

Fort Worth Meacham Field Open House & Fly-In July 21, 2012

American Legion Riders join in the celebration of the 87th anniversary of Fort Worth's historic Meacham Field. They joined aircraft and military vehicle displays, presentations and a museum open house. Events were located at Fort Worth Meacham International Airport, 4201 N. Main St.



At the request of the City of Fort Worth's event coordinator, Ronnie Erbst, Director of Mansfield Post 624 ALR coordinated rider participation from district 12 and surrounding districts. American Legion Riders from as far south as El Paso and east as New Boston, Texas participated. The bikes were positioned at the entry to the terminal building providing the first display in the event. At the other end of the ramp a C-130 is from the 136 Air Wing, Texas Air National Guard provided shade from the 105 degree temperatures. On the flight line an intriguing array of ground and aero vehicles were located between these two displays. Throughout the day a steady flow of people admired the assortment of vintage to modern motorcycles, military vehicles and aircraft. "The Greatest Generation Aircraft Group" provided transportation between the terminal building, Vintage Flying Museum hangars and the Veterans Memorial Air Park in World War II transport trucks.

Excerpts from the after action report by William Guy, Brigadier General USAF (ret); event coordinator:
"Last count was about 70 motorcycles, American Legion Riders and Chula Chasers. Well received and responsible for about 200 visitors with their entourage"

"Mayor Betsy Price, Councilmen Sal Espino, Zim Zimmerman, and Danny Scarth attended."

"Thanks for your participation and contribution to a highly successful event!"

The linked scrapbook has a few pictures from the event. A presentation is being prepared that will combine pictures from many of the participating organizations.

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