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Springfield Community Enjoys Fourth Annual Barnstorming Carnival

SPRINGFIELD, OHIO – August 4, 2017 – On Saturday, July 15, and Sunday, July 16, people from across the U.S. enjoyed the fourth annual Barnstorming Carnival at the Springfield-Beckley Municipal Airport.

Barnstormers were pilots who traveled the United States in the early 1920's and 30's selling airplane rides and doing aerial tricks for a living. Many were veterans from World War II. At the Springfield carnival, barnstormers came from Virginia, North and South Carolina, Ohio and other surrounding states to perform. This is one of the many stops for the barnstormers as they move northwest through parts of Ohio, Indiana and Wisconsin during barnstorming season.

The City begins working on this event nine months in advance. The airport staff coordinates planning efforts with the Barnstorming Carnival promoter Dewey Davenport to make the event possible.

Over 50 planes from the classic era of aviation were on display, including a 1946 Aeronca 7AC Champion aircraft. During the event, attendees could enjoy exploring the planes on the ground or taking a ride in a biplane.

“The Airport is a gateway to our community and a key asset in our economic development efforts,” said Assistant City Manager and Director of Economic Development, Tom Franzen. “The carnival draws thousands of visitors, and many have never been to the airport. They are blown away by the size of the airport's runways and taxiways, as well as the various aviation-related businesses that call Springfield-Beckley home.”

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