



Shawano Airport Fly-in and Car Show, Aug. 17



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Shawano Airport to host fly-in, car show

Annual event will feature warbirds, skydivers, police and fire vehicles, bounce houses and more

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The annual Fly-In and Classic Car Show will return to the Shawano Municipal Airport, 248 Airport Road, with events slated from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Aug. 17.

Organizers expect the 2024 event to be bigger and better than last year.

“We’re always looking at increasing attendance,” said Colin Isom, airport manager. “Last year, we had north of 3,000-3,500, and we would like to break that every year.”

Isom is a part owner of a plane based at the airport and has volunteered at previous fly-ins. This is his first year as airport manager.

Attendees can expect to see warbirds, skydivers, police and fire vehicle demonstrations, food vendors, a classic car show, bounce houses and static aircraft displays. An Army Black Hawk helicopter will also be at the event.

Free EAA Young Eagles flights for those 8-17 will be available.

With an obvious emphasis on aviation, Isom said organizers are focusing on aviation education and other aviation opportunities. The fly-in will feature a variety of vendors, remote-control clubs and flying clubs.

“There will be plenty of aviation industry professionals to talk to,” he said. “We want to strengthen an interest in aviation. As stewards, we naturally gravitate toward increasing interest in aviation.”

Entry and parking are free, and all are welcome to attend.

Isom stressed the airport is a public airport, not a private business.

“There is no need to stop at the fence around the airport. Everyone is welcome. We’re part of the community, too,” he said. “I encourage everyone to come out. Ask questions of the pilots. They love to talk about their planes.”

Car show organizers have expanded the classes this year. Trophies awarded for first through third places. The classes will be 1959 and older, 1960-69, 1970-79, 1980-2003, 2004-present, trucks, convertibles, special interest, work in progress and tractors.

There will also be one award for best of show.

Entry fees for the show will be paid at the gate. No pre-registration is required, and no fees will be taken via the internet, so entrants should be wary of any potential scams to collect fees in advance.

Questions about the car show should be directed to Tina Aderman at Magnum Motors, W6580 Old Lake Lane, Shawano, 715-524-2878 (or text 715-851-0618).

In case of inclement weather, the entire event will be held Aug. 18. Check the website <https://shawanoairport.com> for updates.

For more information, visit shawanoairport.com, email airportmanager@cityofshawano.com or call 715-526-2465.

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Classic cars roll into the airport at the 2023 Shawano Municipal Airport Fly-in and Car Show. Organizers have expanded the classes this year. Trophies awarded for first through third places. The classes will be 1959 and older, 1960-69, 1970-79, 1980-2003, 2004-present, trucks, convertibles, special interest, work in progress and tractors. There will also be one award for best of show.

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our flight school, avionics, mechanics. We're a good catch-all."

The airport is home to 26 aircraft and just last month became the permanent home to its first-ever jet, a small, commercial Cirrus Vision Jet.

Flight lessons at the airport are handled by Shawano Flying Club, which recently organized with a core membership of about 15 people with a Cessna 182.

"They fly nearly every day with students, and a lot of those are high school students," Isom said.

"We've seen a really big interest in flight training."

Green Bay and Appleton airports have towers, and towered takeoffs and landings are required for a pilot's license. However, Shawano is smaller and has less air congestion, which makes it a great place to learn, Isom said. Shawano is close enough to the towers when you need them, but far enough away to enjoy the skies without them.

"Geographically, we're in a great spot," he said.

Locally, the Northern

Flight Alliance has taken on a role of education, from organizing the recent involvement in the Air-Venture Cup Race over Shawano to helping youths with flying lessons.

Even though Shawano County is withdrawing from sharing airport ownership with the city of Shawano as of Jan. 1, 2025, Isom said there will not be any difference in airport operations.

"The city is absolutely ready for the task," he said.

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An Army Black Hawk helicopter visited the Shawano Municipal Airport Fly-in and Car Show in 2023, and another will be back in 2024. The speed of planes and helicopters is often measured in knots, as knots provide better navigational consistency for pilots and sailors than miles per hour.

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Is it a mile or is it a knot?

Everyone understands speed when noted in miles per hour. Yet, when they hear speed referenced in "knots," many don't understand the difference and gloss over the reference, assuming it's similar to miles per hour.

The term "knot," in reference to currents, is defined as one nautical mile per hour and is used to measure speed. A nautical mile is slightly more than a standard mile.

- One nautical mile equals 1.15 miles equals 1.85 kilometers – 1 knot equals 1.15 miles per hour equals 1.85 kilometers per hour
- One knot equals

20.251969 inches per second equals 51.44 centimeters per second

The term knot dates from the 1600s, when sailors measured the speed of their ship by the use of a device called a "common log." This device was a coil of rope with uniformly spaced knots tied in it, attached to a piece of wood shaped like a slice of pie.

The piece of wood was lowered from the back of the ship and allowed to float behind it. The line was allowed to go out freely from the coil as the piece of wood fell behind the ship for a specific amount of time.

When the specified time had passed, the line was pulled in and the number of knots on the rope between the ship and the wood were counted. The speed of the ship was said to be the number of knots counted.

Knots offer a more consistent method of navigation than miles per hour. As previously mentioned, a single knot represents one nautical mile traveled per hour. A nautical mile, though, translates into one minute of latitude. Therefore, knots provide better navigational consistency for pilots and sailors alike than miles per hour.



A young girl is lifted up to get a look inside an airplane at the 2023 Shawano Municipal Airport Fly-in and Car Show. This year's event is slated for Aug. 17, with Aug. 18 the rain date if needed. All area residents and tourists are invited to attend.

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How planes fly and more trivia

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

1. If you've ever stuck your hand out the window of a car, you've experienced the basic principle that keeps airplanes in the air. As they reach high speeds, the wind resistance against the bottom of the airplane's wing increases, and when it gets high enough, it pushes the plane into the air.
2. The first solo flight across the Atlantic Ocean was performed by Charles Lindbergh.
3. The aircraft used on the first cross Atlantic solo flight was "The Spirit of St. Louis."
4. The Lockheed SR-71 Blackbird is the fastest airplane of all time, with a speed of 2,190 mph, set on July 28, 1976. That's three times the speed of sound.
5. There are 6 million parts in a Boeing 747.
6. The world's largest airplane, the Antonov AN-225, was destroyed during the Russian invasion of Ukraine in February 2022. It was a massive cargo plane originally built to launch the Soviet space shuttle. Now, the largest airplane is the Roc, which was built to launch satellites into space.
7. A blimp has a motor but no wings. A glider has wings but no motor.
8. The first air traffic controller was Archie League
9. A plane first flew around the world without stopping in 1949 when the U.S. Air Force B-50 Superfortress Lucky Lady II took 94 hours and 1 minute, with four in-flight refuelings. In 1986, an airplane flew around the world without being refueled in flight, taking nine days, three minutes, and 44 seconds. The fastest trip around the world by plane was 46 hours, 40 minutes and 22 seconds.
10. Supersonic means faster than the speed of sound.
11. The Chinese invented the kite about 2,000 years ago. The Chinese also invented the rocket.



Visitors to the Shawano Municipal Airport Fly-in and Car Show can get an up-close view of an airplane, including the chance to talk to the pilot about the aircraft. There are 6 million parts in a Boeing 747, and while there aren't than many parts on a plane at the local airport, there are enough to make one's head spin.

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Aircraft sorted by categories, classes and types

Like cars that are known by make and model, aircraft are similarly grouped.

First is the category, the broadest classification of aircraft based on their intended use and operating environment, such as airplane, glider or helicopter (rotorcraft).

Next is the class, a more specific division within a category based on design and performance characteristics, such as single-engine or multi-engine.

Finally, there is the type, which refers to a specific make and model of an aircraft, such as the Boeing 737 or Airbus A320.

- Here are a few examples of aircraft categories, as described by the Pilot Institute.
- An airplane is an engine-driven, fixed-wing, heavier-than-air aircraft that achieves flight through the reaction between the air and its wings.
 - Gliders include aircraft designed to fly without an engine and rely on natural air currents for lift through the reaction between the air and the wing.
 - Rotorcraft includes aircraft that use rotating blades to generate lift, such as helicopters or gyroplanes.
 - The lighter-than-air



- category includes aircraft that can hover and stay in the air by utilizing a lighter-than-air gas that is contained within it, such as airships or balloons.
- An aircraft under the powered lift category, such as the Bell Boeing V-22 Osprey, is capable of vertical takeoff, landing and low-speed flight. An aircraft in this category depends on engine-driven devices (e.g., propellers) or thrust (i.e., a jet engine) for lift at low speed but non-rotating surfaces (i.e., wings) at higher speeds.
 - A powered parachute is precisely what it sounds
- like – a person hanging from a parachute with an engine and propeller behind them.
- Weight-shift control is a category of powered aircraft, such as an ultralight trike, with a pivoting wing and fuselage that is only controllable in pitch and roll through the change of the center of gravity (i.e., no control surfaces).
 - A rocket is an aircraft propelled by expanding gases generated by an engine using self-contained propellants (i.e., rocket fuel) and not dependent on the intake of outside substances (such as air).



Above is an airplane, an engine-driven, fixed-wing, heavier-than-air aircraft that achieves flight through the reaction between the air and its wings. At left is a rotorcraft. This category includes aircraft that use rotating blades to generate lift, such as helicopters or gyroplanes.

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