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Children's Activities Grow at the Golden West Regional Fly-in and Airshow

Hands-on projects, talks with aviation heroes, real flights highlight activities.

Marysville, California (May 13, 2008) The 2008 edition of the Golden West Regional Fly-in and Airshow, June 6, 7 and 8, Yuba County Airport (MYV), will offer a wide assortment of fun and educational activities in the Kid Qwest hangar for children, from toddlers through teens.

"This event truly offers a great experience for anyone with any interest in aviation, from people who build their own airplanes through families that might attend one airshow a year," observes John Gibson, Golden West Aviation Association President. "Based on positive reaction from the public, activities for children are being expanded this year to include a wider variety of hands-on projects, educational exercises and opportunities to meet aviation heroes."

The Kid Qwest hangar at Golden West will feature a real airplane that children will be allowed to touch and explore. Young guests will also be able to design airplanes on a computer, print them on cardstock, cut them out and fly them. Another activity involves seeing pictures of nuts and bolts and trying to assemble real nuts and bolts the same way.

At the Aviation Hero stage, children can ask aerobatic pilots and military pilots questions such as "What is it like to take off from an aircraft carrier?" or "How did you become a stunt pilot?" For toddlers, there's the Tiny Pilot's Lounge, where the little ones can wander around in a safe environment while the parents can take a break too.

For children a little older, there will be the Young Eagles Flight Education area, where they can experience a bit of what it's like to become a pilot. There will be flight simulators, information about weather and how to perform a preflight inspection. Each visitor will receive a pilot's logbook documenting their participation. And for the ultimate experience, a number of children between the ages of 8 and 17 will be given free flights in real airplanes under the Young Eagles program, designed to introduce young people to aviation.

The Golden West Regional Fly-in will also feature: an airshow each day and forums and workshops. The Golden West Aero Mall™ will have exhibits by manufacturers of the latest aircraft, avionics and pilot supplies. Aircraft judging will be on Saturday with awards presented at a dinner that evening.

Many additional exciting and interesting activities are planned for this year's Golden West Fly-in and will be announced soon. People who love flight will be "Flying Together" (this year's Fly-in's theme) to Marysville this June.

About Golden West Aviation Association

*Golden West Aviation Association, Inc. is an all volunteer 501(c)(3) not-for-profit association based in Marysville, California and is best known for its annual fly-in. The **Golden West Regional Fly-in & Airshow** draws more than 1,000 aircraft and 10,000 people to Yuba County Airport (MYV). Through the Fly-in Golden West 'opens the gates to aviation' while achieving its goals of promoting aviation education and safety and preserving aviation history. "The Golden West Regional Fly-in is under the sole ownership, control and operation of the Golden West Aviation Association and not EAA" For more information about the Golden West Fly-in go to the Golden West website (www.goldenwestflyin.org) or call the Golden West offices at (530) 852-0321.*