

**Special Events Rev Up the Fun**  
**At Fantasy of Flight Aviation Attraction**  
*'Roar 'n Soar' Steps Up Thrills Nov. 8 and 9*  
*'Mustangs and Mustangs' and 'Splash-In' Make Waves Next Spring*

POLK CITY, Fla. – Adventure seekers looking for classic racing machines and high-speed thrills can hit the brakes at Fantasy of Flight Nov. 8 and 9 for Roar 'n Soar, the attraction's signature special event.

Vintage race boats speed across scenic Lake Agnes while planes perform aerial stunts overhead during the popular "Roar 'n Soar" fall celebration of air, land and water racers. Each spring, two high-profile events – "Mustangs and Mustangs" and "Sun 'n Fun" Splash-In – give guests more reasons to touch down at Fantasy of Flight. "Mustangs and Mustangs" features restored Mustang automobiles and a collection of P-51 Mustangs. "Splash-In," a celebration of seaplanes and amphibious vehicles, is part of the annual "Sun 'n Fun" Fly-In event based in Lakeland, Fla.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Roar 'n Soar -- Nov. 8 and 9**

This two-day event at Central Florida's aviation mecca features many of the world's most impressive air, land and water racing machines, from retro standouts to contemporary dazzlers. At the Classic Car Corral, vintage auto icons Jaguar, Austin-Healey, Ferrari, BMW and Porsche – including some of the most exotic automobiles ever made -- hold court. Many dust up the competition in daily slalom races as drivers test their maneuvers through a hay-bale-lined course on the hangar tarmac. This sanctioned race offers prime spectator viewing.

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The sleek lines and impressive heritage of vintage race boats wow visitors who gather to watch a regatta and to see several dozen boats run demonstration laps on Lake Agnes. The event wouldn't be complete without the best-of-the-best vintage flying machines, which swoop, roll and soar above the crowd at speeds nearing 300 m.p.h.

A sanctioned water ski show features the championship Ski-A-Rees of Sarasota, Fla. The team, with a 40-year-plus tradition, will perform a show full of breathtaking moves including twists, flips, human pyramids and barefoot skiing.

In addition, aerobatic shows starring the finest giant scale model replica aircraft in the world will dazzle kids of all ages throughout each day. The remote-control aircraft perform formation flying, precision aerobatics and aerial combat maneuvers.

Roar 'n Soar is expected to feature classic motorcycles in 2009, as well.

For children, the fun never stops at Roar 'n Soar. Kids can try their hand at flying their own hot air balloon and hang glider simulators in Fantasy of Flight's "Fun with Flight Center." Prizes will be awarded for precision landings. A hands-on activity center will be hosted by Florida Air Museum and Sun 'n Fun Fly-In. And the Polk Museum of Art will sponsor an arts tent with activities for children ages 5-15, with contests and prizes for different age groups.

### **Mustangs and Mustangs – April 11, 2009**

Who doesn't love a Mustang, whether it's a Ford Mustang from any era or a P-51 World War II fighter? This annual spring car and vintage airplane show, now in its 12<sup>th</sup> year, is the only Mustang event that showcases both restored P-51 Mustang aircraft and Ford Mustang autos of all eras, ages and styles. Show cars compete for a "People's Choice" award and the rare, restored P-51 fighters perform live aerial demonstrations. Children's activities, entertainment and photo opportunities are part of the special event, which each year attracts new fans with a shared passion for the restoration of aircraft and automobiles. Admission includes complete access to the aviation-themed Fantasy of Flight attraction.

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**Sun ‘n Fun Splash-In -- April 21-26, 2009**

In 2008, the Splash-In portion of the wildly popular Sun ‘n Fun Fly-In at Lakeland, Fla., was moved to Fantasy of Flight with pilots of 87 planes arriving on Splash-In day alone. Spectators numbered close to 3,000. Fantasy of Flight is home to such water-based aircraft as the Grumman Duck, a PBV Catalina and the only airworthy Short Sunderland MK5 in the world. Now, pilots of amphibious aircraft and seaplanes can land on Lake Agnes at Fantasy of Flight and participate in exciting events that range from a “bomb drop” contest to slaloms with floatplanes and flying boats.

A banquet held in a Fantasy of Flight hangar accommodates hundreds of guests who dine in the midst of the attraction’s aircraft collection. Guests are transported by shuttle to and from Fantasy of Flight and Sun ‘n Fun headquarters at Lakeland Linder Field throughout the event.

**Ongoing Events and Exhibits**

Fantasy of Flight brings other special events to guests throughout the year. The attraction has hosted and paid tribute to legends like the Tuskegee Airmen, African-American veterans of World War II and former combat pilots of the P51 fighter plane, as well as the Flying Tigers volunteer group of WWII pilots. And a special Wings and Wheels event has honored the best of German-engineered vintage aircraft and automobiles.

Special exhibits at Fantasy of Flight showcase the contributions of the Tuskegee Airmen and of Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP).

For more information about upcoming special events, visit [www.fantasyofflight.com](http://www.fantasyofflight.com)

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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 also are available. 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](http://www.fantasyofflight.com).

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