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RE: FLY IOWA 2024— CLARINDA, IOWA

After a year of planning, the Clarinda Fly Iowa Committee would like to announce Fly Iowa 2024. The event will be held Saturday, August 31, 2024 at the Clarinda Municipal Airport- Schenck Field KICL in Clarinda, Iowa. Local individuals, community leaders and the City of Clarinda have been working the past year in preparation for the upcoming event.

Expecting 8,000 people and 80 aircraft is the making of the largest event that a community our size has ever seen since hosting in 2005. Fly Iowa is a non-profit statewide aviation fair organized by the Iowa Aviation Promotion group and hosted by the City of Clarinda, Iowa. There will be plenty to see and do at the event including a free air show from 2-4:30 p.m., children's activities, food vendors and educational exhibits.

Experience the thrill of an afternoon air show featuring iconic WWII fighters and bombers with a simulated battle brought to life by pyrotechnics. The explosions, fire balls

and a massive “Wall of Fire”, will not only be seen, but felt! This is an experience that will not be forgotten! Aircraft that are scheduled for the event include: Two P-51 Mustang fighters, Tuskegee Red Tail Mustang & “Gunfighter”, and the B25 Bomber, “Miss Mitchell”. Several high energy aerobatic performers ranging from a Micro Jet reminiscent of James Bond, to a pair of biplanes flying upside down and cutting a ribbon only feet above the runway; an engine out display of skill and energy management, skydivers, hot air balloons, and more that will keep you entertained and on the edge of your seat!

Children between the ages of 8 and 17 will have the chance to explore aviation with the EAA hosting the Clarinda Youth Rally on Saturday, August 17 at the Clarinda Municipal Airport-Schenck Field KICL. The rally will consist of educational and drone presentations conducted by 4D Aerial Solutions and the Iowa State Patrol. Aviation pilots from the area EAA chapter will provide free rides to children in order for them to get a bird’s eye view of life. Those interested in participating may contact Adam Huseman at (712) 435-0107.

Admission for the Fly Iowa 2024 event is free and individuals are encouraged to bring their lawn chairs. Join us for an unforgettable event that combines entertainment, education, and aviation excellence on the ground! For more information about the event please contact the City of Clarinda office at (712) 542-2136.