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**Mark your Calendars Now to Join Us in Celebrating Airport Appreciation Day  
at the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Paso Robles AirFest 2016**

**Paso Robles, CA, July 26, 2016:** AirFest 2016 will take place on Friday, Sept. 30 and Saturday, Oct. 1 at Paso Robles Municipal Airport located at 4912 Wing Way. The two-day event will feature aircraft displays, activities, and entertainment for the entire family and aircraft aficionados of all ages.

The AirFest kicks off with “The Party,” on Friday, Sept. 30, 5pm-10pm in The Hangar with tours, live music, food, wine and beer.

“Run the Runways,” will be held on Saturday, Oct. 1, 8am - 9am and includes: 10k, 5k, and beginner categories for youth, military, and senior participation in a special “Run the Runways” event. For more information visit: <http://www.active.com/paso-robles-ca/running/distance-running-races/run-the-runways-2016>.

A Pancake Breakfast will follow “Run the Runways” from 9am-11am near the Airport Terminal Building. Breakfast is free for participants and \$10 for non-participants.

On Saturday, Oct. 1, the AirFest gates will open from 8am-3pm for the Airport Appreciation Day celebration with a 12:00 parachute delivery of flag, Paso Robles Marching Band, National Anthem, Mayor Steve Martin speech officially opening Paso Robles AirFest, Airport Appreciation Day.

The event will showcase historic and modern aircraft displays that include military and private planes from restored antiques to modern jets, racers, and remote control models. Enjoy aerial demonstrations by the Cloud Clippers, a Kid Zone, and BBQ lunch. Tour the Airport and talk with pilots about their aircraft. Free airplane rides for ages 8-17 provided by the Young Eagles, sponsored by EAA Chapter 465, led by David Fretwell.

Tony Gaspar, Chairman of AirFest 2016 notes, “The vision of the AirFest is to connect the local community and the Airport. We want to excite the community about this wonderful asset they have access to.”

Experience Flight, Food, and Fun in beautiful Paso Robles! For more information please visit the official Paso Robles AirFest website: [www.pasoroblesairfest.com](http://www.pasoroblesairfest.com).

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