

Sentimental Journey Newsletter-Spring 2024

Happy Spring, everyone! The 38th annual Sentimental Journey is right around the corner, and we are getting excited to see you all. Mark your calendars...Tuesday, June 18th thru Sunday morning, June 23rd. We have planned a full day of activities for Saturday, so plan on landing gears up after breakfast, Sunday. Breakfast will be available Sunday morning. Fuel will be available Saturday & Sunday from 10am-4pm, in addition to the rest of the week.

Wednesday is Clinton County Day. All C.C. residents with proof of residency get in for free after 12 noon. Thursday is Veterans Day. All veterans get free admission all day. Thank you for your service.

There will be a meet & greet Monday evening at the pavilion, for the volunteers and the pilots who arrive early. Please remember to thank all those hard working, dedicated volunteers who help make it happen.

The usual fun is planned for the week, with some additions. Weather provided, there will be a spot landing competition each day, with the daily winners facing off on Saturday to determine the Grand Champion. Get practicing!

The Central PA Street Machines Car Club will be here on Saturday from 8am-1pm, for cars & coffee. You will get to vote for the People's Choice Award. They will be located on the field, west of headquarters. Please visit them and vote on your favorite vehicle.

After the car cruise-in, around 1:30 or so, we will be giving away an Apple Ipad mini, with Foreflight, WIFI & cellular (GPS). Every pilot who registers will receive a complimentary chance to win. Chances will also be available to purchase at the Fly-In. Not limited to pilots, and no limit on amount of chances you may purchase. YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN.

We are also planning on having a band on Saturday, from 4-7pm. Western Range will be providing a variety of family friendly music for your enjoyment. Gary's Cub Pub will be open at 4:30 on Saturday. We sincerely hope you plan on staying for the band. And speaking of bands, we got lots of compliments on the music last year, so we've booked most of them again. The bands who play during the week will play from 7pm-10pm. And of course, Gary's Cub Pub will be open from 5-closing! Tuesday, The Rocket Blasters will entertain you with classic rock from the 60's to

today. The beloved Lindy Sisters have been moved to Wednesday evening. Thursday evening, the band everyone raved about will be back, Chris LaRose & the Hex Highway Blues Band. And Friday, the talented Kristi Jean and Her Neer-Do-Wells will be back.

The famous Fred Jackson corn boil will start at 5:00 Tues thru Fri, for .50 per ear! There will be plenty of food vendors to choose from all week. Grab an ear to go with your dinner.

Friday morning is free coffee for everyone, compliments of Phil & Sharon Hoy. Tickets will be available at the pavilion Friday morning. Enjoy!

For those of you who enjoy a good game of cornhole, there will be boards set up behind the blue building, all week. You can sign-out our bags, or bring your own.

The local RC club is expecting to put on a show or two, and possibly a nighttime show for you to enjoy.

As always, underwing camping and tent/RV camping is available. If you're tenting underwing, we ask that you keep your tent size to a minimum for obvious reasons. Camping is primitive, no hook-ups. Showers are on site. Camping fees are paid upon arrival, beginning on the day you arrive. Because we lease the land for the week, the earliest you are permitted to arrive is Sunday, after 12 noon.

Note Bikes, motorcycles, golf carts, ATV's, vehicles, etc. are NOT permitted on the field. Exceptions will be made for those who need assistance getting around...permits are available at the Little Yellow Cubhouse. Be advised you must have proof of insurance with S.J. as a rider on your policy for the week. Sorry for any inconvenience, as we must COA! They are permitted in the camping area, if you ride responsibly! **Children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult at all times while on the airfield. Do not allow them to run ahead of you. Watch out for moving propellers. Pets are permitted, provided they are kept on a leash, kept away from other people's planes, & don't disturb the other guests. They are not permitted in the picnic pavilion, and you must clean up after them...for obvious reasons.**

Remember to tie down upon your arrival, before you leave your parking spot to go register. It gets windy in this valley! Bring a lawn chair if you plan on being on the flight line, watching the action.

Take time to read the bulletin boards, as they contain lots of info you may need.

The commercial vendor building will be open from 9am-5pm daily.

The Spirit of Freedom

Captain Tim Chopp and his crew have been hard at work preparing for the week in Lock Haven. They were to be here last year, but unfortunately lost an engine on the way. They are up & flying and can't wait to be here. Their newly restored Berlin Airlift flying museum will be on static display all week at the west end of the field, next to the Piper Museum. They are very excited for you to take a tour, and see all the improvements they've made to the display. Tim tells me it's bigger & better than before! Not to mention, it's a different aircraft. If you recall, their C-54D was destroyed in a storm a couple years ago, and was replaced with a C-54E. Pay them a visit while you're here.

Banquet

The banquet was moved to Friday evening last year, and was held in the museum, so the vendors in the blue building didn't have to dismantle their displays early. This worked out great, especially for those of you who can't stay till Sunday. The fine folks at the Museum have invited us back this year. We have also gone with a different caterer. The Dutch Haven has always prepared for us some very delicious meals, and we have no complaints, but we thought we would go with someone new just to give you a variety. If you plan on joining us for dinner Friday, please call us to make a reservation, or see Betsy in the Little Yellow Cubhouse, during the fly-in. It's best not to wait till the last minute, as the caterer needs a final number so they can prepare for it. Our number is 570-893-4200.

Awards will be given out during the banquet. If you want your plane judged, fill out the big card and place it in your window. Cards are available at the registration trailer. We judge all makes & models of aircraft. We encourage you to attend the banquet if you feel you're getting an award. Otherwise, appoint someone to claim it for you, or it will be mailed to you at your expense. Good luck to all!

Wish List

Our shower house is in dire need of repair, and is needing a water heater. We are also looking for a used truck to use during the fly-in and during our fundraiser breakfasts. It doesn't need to be pretty or inspected, as it never leaves the property. It just has to be in good running order. If you have a truck you would like to donate, please keep us in mind. Also remember, if you wish to donate monetarily, please make sure to write Sentimental Journey on the check, and send to: Sentimental Journey, Inc. P.O. Box J3, Lock Haven, PA. 17745. Do not send it to the Piper Airport or the Piper Museum, as we are three separate entities. We are very appreciative of any and all donations received. Every little bit helps to keep us going. And don't forget to visit the museum while you're in town. If you've never been here before, know they are just next door and would love to meet you!

Volunteers are desperately needed. If you have any free time and would like to volunteer for the week, or just a couple hours, see Betsy in the Little Yellow Cubhouse or call us at 570-893-4200.

Leah Jones Herd O' Turtles Scholarship

There's still time for you high schoolers to get your application in. A \$1000.00 scholarship will be awarded to one student who is looking to get into the world of aviation, or further their flying career. Call or send an email & we'll get the info to you asap. Email is: j3cub@kcnet.org.

Closing remarks

As stated earlier, the Fly-In runs from 9am Tuesday, June 18th thru Sunday morning, June 23rd. Breakfast will be available Sunday. We hope you roll with the change, and plan on staying until Sunday. Be good, be kind & be careful. See you soon!