

Local car show planned for Oct. 14

Event is hosted by Bonnie Cafe, Mount Vernon Airport and the local EAA chapter

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MOUNT VERNON — Bonnie Cafe, Mount Vernon Outland Airport and the local Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) chapter are hosting a car show event from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 14, at the airport.

The event is now officially called the "Planes, Trains & Automobiles" Car Show. Last year, it was called the "Wings, Wheels & Rotors Car and Aviation Extravaganza."

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The car, truck, and jeep show was held in the past before the COVID-19 pandemic, and now organizers have made it an annual event, Sentinel archives state.

Airport Director Chris Collins said the local EAA chapter uses this event as its primary Young Eagles opportunity to give kids ages 8 to 17 a free airplane ride. The Young Eagle Rally will be going on throughout the Oct. 14 car show.

Collins added that Young Eagle airplane rides for kids are a tradition at the airport dating back to the late 1990s. Originally, Young Eagle flights were offered at the Little Egypt Fly-In and Veterans Reunion and then at Balloons Over Mount Vernon and now are offered at the car show.

"We're always excited to give back with the sharing of aviation to the community," Collins said. "When Bonnie Cafe joined our family, the first thing they said event-wise was they would like to hold a car show."

Last year, the Lions Club joined the event to offer free rides for kids on the Lions Club Train, which will also be available at this year's car show. With the addition of the train, organizers got the idea to re-name the event "Planes, Trains & Automobiles" which is also the title of a popular 1987 John Hughes film.

There is a \$10 entry fee to enter a vehicle in the Oct. 14 show but admission to the event is free. Regis-



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CAR SHOW — The "Planes, Trains & Automobiles" Car Show will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 14, at Mount Vernon Outland Airport. The event is organized by Bonnie Cafe, the airport, and the local Experimental Aircraft Association chapter.

tration for vehicles starts at 9 a.m. and awards will be given at 2 p.m. Judging of vehicles will be done throughout the day. There will be dash plaques and goody bags available for the first 75 vehicles registered, as well as a free custom edition T-shirt to all registered vehicles, states an event news release.

The Top 30 vehicles will receive trophies, as will the Top 3 motorcycles in the show. There will also be awards in the categories of 1900-1979, 1980-present, plus specialty awards, the release states.

"From the car show perspective, it's neat for the owners to be able to go on the flightline," Collins said. "The airplanes and the cars are sharing the same space."

In addition, the car show will feature music, food, and a 50/50 drawing. For more information on the event, contact Kim Woodside at (618) 214-3282, or visit the event's Facebook page. Mount Vernon Outland Airport is located at 100 Aviation Dr.

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