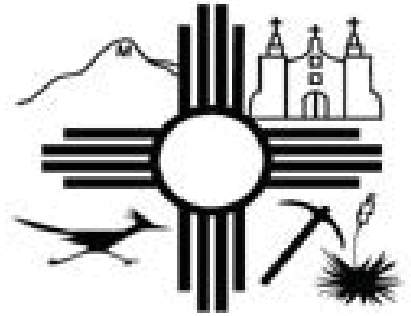


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“M” Mountain Fly-In

Saturday, September 25, is the date for the annual M-Mountain Fly-in when all sorts of airborne vehicles will descend on the Socorro airport for a little family fun. This year we can expect to see more than 50 aircraft, from home-built single-engine airplanes to old military training planes and nearly everything in between.

“We even expect members of the Belen parachuting club to drop in,” says Dave Finley, one of the fly-in organizers and Commander of Socorro’s Civil Air Patrol.

The first “M” Mountain Fly-In was held in 2008. It’s an opportunity for pilots from all over New Mexico and adjoining states to come together and visit with other pilots as well as showing off their flying machines (whatever they may be!).

For the public, it’s an opportunity to see these vehicles and to learn more about such things as what is required to get a pilot’s license, what the inside of an old Russian military training aircraft looks like, and what sort of person will jump out of an airplane with only a thin piece of cloth to carry them safely to the ground.

Ronnie Johnston will be there, even though he usually flies to Belen for breakfast on Saturday mornings. Johnston flies a little single-engine 2-seater he built himself in 1995. He used a design from 1929 that

called for a Model A engine. He settled for a Subaru engine and has been flying almost weekly ever since. If you’ve ever thought about building one yourself, look for his little orange and white plane and you can talk to him about it.



For the smaller kids (ages 4-9 or so), Bill Marcy will have his Kiddie Hawk available. The Kiddie Hawk is a miniature plane shaped like the Gee Bee Sport Racer from the 1930s. Kids can sit in the cockpit and use the controls to maneuver without the hazard and expense of an actual plane. Marcy’s goal is to get kids excited about aviation.

The Chile Proppers, Socorro’s model airplane club will have some of their radio-controlled models on display, but they won’t be flying them. Instead, they’ll be cooking up breakfast and lunch. If you want to see them fly their planes, the Chile Propper Fly-in is the weekend of October 2.

See you at the airport between 8 and 4 September 25!

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