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For Immediate Release:

**Wings & Wheels Expo 2013 to be held Sunday, [September 22](#) at
Hagerstown Regional Airport**

(Hagerstown, MD) -- Wings & Wheels Expo 2013 will be held in conjunction with the Hagerstown Regional Airport Open House on Sunday, [September 22, 2013](#) from 8am to 4pm in the terminal area of the airport on Showalter Road.

This free event features a large display of Fairchild aircraft built in Hagerstown as well as modern aircraft, classic cars, trucks, RC model aircraft, airplane rides and flight demonstrations.

The Hagerstown Regional Airport Open House will include displays from airport businesses, firefighter demonstrations, airport maintenance equipment exhibits and private aircraft displays.

Over the past eight years, the Hagerstown Aviation Museum has received donations of more than 20 historic aircraft, most of them built in Hagerstown, MD at Fairchild Aircraft.

Many of these aircraft will be on display and open to the public. Visitors can walk through the museum's 1948 Fairchild C-82 Packet and 1953 Fairchild C-119 Flying Boxcar and discover the fascinating story of Hagerstown's exciting 90 year aviation history.

Other museum aircraft such as the 1943 Fairchild PT-19 WWII trainer and the 1928 Kreider-Reisner KR-31 biplane will be on display along with privately owned Fairchild aircraft. Museum merchandise, books, DVDs, shirts and hats will be for sale.

All visitors will receive a free museum magazine and a free 14" x 28" color poster of the museum aircraft collection.

Visitors can step back in time and experience a memorable flight in the museum's 1943 Fairchild PT-19 Primary Trainer! Thousands of allied pilots earned their wings during WWII in this historic aircraft built by Fairchild Aircraft seventy years ago in Hagerstown, Maryland. By making a \$100 donation, visitors can experience the thrill of open cockpit flying.

The National Capitol Squadron of the Commemorative Air Force will attend and display its WWII BT-13 Basic Trainer and recently restored WWII TBM Avenger Navy torpedo bomber.

The Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 36 will make available to youth 8 to 17 years of age free airplane rides throughout the day. Pilots and aircraft owners donate planes, fuel and time to make these free Young Eagle flights possible. Other organizations, such as the Civil Air Patrol, will have exhibits and aircraft on display. The Pittsburgh Institute of Aeronautics display will provide visitors with information about career training opportunities.

The Pegasus Radio Controlled Model Airplane Club and the Blue and Grey Miniature Aircraft Squadron will have RC flying demonstrations throughout the day and static displays of model aircraft on the ground.

The wheels component of the Expo will include antique and classic cars, trucks and motorcycles. Free registration for all car show vehicles, Best of Show Trophies awarded. Also see fire, law enforcement, rescue, construction vehicles and historic military vehicles.

Sponsored in part by the Hagerstown-Washington County Convention and Visitors Bureau and the Hagerstown Regional Airport, the Wings and Wheels Expo will be a great day for the whole family to visit the airport and learn more about Hagerstown's aviation past, present and future.

Breakfast and lunch will be available from local non-profit organizations. Ice Cream and Kettle Corn will also be available.

Admission is free and donations are appreciated. Donations support the ongoing mission of the Hagerstown Aviation Museum to preserve and present Hagerstown's rich aviation heritage.

Event is rain or shine. Aircraft rides are weather dependant.

Wings and Wheels Expo 2013 will be held at the Hagerstown Regional Airport, 18434 Showalter Rd., Hagerstown MD 21742. Parking is in the airport terminal parking lot.

For more information: www.WingsandWheelsExpo.com or call 301-733-8717, museum info: www.HagerstownAviationMuseum.org airport info: www.flyhagerstown.com.

The Hagerstown Aviation Museum is a member of the Hagerstown-Washington County Convention and Visitors Bureau. For more information, see: www.marylandmemories.com.

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