

AVIATION DAY 2005

On Saturday, March 5th, local Chapter 99 of the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) hosted their third annual Aviation Day event at the Vero Beach Airport. Approximately 2,000 people attending the event this year enjoyed a wide variety of aircraft static displays, model airplanes, sky jumping, fire fighting equipment, aviation artwork, exhibits, lunch provided by C.J. Cannon's Restaurant, and a day of great family entertainment.



In addition to helicopter and biplane rides that were made available to the public, 50 aircraft were on display. Some of the more notable aircraft included a PBY Catalina from the Wings Over Miami Aircraft Museum, a Florida National Guard UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter and crew recently returned from Iraq, a Howard DGA-15, new production aircraft from Piper, Mooney, Cessna, Diamondstar, and a variety of classics, antiques, and kit-built models.

According to EAA and airport officials, the weather was perfect, the crowd was enthusiastic, and Aviation Day 2005 was a great success. This annual event is important to the community because it encourages local residents to visit their airport, develop a greater appreciation of a very substantial community asset, and become more aware of the wide range of businesses that are located at the airport. It also provides an opportunity for the public to learn more about the Experimental Aircraft Association and the variety of programs that they have to offer to the community. Based upon the excellent response from the public at this year's event, the EAA is already making plans for Aviation Day 2006!

