

Aviation Day 2006

Aviation Day 2006 was held on February 11, 2006, at the Vero Beach Municipal Airport. By all accounts, this year's event must be considered a success. Despite windy weather and the threat of afternoon thunderstorms, approximately 3,200 people visited the airport to look at the aircraft on display, take a ride in a biplane, aerobatic airplane or a helicopter, have lunch on C.J. Cannon's deck, or just enjoy some "aviation time"!

The weather kept the number of aircraft attending *Aviation Day* to 39, but among those that did attend were 11 amateur-built aircraft, 12 classic/antique aircraft, 2 current military aircraft and 7 new production aircraft by Piper, Mooney, Diamond and Liberty. Visitors had the rare opportunity to see the first Piper aircraft to receive an Approved Type Certificate, a Taylor E-2 Cub that was certified on July 11, 1931.

The Collings Foundation's B-17 Flying Fortress was absent due to engine problems at a previous tour stop, but their B-25 Mitchell was present and flew several flights during the event. For the first time, the United States Air Force participated in *Aviation Day*, bringing a Beech T-1 Jayhawk jet trainer and a C-21 cargo and passenger jet transport to the event. *Plans are already underway for Aviation Day 2007!*

