

**Discover High Adventure and Behind-the-Scenes Surprises
At Fantasy of Flight Aviation-Themed Attraction
*Real Flights, Hot-Air Balloon Rides and Insider Tours on Tap***

POLK CITY, Fla. – If you have the “right stuff,” then climb aboard for the “Wright” thrills. At Fantasy of Flight aviation-themed attraction, you can take over where the Wright Brothers left off by climbing aboard a biplane and conquering the skies, either as a passenger or a pilot.

If planes aren't on your radar, a hot-air balloon ride may be your ticket to soar. There's even high adventure on good old terra firma – via flight simulators or a behind-the-scenes tour of real working aircraft restoration facilities -- if staying grounded is your goal. And with feet firmly planted, you can watch on any clear afternoon as a vintage plane rolls out and performs flight maneuvers for spectator thrills during an Aircraft of the Day aerial demonstration complete with pilot question-and-answer sessions.

“We are the only aviation museum on the planet that features daily aerial demonstrations,” says Kermit Weeks, Fantasy of Flight creator and owner and former aerobatics champion and aircraft designer. “It offers a rare opportunity to get up close and personal with the machine and the pilot – you don't get that kind of personal interaction even at an air show.”

Turn any corner at Fantasy of Flight –voted #1 of “Orlando's 101 Best Kept Secrets” by *Orlando Sentinel* readers -- and real adventure beckons.

Real Flights

You and three of your friends or family can experience a vintage barnstorming flight during the 15-minute ride of your life. First, your pilot regales you with barnstorming tales. Next, you don helmets and goggles for open-cockpit thrills. Feel the wind in your face as you travel back in time in this New Standard D-25 original Flying Circus aircraft that promises fun and memories for all.

If you dream of flying your own craft, here's your chance to make like a WWII Cadet and take the controls of the legendary Boeing Stearman PT-17. No flying experience? No problem. Duel controls in both cockpits allow the pilot to show you the ropes before you take over your ultimate flying adventure.

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“It’s a very special opportunity for people to experience flying in a real vintage plane,” Weeks says. “Many adults who fly for the first time are just like little kids – you can see the excitement.”

Wishing you could climb up, up and away in the gondola of a colorful hot-air balloon? Here’s your chance for an idyllic voyage above picturesque Central Florida. Cruise into the clouds and discover panoramic photo ops of sweeping vistas.

All Real Flights are available at additional charge.

Virtual Thrills

At Fighertown, get a pre-flight briefing and then step into the cockpit of an F4-U Corsair fighter for a virtual aerial combat mission over the Pacific Ocean. Learn to maneuver your aircraft in sync with other pilots as you shoot down enemy aircraft.

At the Fun with Flight Center, try out a state-of-the-art hang gliding simulator or see what it feels like to pilot a hot air balloon.

The Virtual Flight Explorer multi-passenger motion-based simulator (additional charge) lets you program your flight plan for a thrilling journey into the skies.

Aircraft of the Day Demonstration

You never know which plane in the vintage collection of Fantasy of Flight owner and aerobatics champ Kermit Weeks will be wheeled onto the runway for an exciting daily flying exhibition. You’ll marvel at the speed and maneuvers of the featured aircraft, and you can even chat with the pilot. The pilot’s briefing about the plane, aerial demo, photo opportunity and pilot question-and-answer session are included in admission.

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Backlot and Restoration Shop Tours

If you want to learn more about how the attraction's aircraft collection is restored and maintained, hop aboard a guided-tour tram or join a guided walking tour to go behind the scenes.

- **Backlot Tram Tour**: Ride behind the scenes of the World's Greatest Aircraft Collection to inspect military aviation artifacts and historic Hollywood "aeroplanes" of yesteryear, including the world's largest collection of B-17 parts. Aviation-enthusiast tour guides share tales of derring-do as your tram continues to the Fantasy Engine Bay with its priceless array of historic engines (Gnomes to Rolls Royces) from around the world. At the Maintenance Hangar you can see some of Kermit Weeks' favorite superstar airplanes.
- **Wood Shop and Machine Shop Tour**: See Wood Shop specialists restore and rebuild wooden aircraft like the original Curtiss JN-4, better known as the "Jenny" -- the barnstormer's chariot of choice. Grease and gears keep the Machine Shop running smoothly -- it's where the pilots' heroes spin ratchets and shoot grease guns.
- **Restoration Shop Tour** -- "Preserving and Restoring Treasures": Visit a working restoration shop where Fantasy of Flight's greatest assets are under reconstruction. You'll see expert craftsmen dismantle, resurface and restore multi-million-dollar vintage planes such as the Seversky P-35 (one of only three remaining in the world) to pristine condition.

Adventure Experience Extras:

- ***New Standard Barnstorming Adventure***: \$69.95 per person; available October through August, weather permitting)
- ***Boeing Stearman Ultimate Flying Adventure***: \$229 per person; available October through August, weather permitting. Reservations are suggested.
- ***Hot-Air Balloon Adventure***: \$175 per person; available daily, weather permitting, except Thanksgiving and Christmas. By reservation only. Up to four passengers per flight.

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Fantasy of Flight is an aviation-themed attraction showcasing vintage aircraft from the world's largest private collection; themed immersion experiences; flight simulators; interactive exhibits; a tram tour of aircraft maintenance areas; Restoration and Backlot tours; and an Aerial Demonstration of the Day. Hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. daily, and general admission is \$28.95. Audio tours, hot air balloon rides and biplane rides are available at extra charge. The Art Deco-styled Compass Rose Diner serves lunch daily from 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Recent additions to Fantasy of Flight attractions include the Fun with Flight Center for families; The Tuskegee Airmen – *They Dared to Fly* exhibit; and a multimedia tribute to the WASP (Women Airforce Service Pilots) – *A Passionate Pursuit*. For more information about Fantasy of Flight, call 1.863.984.3500 or visit www.fantasyofflight.com.
