday, July 10, 2010**. Attending pilots will enjoy fuel discounts and the red-carpet treatment, including free admission and all-you-can-eat breakfast!

The centerpiece ceremony will include a re-dedication of our original (freshly-restored) bronze plaque.

The day begins at 7:00a.m. EDT with hot air balloon rides; a pancake breakfast benefiting Youth for Christ (from 7 until 11), radio-controlled aircraft; the Academy of Model Aeronautics will be hosting demonstrations and competitions, for ages down to 6 years old. Add the Boy Scouts' events, Presenting of Colors by the Civil Air Patrol; showcase of aircraft (including locally-built aircraft!); a **Mike Melvill** recognition (Mike is not only the first pilot to travel to space in a privately-designed and –built vehicle, he hails from Anderson and was a member of Anderson's local EAA Chapter 226); and of course a traditional and hearty lunch -- hot dogs and hamburgers. (The cook-out benefits Indiana State University Flight Team.)

Special-interest aircraft include: Pitts, Extra 300, P-51 Mustang, hot air balloons, PT-26, BT-13, gliders, and military aircraft, among others.

And come participate or cheer the contestants in the City of Anderson cornhole championship!

Adjoining the Anderson Airport is Mounds State Park, rich in history – and a great place to hike and camp! Hoosier Park Racing / Casino in Anderson features big-name live entertainment, car giveaways, and horse racing. On Friday night, nationally-famous Anderson Speedway, the world's fastest quarter-mile oval, will feature its regular slate of racing, plus GA Super Mini Cups. (How about those 11-second laps?)

Don't wait for the next 50 years to pass you by! Make use of our towered airport (with ILS). There is plenty of tiedown area and a 29,000 square yard paved ramp.

Aircraft parking is free. A donation of \$5 will cover auto parking; funds benefit the local EAA Chapter and other volunteer aviation groups. Please save the date for what promises to be an awesome event!

For more details please contact the Anderson Municipal Airport at (765) 648-6292, or visit our website at [www.cityofanderson.com/airport](http://www.cityofanderson.com/airport).

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