

Aircraft buzz over King City during EAA Fly-In



Visitors to the 11th Annual Little Egypt Fly-In Saturday were able to see many historical and current military aircraft and speak with the pilots and owners of the planes. Due to excellent weather conditions for flying, the event had more than 100 planes fly into the Mt. Vernon Outland Airport. For more photos from the event, visit the Web Gallery at www.register-news.com TESA CULLI/REGISTER-NEWS

Thousands attend annual EAA Fly-In at airport

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MT. VERNON — More than 100 planes were on display and flying Saturday over the skies of the city during the 11th Annual Little Egypt Fly-In.

"It's been a great day," Airport manager and EAA member Chris Collins said. "It's great to see the public coming out and doing things at the airport."

The fly-in and veterans reunion brought out thousands of residents from the region, Collins said. And, close to 300 youth received their first airplane ride as part of the EAA Young Eagles program, according to Young Eagles Coordinator Sheila Antoon.

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Volunteers worked to direct experimental aircraft to the area in front of SRT Aviation, with warbirds and military airplanes between SRT and the Kozaria Terminal. Young Eagles planes were lined up at the terminal and flew continuously from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

"It was a beautiful day for flying," Collins said. "The morning couldn't have been better. The afternoon winds picked up a little, but that's typical for this time of year. When you have a day like this, it's going to be a good day for the fly-in."

Collins said the event relies on volunteers for its success.

"We have a tremendous amount of volunteer help," Collins said. "We couldn't do something like this without their help. They all knew their roles and performed them well."

A special salute to the veterans of World War II was held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, with a fly-by from some of the aircraft and a 21-gun salute by American Legion Post 141. State Senator John O. Jones, a veteran of the United States Air Force, thanked the past and present veterans for their contributions to the country as well as the families of those veterans.

"We have 190,000 young men and women in Iraq and Afghanistan right now," Jones said. "We should think of them every day."