



# 2026 Props and Pistons Festival

Inspire Aviation will hold an aviation-themed event, the 2026 Props and Pistons Festival (“Festival”) on **August 15-16, 2026** at **Akron Fulton Airport**. This family friendly event is reasonably priced and open to the public. A variety of vendors, vehicles, and aircraft will be on display ranging from WWII warbirds, current military aircraft, medical helicopters, simulators, and dozens of other aviation displays. Every tastebud enjoys our variety of local food trucks and the shade of our complimentary dining tent.

The Festival has been held since 2013 and is planned & funded by Inspire Aviation. **Inspire Aviation is an Ohio based, all volunteer, 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.** We are committed to promoting Aviation and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, & Mathematics) in the classroom and throughout our diverse community through fun, educational, and enriching activities. In addition to this festival, Inspire Aviation conducts outreach throughout the year in schools, youth groups, and hospitals.

**Based on historical attendance numbers we are estimating to have at least 20,000 attendees.**

## Festival Objectives

- Expose children to aviation, capture their imagination, promote diversity and how to overcome life’s obstacles i.e. disadvantaged, at-risk, and medically fragile youth
- Family friendly event that appeals to all ages while exposing many forms of Aviation and STEM topics
- Rekindle community pride by exposing younger generations to Akron’s historical contributions to aviation

## Children Highlights

- Awareness building and education for children that may not normally be exposed to aviation, nor have the financial means to pursue aviation careers.
- Opportunity for kids to enjoy free flight simulators, interactive displays, and free kids zone
- Provide FREE airplane rides through the EAA Young Eagles program (Ages 8-17)

## Demographics

The following statistics and demographics come directly from our Facebook audience.

- 51% Female, 49% Male
- Ages: 2% are 18-24, 13% are 25-34, 26% are 35-44, 23% are 45-54, 21% are 55-64, and 16% are 65+
- On average, our fans are within 25 miles of Akron. In that radius, there are over 1.3 million people, and 39,500 businesses

We are a proud member of the International Council of Air Shows (ICAS). According to ICAS; *Air shows draw large numbers of demographically attractive spectators, a well-educated, affluent group of men, women, and children of all ages.* Airshow attendees can be defined by the following statistics:

- Over 50% have a college degree, with over 70% having some college education, and 63% owning their home
- Three quarters report a household income of \$35,000 or more, 52% report a household income of \$75,000 or more, and 35% report a household income over \$100,000
- The average spectator is just under 39 years of age, but more than 53% of spectators are between 30 and 50.
- There are an average of 325-350 airshows annually in the United States of America and Canada, attracting 10-12 million people, with an average admission price of over \$24. *Our pre-sale admission is less than that amount.*

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### **Veterans Ceremony**

Each year we host a special remembrance ceremony which usually includes dozens of veterans receiving their lost medals from the local congressional office. This emotional event consists of several prominent civilian and military speakers. Previous guests of this ceremony include World War II Veteran Alvin Gould and Vietnam Veteran Edward Paulus. This ceremony also includes the "Flight of the Flags" where loved ones can bring the burial flag from a services member, to go on one last flight, before being reunited with the family. Additionally, we have hosted several Enlistment Ceremony's for the Air Force, and hope to host them again in 2026!



### **F-16 Viper Demo Team**

The **United States Air Force F-16 Viper Demonstration Team** showcases the raw power, precision, and agility of America's premier multi-role fighter. Their performance is one of the most highly anticipated aerial acts, featuring high-G turns, rapid acceleration, and high-speed flat passes. The F-16 Viper is proven to drive **record attendance** and is a powerful lure for aviation enthusiasts. The F-16 Viper Demo Team appearance makes **2026 the highest-impact year in our history** and a critical opportunity for our sponsors. Hosting a dedicated military single-ship demo team guarantees a significant spike in attendance that far exceeds standard civilian acts. This translates directly to **unprecedented on-site brand exposure** and thousands of new consumer impressions for your company.

As a sponsor, your organization will benefit from:

**Increased News Coverage:** Your brand will be seen in conjunction with coverage of the military's elite team.

**Prime Placement:** Opportunities to host the pilot/support crew for interviews or sponsor the team's dedicated **Meet & Greet** area.

### **Childhood Cancer "Pilot for a Day"**

We have formed partnerships with Akron Children's Hospital and other similar organizations. This partnership allows us to host dozens of children (and siblings) who are fighting various stages of cancer and give them a memorable and motivational day. The kids will get a personal sightseeing flight on an aircraft, a meet & greet with our motivational speaker, a personalized certificate, and pilot wings. Our goal during this portion of the event is to let kids be kids!

**To date we have given over 700 FREE plane rides!!!!!!**



### **Company Picnic**

Is your company looking for a location to hold a company picnic? You can look no further than the Props and Pistons Festival! We have had companies host their company picnic for employees and family. We will handle all the logistics for you! Contact Hans at [hans@inspireaviation.org](mailto:hans@inspireaviation.org) for more information.



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## Sponsorship Opportunities

Review the available sponsorship opportunity levels at a glance! Continue reading below for a more detailed breakdown of each level. The first chart has a breakdown of all available Props and Pistons Festival sponsorship opportunities. The second chart has a breakdown of all available logistical sponsorships.

	\$40,000	\$15,000	\$10,000	\$7,500	\$5,000	\$3,500	\$2,500	\$1,000	\$775	\$500	\$350
Naming Rights	✓										
Live TV and Social Media Participation	✓										
VIP Area Access	50 Guests										
Ride in T34	✓										
Flight with Flight Instructor	Two	One									
Ride in Stearman	Two rides for 1	Ride for 1	Ride for 1	Ride for 1	Ride for 1						
Scenic Flight over Akron	Up to 6 people	Up to 6 people	Up to 3 people	Up to 3 people	Up to 3 people	Up to 3 people					
Free Show Tickets	300	150	125	100	75	50	25				
Promotions	All Promotions & Social Media Announcements About Festival	All Promotions & Social Media Announcements About Airshow	All Promotions About Sponsored Display	All Promotions About Sponsored Display	All Promotions About Sponsored Display	All Promotions About Sponsored Display	All Promotions About Sponsored Display				
Vendor Space	20'x20' Covered Space	10'x10' Covered Space	10'x10' Covered Space	10'x10' Covered Space	10'x10' Provided	10'x10' Provided	10'x10' Provided				
VIP Reception Invitation	16 people	8 people	6 people	4 people	4 people	2 people	2 people	2 people			
DJ Announcements	Hourly with company script	Hourly with company script	Company profile during airshow	Company profile during airshow	4 Each Day	3 Each Day	2 Each Day	1 Each Day			
Show Book Ad	Front Cover and full-page advertisement	Back Cover and half-page advertisement	Inside Front Cover	Inside Back Cover	Inside Front or Inside Back Cover	Ad in High Visibility Location	Ad in High Visibility Location	Ad in High Visibility Location	Business Card Sized		
Sponsor Banner	Two each at Show Entrance, Parking Lot & Central Spectator Area	Show Entrance & Central Spectator Area	Show Entrance & Central Spectator Area	Central Spectator Area	Next to Sponsored Aircraft	Next to Sponsored Aircraft	Prominent Location	Prominent Location	Prominent Location	Prominent Location	
Recognition	Social Media, Media Releases, Homepage on Website with hyperlink, Infographic, Official Event Flyer	Social Media, Media Releases, Website with hyperlink, Infographic, Official Event Flyer	Social Media, Media Releases, Website with hyperlink, Infographic, Official Event Flyer	Social Media, Media Releases, Website with hyperlink, Official Event Flyer	Social Media, Media Releases, Website with hyperlink, Official Event Flyer	Social Media, Website with hyperlink, Official Event Flyer	Social Media, Website	Social Media, Website	Social Media	Social Media	Social Media

	Ticketing	Golf Carts	Food Court	Kids Zone	Performer Party	Autograph Tent
	\$3,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$1,000
Promotion	Ad/Logo on Ticket Website and Back of Every Paper Ticket	Yard Sign on 2 Golf Carts				
Vendor Space	10'x10'		10'x10'	10'x10'		
Free Show Tickets	50	25	25	25	25	
Show Book Ad	Ad in High Visibility Location	Ad in High Visibility Location	Ad in High Visibility Location	Ad in High Visibility Location	Ad in High Visibility Location	
VIP Reception Invitation	2 people	2 people	2 people	2 people	2 people plus 2 to performer party	2 people
DJ Announcement	3 Each Day	2 Each Day	2 Each Day	2 Each Day	2 Each Day	After every performer
Sponsor Banner	Prominent Location	Prominent Location	Next to Food Court	Prominent Location at Kids Zone	Prominent Location	Next to Autograph Tent
Recognition	Social Media, Website, Official Event Flyer	Social Media, Website	Social Media, Website	Social Media, Website	Social Media, Website	Social Media

### What to do with your rides?

Use them for yourself and your family members, have a promotion at your business for the rides, give them to an employee....the ideas are limitless. Just give us the name of the person so we can schedule it during our show weekend.

*\*The Sponsorship opportunities referenced herein are for illustrative purposes and subject to change, revision, or amendment by Inspire Aviation and/or the Props and Pistons Festival. Some plane rides may be scheduled outside our show weekend if needed, but please understand rides may be limited by weather, weight & balance, aircraft location, or mechanical issues. All actual terms, conditions, offers, and opportunities presented to individual Sponsors will be included in each individual Sponsorship Agreement and/or invoice.*

# 2026 Props and Pistons Festival

## Detailed Sponsorship Opportunities

### **\$40,000 – Naming Rights Sponsor (1 available until April 1, 2026)**

- Event will be named “Props and Pistons Festival Presented by *Your Business Name*”
- Two 2 ½ by 4-foot banners at Show Entrance, Parking Lot, & central spectator area
- Participate in Live TV Media Segments
- Participate in Live Social Media Events during the event
- Name included on 2026 post-event Infographic
- Recognition on Social Media, media releases, Home Page & Sponsor Page of Festival Website with hyperlink to your business
- Week of social media mentions
- VIP Reception Invitation for up to 16 people (additional VIP Reception tickets can be purchased), & 500 free show tickets with the option to purchase additional at VIP rate
- Access to VIP area with catered food & beverages for up to 50 guests with additional guests at a negotiated rate
- Hourly announcements with company advertisement script
- Ad on front cover of Show Book with full page advertisement in show book
- Logo included on official event flyer
- Two Scenic Flights for up to three people per flight over Akron
- 2 Rides for one in a Boeing Stearman (WWII Bi-Plane Trainer)
- Donated ride for one in a T-34 (ex-Air Force trainer)
- 2 first flight lessons for one with Flight Instructor & your own Pilot Logbook
- Free 20'x20' covered vendor space



### **\$15,000 – Airshow Sponsor (multiple available)**

- 2 ½ by 4-foot banner at Show Entrance & central spectator area
- Name included on 2026 post-event Infographic
- Recognition on Social Media, & Sponsor Page Festival Website with hyperlink to your business
- VIP Reception Invitation for up to 8 people (additional VIP Reception tickets can be purchased), & 125 free show tickets with the option to purchase additional at VIP rate
- Hourly announcements with company advertisement script
- Ad on back cover of Show Book with half page advertisement in show book
- Logo included on official event flyer
- Two Scenic Flights for up to three people per flight over Akron
- Ride for one in a Boeing Stearman (WWII Bi-Plane Trainer)
- First flight lessons for one with Flight Instructor & your own Pilot Logbook
- Free 10'x10' covered vendor space



***\$10,000 – Major Display Sponsor (multiple available)***

- 2 ½ by 4-foot banner at Show Entrance & central spectator area
- Name included on 2026 post-event Infographic
- Recognition on Social Media, & Sponsor Page Festival Website with hyperlink to your business
- VIP Reception Invitation for up to 6 people (additional VIP Reception tickets can be purchased), & 100 free show tickets with the option to purchase additional at VIP rate
- Announcements with your company description/advertisement during Airshow acts
- Ad on inside front cover of Show Book
- Logo included on official event flyer
- One Scenic Flights for up to three people over Akron
- Ride for one in a Boeing Stearman (WWII Bi-Plane Trainer)
- Free 10'x10' covered vendor space



***\$7,500 – Aerobatic Aircraft Sponsor (multiple available)***

- 2 ½ by 4-foot banner at central spectator Area
- Recognition on Social Media, & Sponsor Page of Festival Website with hyperlink to your business
- VIP Reception Invitation for up to 4 people (additional VIP Reception tickets can be purchased), & 60 free show tickets with the option to purchase additional at VIP rate
- Announcements with your company description/advertisement during Airshow acts
- Ad on inside back cover of Show Book
- Logo included on official event flyer
- One Scenic Flights for up to three people over Akron
- Ride for one in a Boeing Stearman (WWII Bi-Plane Trainer)
- Free 10'x10' covered vendor space



***\$5,000 – Large Aircraft Sponsor (multiple available)***

- 2 ½ by 4-foot banner at sponsored aircraft
- Recognition on Social Media, & Sponsor Page of Festival Website with hyperlink to your business
- VIP Reception Invitation for up to 4 people (additional VIP Reception tickets can be purchased), & 40 free show tickets with the option to purchase additional at VIP rate
- 4 Announcements per day
- Ad on inside front or inside back cover of Show Book
- Logo included on official event flyer
- Ride for one in a Boeing Stearman (WWII Bi-Plane Trainer)
- Free 10'x10' vendor space – sponsor to supply tent or you may contact us for rental information



**\$3,500 – Medium Aircraft Sponsor (multiple available)**

- 2 ½ by 4-foot banner next to sponsored aircraft
- Recognition on Social Media & Sponsor Page of Festival Website with hyperlink to business
- VIP Reception Invitation for up to 2 people (additional VIP Reception tickets can be purchased), & 20 free show tickets with the option to purchase additional at VIP rate
- 3 Announcements per day
- Ad in high visibility section of Show Book
- Logo included on official event flyer
- Free 10'x10' vendor space – sponsor to supply tent or you may contact us for rental information



**\$3,500 – Ticketing Sponsor (1 available)**

- Logo/Ad on ticketing website & on back of **EVERY** paper ticket
- 2 ½ by 4-foot banner in prominent location
- Recognition on Social Media & Sponsor Page of Festival Website
- VIP Reception Invitation for up to 2 people (additional VIP Reception tickets can be purchased), & 20 free show tickets with the option to purchase additional at VIP rate
- 3 Announcements per day
- Ad in high visibility section of Show Book
- Logo included on official event flyer
- Free 10'x10' vendor space – sponsor to supply tent or you may contact us for rental information



**\$2,500 – Food Court Sponsor (2 Available)**

- 2 ½ by 4-foot banner at 20'x20' (or larger) food court tent which has complimentary tables & chairs for all our guests
- Recognition on Social Media & Sponsor Page of Festival Website
- VIP Reception Invitation for up to 2 people (additional VIP Reception tickets can be purchased), & 10 free show tickets with the option to purchase additional at VIP rate
- 2 Announcements per day
- Ad in high visibility section of Show Book
- Free 10'x10' vendor space – sponsor to supply tent or you may contact us for rental information



**\$3,000 – Kids Zone Sponsor (1 Available)**

- 2 ½ by 4-foot banner prominently located at **FREE** Kids Zone
- Recognition on Social Media and Sponsor Page of Festival Website
- VIP Reception Invitation for up to 2 people (additional VIP Reception tickets can be purchased), & 15 free show tickets with the option to purchase additional at VIP rate
- 2 Announcements per day
- Ad in high visibility section of Show Book
- Free 10'x10' vendor space – sponsor to supply tent or you may contact us for rental information



**\$2,500 – Golf Cart Sponsor (3 Available)**

- Yard Sign with company logo attached to 2 golf carts
- 2 ½ by 4-foot banner prominently location
- Recognition on Social Media and Sponsor Page of Festival Website
- VIP Reception Invitation for up to 2 people (additional VIP Reception tickets can be purchased), & 10 free show tickets with the option to purchase additional at VIP rate
- 2 Announcements per day, featuring "Golf Carts at the Props and Pistons Festival are proudly sponsored by *Your Business Name*"
- Ad in high visibility section of Show Book

**\$2,500 – Small Aircraft Sponsor (multiple available)**

- 2 ½ by 4-foot banner next to sponsored aircraft
- Recognition on Social Media & Sponsor Page of Festival Website
- VIP Reception Invitation for up to 2 people (additional VIP Reception tickets can be purchased), & 10 free show tickets with the option to purchase additional at VIP rate
- 2 Announcements per day
- Ad in high visibility section of Show Book
- Free 10'x10' vendor space – sponsor to supply tent or you may contact us for rental information



**\$2,500 – Military Crew/Airshow Performer Dinner Sponsor (1 Available)**

- 2 ½ by 4-foot banner in prominent location
- Recognition on Social Media & Sponsor Page of Festival Website
- VIP Reception Invitation for up to 2 people (additional VIP Reception tickets can be purchased), & 10 free show tickets with the option to purchase additional at VIP rate
- Military Crew/Airshow Performer Dinner Invitation for up to 2 people
- 2 Announcements per day, featuring “This Weekends Military and Airshow Performer Dinner is proudly sponsored by *Your Business Name*”
- Ad in high visibility section of Show Book



**\$1,250 – Autograph Tent Sponsor (1 Available)**

- 2 ½ by 4-foot banner at autograph tent
- Announcements after every performance (dozens per day)
- Recognition on Social Media
- VIP Reception Invitation for up to 2 people (additional VIP Reception tickets can be purchased)



**\$1,250 – Exhibit Sponsor (multiple available)**

- 2 ½ by 4-foot banner in prominent location
- Recognition on Social Media & Sponsor Page of Festival Website
- VIP Reception Invitation for up to 2 people (additional VIP Reception tickets can be purchased)
- 1 Announcement per day
- Business card sized Show Book ad



**\$775 – Car Cruise-In, or Veterans Ceremony Sponsor (multiple available)**

- 2 ½ by 4-foot banner in prominent location
- Recognition on Social Media
- Business card sized Show Book ad

**\$525 – Banner Ad Package (multiple available)**

- Recognition on Social Media
- Business card sized Show Book ad

**\$375**

**– Social Media Sponsor**

- Recognition on Social Media



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**Special Thanks!**

Thank you to the non-profit organization Operation: Flags of Freedom for allowing us to use their flags at our show. We are sure you'll agree it made the show spectacular!

The Mission of Operation Flags of Freedom - TO HONOR: Veterans who gave their lives in service to our country, men and women who served, or are serving, in the military. TO PRESERVE and PROTECT: The memories of those who selflessly served so their stories can be shared for generations to come. TO EDUCATE: Our community and students so they understand and value the concept of patriotism and the significance of history.

Thank you to Green High School JROTC and Legion Post 221 for Honor Guard Support



**Akron Children's Hospital, Air Bear**

Ohio's first pediatric-dedicated helicopter is housed at Akron Children's Hospital. They can reach critically ill infants, children, teens and pediatric burn patients during medical emergencies at regional and community hospitals throughout northeast Ohio. Each flight includes a Med-Trans pilot, as well as a dedicated transport nurse, respiratory therapist and medic from Akron Children's Critical Care Transport team.



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**Show Book Ads**

Our show book is a tabloid newspaper (over 5,000 copies), given to attendees and local businesses free of charge, it includes articles, full color printing, and advertising. **Sponsors and limited supporters will receive complimentary advertising in the show book.**

Note: Please have digital print ready artwork to us prior to July 1, 2026

**Did you know our airshow is required to provide rental cars, hotel rooms, and meals to all military members who attend?** Your sponsorships provide the much-needed funds to give our military a great experience in the greater Akron area. Thank you for your support.



**Do you want your company listed on our official flyer or post-event infographic?** We have numerous sponsorship packages that include being list on one or both. Check out the following images and statistics from the 2025 Props and Pistons Festival!

**2025 Props and Pistons Festival Stats**

**\$4,480,000**  
Direct & In-direct Economic Impact calculated by Akron Summit Visitors Bureau

**284** Hotel Rooms  
**52** Rental Car Days  
*Benefiting local employment and taxes. Does not include rooms/taxis rented by spectators or vendors.*

**Aviation Fuel Purchased**  
**2,585 Gal.**  
*Every gallon includes a tax for the City, Airport, and benefits local small businesses at the airport.*

**FREE tickets to underprivileged families**  
**1,000**  
*Youth groups, APS STEM High School, Summit Co. Children's Services, Akron Children's Hospital*

**223** volunteers putting in **4,300** hours  
*We are a 100% all-volunteer organization and put an additional 4,000 hours in the planning of the event throughout the year.*

**7,500** Spectators  
**\$41,700** Rented & Purchased Equipment  
*All rented equipment, from fencing to porta pottis, benefited local economy, employees, and small businesses.*

**29** Enlisted in Air Force & Marines  
**200+** Attended Veterans Ceremony  
*Those enlisting in military had a special "swearing in" ceremony. Veterans' ceremony incl Honor Guard, Missing Man Flyover*

**57** Aircraft & performers from **12** States & Canada

**Avg social media reach**  
**5,500**  
*Avg amount of people reached in each post during the week leading up to the event on 197,676 devices*

**New website visitors**  
**300%** Increase  
*12,656 First time website visitors in 1 month leading up to event*

**Radio Commercials**  
**335**  
*Each ad reached 303,200 adults aged 25-54 according to Nielsen. Over 5 different stations*

Thank you to our sponsors: **Parker**, **MEGGITT**, **BMW OF NORTH CANTON**, **Toyota of North Canton**

**AS SEEN ON TV** 5 LIVE segments on WJW Fox 8 "Kickin' it with Kenny"

**AKRON-FULTON AIRPORT**  
**AUGUST 16-17, 2025**  
**DAILY: 10AM-5PM**

**AOPA FLY-IN AT PROPS AND PISTONS FESTIVAL**

**FREE PARKING & SHUTTLE NEAR DERBY DOWNS**  
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- PT-26
- TBM Avenger
- B-25 Mitchell
- Goodyear built Corsair
- T-34's flying formations
- EMS Helicopters

**Special Activities:**

- Aerobatics
- Veteran's Ceremony
- Car & Bike Cruise-In
- Food Trucks / Vendors
- FREE Kids Zone
- FREE Flight Simulators
- Live Music

**& Many More!**

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 City of Akron  
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 American Legion Post 221  
 Avemco  
 Aegis 360 Consulting  
 Portage Lake Auto  
 Northcoast Equipment Specialist  
 Senior Helpers  
 VFW Post 2629  
 WM  
 Subway  
 Summit Racing  
 North East Ohio Pilot's Association  
 Rubber City Radio Group



Thank you to the **Akron Children's Hospital, Cancer Unit** for helping us create our "Pilot for a Day". Through this program, for the second straight year, we were able to provide a memorable day for children, and their siblings, who are going through a difficult time in their life. The kids built a plane, learned the basics of how an airplane flies, and finally got to take the controls during their personal flight. The day ended with them receiving a certificate and a personalized pilot flight log book. We look forward to many more of these "Pilot for a Day" events. Contact Brad Clinton at [brad@inspireaviation.org](mailto:brad@inspireaviation.org) for more information on this moving program.

Thank you to the **United States Air Force** and **United States Army** for sending aircraft displays and recruiters. These displays taught the public about technology and careers in the United States Military. **And the kids had fun.....**





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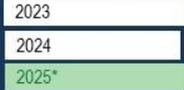
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