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Wings and Wheels Expo 2011 to be Largest Variety of Fairchild Aircraft Ever Assembled; Local Employers to Exhibit, Discuss Job Opportunities at October 15-16 Event

HAGERSTOWN, MD – The Hagerstown Aviation Museum presents Wings & Wheels Expo 2011 to be held on October 15th & 16th. This will be the museum's biggest event and will feature the largest variety of Hagerstown built Fairchild aircraft ever assembled at one time.

From the 1928 Kreider Reisner KR-31 to the A-10 Thunderbolt II "Warthog", over 60 years of Hagerstown's aircraft manufacturing heritage will be on display. More than 20 Hagerstown-built Fairchild aircraft are planning to attend. Among these are the Fairchild/Republic A-10 Thunderbolt II "Warthog" from the Maryland Air National Guard, the Fairchild C-123 "Thunder Pig" from the Air Heritage Museum of Beaver Falls, PA., the Hagerstown Aviation Museum's Fairchild C-119 "Flying Boxcar", the museum's C-82 "Packet" and many other Fairchild aircraft. In addition, visitors can see the P-51 Mustang and L-39 Jet from Warrior Aviation of Frederick, MD and tour the Douglas C-54 "Spirit of Freedom" flying museum from the Berlin Airlift Historical Foundation of Farmingdale, NJ. The event promises to be the most interesting collection of vintage aircraft and wheeled transportation equipment ever gathered together locally – all assembled on the grounds of the Hagerstown Regional Airport on Showalter Road.

The event will also feature displays and exhibits from many leading area manufacturers such as JLG, Manitowoc/Grove and others. Local businesses such as D.M. Bowman Trucking, Smith's Implements/John Deere and others will exhibit equipment.

Several exhibitors will be available to discuss job opportunities, including the Commercial Vehicle Transportation Program of Hagerstown Community College (HCC) and the Pittsburgh Aeronautics Institute (PIA), who will be on-hand to discuss career educational programs.

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Supported by the Hagerstown Regional Airport and the Washington County Convention & Visitors Bureau and a number of area businesses and industries, the event will showcase vintage cars and trucks, motorcycles, military vehicles, firefighting, emergency and law enforcement vehicles, recreational vehicles, agricultural and construction equipment and more. Show vehicle pre-registration is available on-line at www.WingsandWheelsExpo.com.

A highlight of each day will be the flight demonstration of a replica 1911 Ely-Curtiss bi-plane as part of U.S. Naval Aviation's 100th commemorative anniversary of flight and to also help commemorate the 100th anniversary of flight in the Cumberland Valley. Also see fly-bys of vintage aircraft such as the Fairchild 22, Fairchild PT-19's WWII Warbirds and others. Other modern aircraft, including helicopters, are planned for the event's many static displays. Living history displays will complement the many exhibits.

For a \$100 donation, visitors can enjoy a flight experience in the skies over Hagerstown aboard the museum's vintage open cockpit 1943 Fairchild PT-19.

The Expo is a fund-raising effort to benefit the Museum's ongoing efforts to develop a visitor center and facility to house its growing collection of historic aviation artifacts and archives and more than fifteen vintage military and commercial airplanes, most of which were built in Hagerstown.

Proceeds from Wings and Wheels Expo will also benefit Warrior Aviation of Frederick, Md., in their mission to support wounded veterans. The organization will display their vintage stock P-51 Mustang fighter and L-39 jet. Of special note, anyone making a donation of at least \$2,500 will be entered in a drawing to win a flight experience in Warrior Aviation's vintage World War II P-51 or L-39 jet.

The Experimental Aircraft Association's (EAA) Chapter 36 of Hagerstown will offer free airplane rides for youth ages 8 to 17 through their Young Eagles Program. EAA members donate their time, aircraft and fuel to support this exciting program that gives many young people their first flight experience.

Admission is \$10.00 each day with children 12 and under free. Discount tickets are available online at www.WingsAndWheelsExpo.com. Parking is free with shuttle service. Admission includes the museum's *New Pegasus* magazine, event program and a ticket for prize drawings held periodically during both days of the event. A variety of home-made foods will be available and will benefit area non-profits. A variety of children's activities will be available.

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Local businesses can support Wings and Wheels Expo 2011 and the museum through a variety of sponsorships ranging from \$500 to \$5,000. Companies or organizations interested in becoming an Expo sponsor are invited to contact John Seburn by phone at 717-597-9695 or by email at info@hagerstownaviationmuseum.org.

More information can be found on-line at the event web site, www.WingsAndWheelsExpo.com.

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