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Visitors examine the ball turret gunner's position and its two .50-caliber guns on the B-17 bomber "Aluminum Overcast" on display at the Mount Vernon Outland Airport on Friday. The aircraft will be on display all weekend.

Plane to see

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MOUNT VERNON — The reaction from everyone who saw it was nearly identical.

"What an awesome sight."

The "Aluminum Overcast," a B-17 bomber from World War II, was on display at and made several from the Mount Vernon Outland Airport on

Friday.

The 70-year-old bomber is one of about a dozen still flying out of the nearly 13,000 that were produced between 1935 and 1945. It is based at the Experimental Aircraft Association Headquarters in Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

While the "Aluminium Overcast" never made it into combat action — it was produced right at the end of WWII, seeing it and

especially flying in it, gives you a glimpse of what it must have been like for crews during the war. Cramped working quarters, noisy, drafty.

The aircraft will be on display today and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the airport. Viewing the plane is free, but interior tours are \$10.

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