

# Mount Vernon Airport car show planned for Oct. 12

*Event also includes Young Eagles plane rides*

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MOUNT VERNON — Bonnie Cafe and Mount Vernon Outland Airport will once again host the “Planes, Trains & Automobiles” car show event from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 12, at the airport.

In addition to being a car, truck and jeep show, the event will also include a Young Eagles Rally where kids ages 8 to 17 will get free airplane rides. The Young Eagles Rally is sponsored by the Mount Vernon Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) Chapter 1155.

There will also be music, food, a 50/50 drawing and free rides for kids on the Lions Club Train.

Admission to the event is free, but there is a \$20 entry fee to enter a vehicle in the car show, organizers said.

“It’s great to have the community at the airport,” said Mount Vernon Airport Director Chris Collins. “I feel (that) it’s important that they see the airport in operation and it’s just another event that accomplishes that. We want them to always be welcome here.”

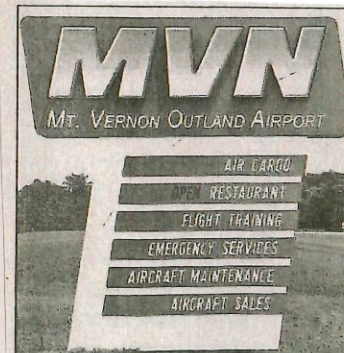
This event was renamed “Planes, Trains & Automobiles” last year. Before that, it was called the “Wings, Wheels & Rotors Car and Aviation Extravaganza.” The car show was held in the past before the COVID-19 pandemic, and now organizers have made it an annual event, Sentinel archives state.

The local EAA chapter uses this event as its primary Young Eagles opportunity to offer kids free airplane rides. The Young Eagles Rally will be going on from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Oct. 12.

“It is just a chance for us to hopefully introduce youth to a little bit of aviation, maybe whet their appetite for a career in aviation,” said Mount Vernon EAA Chapter 1155 President Steve Willis. “It’s free airplane rides for kids ages 8 to 17 and they have to have parental consent. Hopefully, it just encourages them to look at aviation as a career.”

Registration for vehicles in the car show starts at 9 a.m. Oct. 12, 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 100 vehicles registered, an event news release states.

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The top 65 vehicles will receive trophies, and there will also be specialty awards given.

For more information on the Young Eagles Rally, call the airport at (618) 242-7016. For more information on the car show, call (618) 214-3282 or join the event on Facebook.

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