

NORTH GEORGIA AIR & CAR SHOW


& Motorcycle Show & Competition

The *North Georgia Air and Car Show* returns to *Floyd County's Richard B. Russell Regional Airport* September 14th-16th, and this year's event is shaping up to be even bigger than last year's inaugural show.

The theme of this year's event is "A Salute to Naval Aviation," with a special focus on Rome native John Towers, considered to be the Father of Naval Aviation and the Father of the Aircraft Carrier.

Last year, the show featured a reenactment of the 1941 bombing of Pearl Harbor, which has thrilled visitors to air shows across America for years. This year, the North Georgia Air and Car Show will feature a first-time ever reenactment of the Battle of Midway, a reenactment that has never been attempted by an air show. The reenactment of the Battle of Midway will be held both Saturday and Sunday.

Spectators will be entertained by several military planes and helicopters and various aerobatics displays. The event also features a car show that will offer prizes in 16 different classes based on the age of the vehicle and whether or not it has been modified. Organizers are expecting nearly 300 automobiles to be a part of the show. A motorcycle show has also been added to the lineup for Sunday.

Last year's show drew approximately 14,000 spectators. Organizers are expecting about 30,000 this year, boosting Rome and Floyd County's reputation as a popular tourism destination and generating retail and service revenue, and filling public coffers through sales tax collected from the extra visitors to the community. 

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When: **Thursday, September 20th, 4:00 p.m. Cost \$5.00**

Where: **Chamber of Commerce, 1 Riverside Parkway**

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MUST BE REGISTERED TO ATTEND.


Space is limited to 20 members.
No competitors will be in the same group.

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In an earlier interview, Byrd said aviation-related job opportunities should be in large supply in the next few years. Byrd mentioned that twice as many aircraft technicians today are over the age of 60 than are under the age of 30, and that 25 percent of aircraft technicians today are at a retirement age.

"There just aren't enough new, well-trained workers available to fill those vacancies," Byrd said.

"The conversation with the county about this program started six years ago," said *Coosa Valley Technical College President Dr. Craig McDaniel*. "The one thing we all knew early on was that this will bring jobs to the community."

Dr. McDaniel also thanked the Chamber for making the aviation project a priority on its legis-lative agenda that was presented to state lawmakers earlier this year. *State Representatives Katie Dempsey (LR'87), Barbara Massey Reece and Rick Crawford* were in attendance at the groundbreaking ceremony. Joining Dr. Jennings were fellow *Floyd County Commissioners Eddie Lumsden (LR'01) and Garry Fricks (LR'91)*, as well as *Rome City Commissioners Wright Bagby, Anne Rigas, Kim Canada and Buzz Wachsteter.* 

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