

Vintage aircraft



A crew from the Mt. Vernon Outland Airport, the Missouri Historical Society and SRT Aviation works to lower a 1934 Monocoupe D-145 from the main terminal in the Lambert St. Louis International Airport on Thursday. The aircraft, which was the personal plane of Charles Lindbergh, will be displayed at the Mt. Vernon Airport until renovations are complete at the St. Louis terminal.

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Lindbergh airplane lands in King City

1934 Monocoupe plane to be on display at MV Airport until December

Staff Report

MT. VERNON — A piece of aviation history made its way to Mt. Vernon on Friday morning.

A 1934 Monocoupe D-145, the personal aircraft of Charles Lindbergh, was safely transported from Lambert St. Louis International Airport to the community hangar at the Mt. Vernon Airport.

A crew of staff from the airport and SRT Aviation, as well as members of the Missouri Historical Society, lowered the airplane from

above the TSA checkpoint in the St. Louis airport's main hangar Thursday evening and removed its wings. The plane will stay at Mt. Vernon's community hangar until about December, said airport manager Chris Collins, while the main terminal at Lambert is renovated.

The Monocoupe D-145 was donated to the Missouri Historical Society by Lindbergh himself in 1940, information states. The society stored the aircraft until 1979, when it was displayed next to the Ryan B-1 Spirit of St. Louis in the St. Louis International Airport's main terminal.

The team lowered the plane, removed its wings and transported it on a trailer to Mt. Vernon in about six hours, information states.

The Monocoupe D-145 will be reassembled and displayed in the community hangar until renovations are complete at Lambert, and then the SRT Aviation team will once again disassemble the plane and transport it back to the St. Louis airport.

"Mt. Vernon Outland Airport-based SRT Aviation has extensive aircraft knowledge, including restoration of vintage aircraft," information states. "The local company has a proud record of working with the Missouri Historical Society, including projects on the Ryan B-1 'Spirit of St. Louis' and the Parks P-1 'Racer.'"

The "Spirit of St. Louis" project included total restoration of the aircraft, information states.