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AIR RACE CLASSIC — Sponsorship opportunities are now available for the upcoming 2026 Air Race Classic. Mount Vernon Outland Airport will serve as the Terminus host site for this year's race.

Sponsorships sought for Air Race Classic

Mt. Vernon will serve as Terminus host city for major event

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MOUNT VERNON — Mount Vernon Outland Airport announced this week that several sponsorship opportunities are now available for the upcoming 2026 Air Race Classic in June.

The City of Mount Vernon, and Mount Vernon Airport, will proudly serve as the

Terminus host site for this year's Air Race Classic, which is a one-of-a-kind cross-country air race featuring all-women pilots and crews from across the country.

This will mark a major milestone for both the airport and the community. The nationally recognized Air Race Classic (ARC) will bring pilots, crews, aviation officials, and visitors from across the country to Mount Vernon, making it the largest aviation event hosted at the airport since the 1973 Blue Angels air show, Sentinel archives state.

As this year's ARC race concludes in Mount Vernon from June 26 to

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29, the community will welcome participants, families, and visitors for a multi-day celebration at the Mount Vernon Airport. Organizers are now inviting businesses, organizations, and individuals to become sponsors of this historic and empowering event, states a Mt. Vernon Tourism news release.

"This is an incredible opportunity to support women who are literally reaching new heights," said Sheila Jolly Scrivner, Mount Vernon ARC Chairperson. "We especially encourage women-owned and women-led businesses to join us in lifting up these inspiring pilots — but this is truly a community effort, and we welcome all who want to be part of something meaningful."

Sponsorship opportunities offer a unique chance to align with a nationally recognized event while gaining visibility and connecting with

visitors. Available sponsorships range from \$200 to \$4,000 and include opportunities such as event experiences, hospitality spaces, youth programming, and high-visibility branding placements.

SPONSORSHIP HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

- **Welcome Tent Sponsor (\$1,500):** Engage directly with visitors and provide branded items. Inspire the next generation of aviators.

- **Meltdown Party Sponsor (\$2,000):** Be part of a signature celebration event.

- **Awards Banquet Sponsor (\$4,000):** Support the culmination of the race and recognition of participants.

Sponsors receive benefits such as logo placement on promotional materials, recognition at official events, social media exposure, and on-site branding throughout the Terminus celebration.

Beyond visibility, sponsorship represents something more — supporting women supporting women. This means championing ambition,

resilience, and the courage to chase big dreams, the news release states.

"With pilots flying thousands of miles to reach Mount Vernon, this event is about more than competition — it's about community, mentorship, and showing what's possible," Jolly Scrivner added.

Businesses interested in becoming sponsors or learning more about partnership opportunities are encouraged to contact the Mt. Vernon Convention & Visitors Bureau.

Also, if the previously mentioned sponsorship opportunities do not fit your budget, contact Mount Vernon Airport at (618) 242-7016 to discuss alternative options.

ABOUT THE AIR RACE CLASSIC

The Air Race Classic is a nonprofit organization dedicated to encouraging and educating women pilots, increasing public awareness of general aviation, and honoring the legacy of women in aviation through an annual cross-country air race.

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