

AIRPORT

Volunteers needed for AirVenture Cup

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Bendix Trophy*

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MT. VERNON — A training meeting has been scheduled for 6 p.m. Tuesday in the Koziara Terminal lobby for volunteers who are willing to donate their time at the upcoming EAA AirVenture Cup Race at Mt. Vernon Airport.

The EAA AirVenture Cup is scheduled for Sunday morning, July 28, with a 9:20 a.m. start time. An airport open house/Young Eagle Rally is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, July 27. Volunteers will be needed all day Saturday and from 8 a.m. to noon on Sunday.

The EAA AirVenture Cup is a cross-country air race in which participants race against the clock toward Oshkosh, Wisc., in advance of the Experimental Aircraft Association's popular AirVenture air show. The EAA AirVenture Cup Race was founded in 1997 in the spirit of recreating the old Bendix Trophy Race and is dedicated to aviation advocacy and preserving the rich heritage of cross-country air racing.

The general public is invited to the Mt. Vernon Airport on Saturday. In addition, children between the ages of 8 and 17 are eligible to partici-

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pate in the Young Eagles program.
Airport Manager

Chris Collins said that volunteerism is crucial for the success of events like the AirVenture Cup Race.

"Obviously, safety is the number one confer, but we place a high priority on ambassadorship too. Our volunteers are asked to monitor the airport property as well as tend to the

needs of our guests," he said. Those tasks can be menial, but provide a good impression for first time visitors.

"Providing a guest a bottle of water, offering to go pick up a part at a store, or simply providing a tip on where the best steak dinner can be found are simple gestures, but leave

lasting impressions about our community," Collins added.

The training meeting will last about 30 minutes. All volunteers will receive a commemorative T-shirt.

For more information about the training session or the AirVenture Cup Race you may call the airport at 242-7016.

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