

Press Release

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Zenith Aircraft Company to host annual Open House and Fly-In on Saturday, September 22 in Mexico, Missouri

(See below for short form for events calendar)

Mexico, Missouri –Kit aircraft manufacturer Zenith Aircraft Company is hosting its 27th annual Open Hangar Day & Fly-In at its factory at Mexico Memorial Airport in Mexico, Missouri. The annual open house and fly-in event is a homecoming for many Zenith Aircraft customers from across the Midwest (and the entire U.S.) with many flying in to Mexico, Missouri, with their completed Zenith aircraft (whose parts were made at the Zenith Aircraft factory). The Open Hangar Day activities include factory tours, aircraft building and flying demonstrations, and activities for visitors of all ages.

For more than a quarter century Zenith Aircraft Company has been manufacturing and marketing aircraft kits for the do-it-yourself (DIY) market of recreational aircraft builders and pilots from its modern production facilities at the Mexico Memorial Airport in central Missouri. Zenith Aircraft produces kit aircraft with superb short take-off and landing (STOL) capabilities demonstrated by the STOL CH 701 and STOL CH 750 models, as well as economical two-seat cross-country cruisers. Zenith Aircraft builders typically build their own airplanes in 400-500 hours from a complete kit supplied by Zenith. The company makes extensive use of CNC design and manufacturing technology for precision production. The all-metal aircraft are produced using modern 6061-T6 aluminum alloy parts, and fastened together primarily with blind ("pop"-type) rivets, making them both quick and easy to assemble. Zenith Aircraft ships complete kits (packed in a large wood crate) to customers across the U.S. and around the world. Factory demonstrator aircraft are also housed at the Zenith factory and are available for demo flights (by appointment), and the company hosts monthly two-day "hands-on" workshops in the factory to give prospective builders the opportunity to gain building experience prior to committing to an entire kit airplane project.

Last year Zenith introduced its latest design, the STOL CH 750 Super Duty, a sport utility short take-off and landing (STOL) airplane with a rear jump seat and the introduction of an all new "unpanel" repositionable glass panel display (that completely replaces the traditional instrument panel).

Enthusiasts are invited to visit the modern Zenith Aircraft kit manufacturing facilities located at Mexico Memorial Airport (located three miles east of Mexico on Hwy. 54) from 8:00 am – 4:00 pm on Saturday, September 22, 2018.

Zenith Aircraft customers from across Missouri and surrounding states plan to fly-in (as well as drive in) for the annual homecoming event with activities (including seminars and workshops) for Zenith Aircraft owners and enthusiasts starting on Friday, September 21.

There will be flying demonstrations of Zenith Aircraft all day Saturday, as well as an “airplane show” with the many different custom-built Zenith airplanes on display. Inside the factory will be factory tours and demonstrations of aircraft parts manufacturing and assembly as well as representation by various engine and avionics companies.

Visit the Zenith Aircraft Company website for more information: <http://www.zenithair.com> and see the Zenith Facebook page for event updates: <facebook.com/zenithair/>

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Short Form for Events Calendar:

Zenith Aircraft Open Hangar Day & Fly-In:

8 am – 4 pm, Saturday, September 22, 2018, at Mexico Memorial Airport in Mexico, Missouri.

Kit manufacturer Zenith Aircraft Company hosts its annual Open House and Fly-In. Tour the kit airplane factory and see the Zenith planes. Many activities including flying demonstrations and BBQ lunch. All aviation enthusiasts welcome!

FMI: <http://www.zenithair.com> or call 573-581-9000

Facebook Event Page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/489572774795694/>

Zenith.Aero Event Page and event updates:

<http://www.zenith.aero/profiles/blogs/2018-open-hangar-day>

Photos from the 2017 event: <http://bit.ly/2hr5s1c>

Photos from the 2016 event: <http://bit.ly/2sPedXS>

Photos from the 2015 event: <http://bit.ly/298MA1O>

Videos from Zenith Aircraft Open Hangar Days & Fly-In:

- https://youtu.be/Meu_P_SnXrY
- <https://youtu.be/tfEptjEff4Y>
- <https://youtu.be/34CRW4Vbt2Y>
- <https://youtu.be/w3pXL7juipE>
- <https://youtu.be/J1cfN2AOetk>
- <https://youtu.be/sCkfVIPmYv4>