

**4TH OF JULY: Flying, running and racing featured in event**

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my worries melt away.”

Following the introduction of the flag there was a flyover on the runway followed by a drag car leading the charge of the Fly.Drive.Run. 5K race benefitting the Sisters Outlaw Swim Club.

“We had 44 racers this year,” said race volunteer Michael Robillard.

Sisters resident Josh Nordell took home top honors in the men’s category and Rima Givot, a cross-country coach and science teacher at Sisters High School, was first for the ladies.

There was plenty to munch on while folks experienced this slice of American culture. Deri Frazee and her daughter Chloe were in charge of the coffee, with a portion of the proceeds donated back to the Outlaw Aviation Program. Sisters Rotarians provided a pancake breakfast and hamburgers for lunch for purchase. By 9:30 a.m. they were running low on pancakes.

“Lunch starts at 11,” said Benson with a smile on his face.

Many of the businesses housed at the airport were on hand to showcase their unique products and talk about what they do.

Marc Edmonds of LightSport USA had his LightSport Aircraft available to look at and check out.

“This is a unique aircraft — brought in fully assembled from the Czech Republic,” said Edmonds. “It only takes 20 hours to get licensed to fly one, and you don’t need a medical.”

As onlookers arrived they were able to stroll through close to 100 cars. The Godspeed Car Club and its dozen members — most from Sisters — were there to showcase their cars. Club members get together monthly to talk about their cars, but more importantly talk about reaching people in the community and being a positive influence through their unique vehicles.

“This is one of my favorite events as far as car shows go,” said Godspeed member Erik Himbert. “There are cool cars, cool people, airplanes, and skydivers. It’s just fun — a slice of Americana.”

Local Sisters resident Gary Frazee had his 1970 Chevy C-10 pick-up at the event.

“Fixing this truck up was a promise I made to my stepdad of 36 years as he was passing away,” said Frazee. “I’ve been working on this truck for 16 years and finally finished it. I’ve only driven it three or four times now that it’s done; this is its first show.”

The day wrapped up with a series of drag races.

With the mountains as the



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Drag race: Tesla vs. Corvette vs. biplane. The Teslas made a big impression on onlookers.

backdrop, kids young and old had smiles on their faces watching the planes land throughout the day.

Benson said, “We are proud to be able to host this community event that brings people together.”



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The traditional aerial chicken drop...



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