



SHREVEPORT AIRPORT AUTHORITY

City of Shreveport



The Shreveport Downtown Airport 80th Anniversary Fly In

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The Shreveport Airport Authority and the Experimental Aircraft Association, Chapter 343, based in Shreveport, Louisiana, will host the Downtown Airport 80th Anniversary Fly-in this Saturday, September 17th, at the Shreveport Downtown Airport from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be a dedication ceremony at noon with Mayor Cedric Glover. The event is free and open to the public.

The Fly-In will feature various aircraft such as a Cessna T-50 (Bamboo Bomber), Piper L-2, L-3, and L-4, Stearman PT-17, a T-6 Texan and Travel Air 6000 which was the first aircraft to come to airport.

“We are proud of the history and contribution the Shreveport Downtown Airport has given our community,” said Keith Gamble, chairman of the Shreveport Airport Authority. “We hope families and friends of the airport show their support, learn what the airport has to offer and enjoy the festivities.”

Members of EAA 343 (www.eaachapter343.org) and local Civil Air Patrol Squadrons will be on hand to answer questions on general aviation and how important the local airport is to the community. The Downtown Airport’s A Stone’s Throw Café will feature their full menu for visitors during the fly-in.

“Our downtown airport is a local treasure that helps set Shreveport apart from other mid-sized cities,” Mayor Cedric Glover said. “I proudly salute the staff, both past and present, as well as everyone who has worked these 80 years to make this day possible.”

The Café will also have entertainment that evening featuring Buddy Flett and Miki Honeycutt, from 5 to 9 p.m. and will offer \$25 steak and shrimp meals. Reservations will be accepted, but not required at 221-8544.

Shreveport Downtown Airport was the original air carrier airport in town, dating back to 1931. That same year, the airport received its first commercial airline when Delta Air Lines chose a route through Shreveport as part of its initial flight schedule. The route consisted of Dallas to Shreveport and on to Monroe, LA., and to Jackson, Miss. Shreveport Downtown Airport covers an area of 600 acres just north of Shreveport’s downtown district. The Downtown Shreveport Airport is managed by the Shreveport Airport Authority.

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