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## **N E W S R E L E A S E**

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### **16<sup>th</sup> Annual Charlie Wells Fly-In / Drive-In Pancake & Sausage Breakfast to be Held at Landmark Aviation**

SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS..... The 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Charlie Wells Fly-In / Drive-In Pancake & Sausage Breakfast event will be held at Springfield's Abraham Lincoln Airport at Landmark Aviation on June 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>, 7am – 12 noon both days. Cost is \$6.00 per person. Featured attractions on display include the oldest, original condition, camouflaged US Army Corps Douglas C-47 Skytrain from the Ozark Airlines Museum, two types of the T6 Texan and a B-17 Bomber Liberty Belle. The Route 66 Cruiser's Ground and Model Displays will be featured as well as airplane rides.

Funds raised at this and other events are used to carry on the legacy of Charlie Wells through The Charlie Wells Memorial Aviation Scholarship. This scholarship is used to help defray tuition costs and is awarded annually to a full time college student majoring in an aviation-oriented curriculum.

Drive-In's: Take J. David Jones Parkway to the main airport entrance then turn left following the signs to Landmark Aviation.

Fly-In's: ATIS127.65 Contact Approach on 118.60 when 20 miles out. Tell ground control you're going to the breakfast on the southeast ramp.

Charlie Wells started out as a crew chief in the WW II Army Air Corp. After leaving the Army, Charlie began working at the New Salem Airport, eventually becoming its sole owner and supporting more than 100 airplanes and the pilots who flew them. From there, he became an Air Safety Coordinator

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for the Illinois Division of Aeronautics, and was the founding President of the Professional Airshow Performers and Producers Association (PAPPA). Charlie trained over 1000 pilots and was a frequent speaker before pilot groups, civic organizations and air safety seminars.

Charlie lost his life on August 22, 1993 flying an airshow in Bloomington, Illinois.

Today, as soon as you mention Charlie's name, anyone who knew, or even just briefly met him, will not only remember a gifted airshow performer, but will remember a person who loved flying and gave us an example to by that will never be forgotten. And, as Charlie always said, "Happy Flying!"

More information about Charlie Wells and The Charlie Wells Memorial Aviation Scholarship can be found online at [www.WellsScholarship.com](http://www.WellsScholarship.com).

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