



Chattahoochee Valley EAA Chapter 677

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Aerobatic Aircraft to be Displayed at The Landings March 2

Event sponsored by The Landings Shopping Center, Thunder in the Valley Air Show, and EAA 677 to promote March 16-17 air show and local aviation opportunities.

Columbus, Ga., February 26, 2013 –Columbus-area residents who have never been up close and personal with aerobatic and other aircraft will have that opportunity on Saturday, March 2, from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. (weather permitting) at The Landings Shopping Center, 2521 Airport Thruway, Columbus, 31904.

Aerobatic aircraft similar to those which will perform at the Thunder in the Valley Air Show will be towed from the airport that morning and put on display between Kinnucan's and Crepe Myrtle Café in the northeast corner of "The Landings II." Members of the local chapter of the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA Chapter 677) will be joined by representatives of Thunder in the Valley Air Show and local pilots to present a wide variety of aviation-based information, including:

- An introduction to hot air ballooning
- The challenges of aerobatics
- Local opportunities to pursue the dream of learning to fly
 - Young Eagles introductory flights for children age 8 to 17
 - Eagle Flights for adults age 18 and older
 - Flying lessons through Skyline Columbus
 - Other options for learning to fly hot air balloons, gliders, and helicopters
- Career opportunities in aviation

Additionally, discounted tickets to the March 16 and 17 Thunder in the Valley Air Show will be available for purchase.

"The airport is where most flight-related events and activities take place; but all the security precautions, though necessary, can make a casual visit a bit intimidating," said Ernie Kelly, president of EAA 677. "One of our members suggested sharing what we love about flying in a location where non-pilots will have plenty to do. The Landings Shopping Center – right down the road from Columbus Airport – is the perfect place."

The Landings Shopping Center is supporting the event by providing display space, advertising and promotions, and as always, providing their guests free family fun.

"Bringing airplanes from the runway to The Landings Shopping Center is a "Fun Way" to promote the Air Show and increase awareness for education in aviation," said Phaedra Childers, event coordinator for Thunder in the Valley Air Show. "This event presents a wonderful opportunity for those interested in aviation to get a plane-side perspective for both sport and general aviation."

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