

Event growing this year

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MT. VERNON — The 2010 Midwest Light Sport Aircraft Expo is shaping up to be significantly bigger than the first.

Almost 10 more spaces have been reserved along the flight line of the Mt. Vernon Outland Airport with the Expo about two months away, said airport manager Chris Collins.



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quality show.”

The show, which will be held Sept. 23-25, features light sport aircraft vendors outside along the airport's flight line, as well as local and regional exhibitors indoors.

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The show was moved forward a week this year because of icy winds that affected the number of attendees, Collins said.

Collins said the LSA Expo is one of only two in the country, with a larger expo taking place yearly in Sebring, Fla.

So far, the show has two more spaces reserved in the exhibitor hall than last year, Collins said.

He said he felt the increase in vendor interest is a measure of the success of the first expo.

“The vendors have talked amongst themselves,” he said. “One reason they are really coming out in support is the local hospitality industry. I get a lot of comments on how well our guests were treated. The JCDC hosted a kickoff for the vendors the

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night before, and it's been reverberating through the industry how good of a reception these people threw.”

He added the Expo owes its success to the roughly 75 volunteers from the community at last year's event.

“What we'd like to do is get as many volunteers as possible so they can experience the show and meet people, and be representatives of our community,” Collins said. “I can't say enough about last year's volunteers. We'll probably do another call for volunteers as summer gets later.”

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