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A skydiver dropped in on Sisters Eagle Airport to commence Independence Day festivities on July 4.

Sisters celebrates Independence Day

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Sisters Eagle Airport hosted its annual airport extravaganza last week for the Fourth of July. This year's attendance doubled last year's — 1,500 to 1,800 people turned out. Employees and airport volunteers took to the runway to host the sixth annual event under the title "Rally on the Runway."

This year's events featured Skydive Awesome introducing the American flag by parachute, and started the day off with runners participating in the 5k run or walk. Starting at 7 a.m., Sisters Rotary volunteers provided a pancake breakfast for hungry runners and attendees flowing in for following events.

Following the run, the Sisters Outlaws Aviation aircraft provided buyers the chance to win prizes with rubber chickens in a game of high-speed airdrop bingo. Prizes consisted of gifts from local businesses.

The Rally on the Runway has become known over the years for its large and diverse gathering of vintage cars as well. Enthusiasts from all around Central Oregon drive their classics to be shown and fawned over by fellow advocates. There were 142 cars on display.

Many newer, fancier models made their appearance as well and brought new technology to the row of display. Lamborghini and Tesla were among the few makes to show their curves alongside the chrome of their classical rivals, though muscle-era

vehicles dominated the lineup. Many cars and trucks appeared later in the morning with the total on-display cars reaching 175 by noon.

One of the fastest growing events held every year is the afternoon drag race. This year's 68 drag competitors featured many of the cars on display as well as motorcycles and tow trucks ready to burn rubber for the sake of entertainment and bragging rights. For over two hours, machines raced the length of the runway to win unofficial titles.

What brings people back every year is more than the just the speed and noise, but the family atmosphere friendly competition brings. Both Benny Benson and Chris Schaad said the event has grown, and felt this year's Rally was good for the community.

There was even a successful marriage proposal.

All proceeds went to benefit the local Sisters Outlaw Aviation program, where high school students have the chance to earn their wings through local programs held at Sisters Eagle Airport.



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WED...JULY 11

Sisters Library Author Reading with Marie Bostwick 4 p.m. Presented by Paulina Springs Books. Bostwick will read from and sign her latest novel, "Just in Time." paulinasprings.com.

Village Green Park "Men Behind the Quilts" Auction & Calendar Premier Party 6 to 8:30 p.m. \$45 per person for dinner & entertainment (adult drinks for purchase). Purchase tickets online at sistersoutdoorquiltshow.org.

Sisters Saloon Poker Night 7 p.m. Every Wednesday! \$20. For additional information call 541-549-7427 or go online to sisterssaloon.net.

THURS...JULY 12

Homes & Gardens of Sisters Quilts in the Garden Tour 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Five gardens, homes, and artist studio on tour. \$20. Tickets are at The Gallimaufry, the Sisters Area Chamber of Commerce, or at sistersgardenclub.com.

Sisters Library Author Reading with Rene Denfeld 4 p.m. Presented by Paulina Springs Books. Denfeld will read from and sign her latest book, "The Child Finder." For more information call 541-549-0866 or go to paulinasprings.com.

Sisters Art Works Artist's Reception for Kathy Deggendorfer 3:30 to 6 p.m. Enjoy Kathy's open house & studio sale, with a new fabric line from Maywood Studio. For info: kathydeggendorfer.com.

Cork Cellars Tasty Thursday Hosted Wine Tasting 5 to 7 p.m. with J. Albin. For additional information call 541-549-2675 or go online to corkcellarswinebistro.com.

Sisters Area Chamber of Commerce "Wish Upon a Card" Artists' Reception 3:30 to 6 p.m. See the unveiling of the fabric postcards for the fundraiser for St. Charles Cancer Center. For info go to sistersoutdoorquiltshow.org.

Suttle Lodge & Boathouse Wine Tasting with Hundred Suns Wines 5 to 7 p.m. Free to overnight guests; fee for day users. thesuttlelodge.com or 541-638-7001 for info.

Sisters Saloon Karaoke Night 9 p.m. to midnight. Every Thursday, no cover! For information call 541-549-7427 or go to sisterssaloon.net.

FRI...JULY 13

Cascade & Oak Sisters Artist Marketplace noon to 7 p.m. Featuring arts, crafts, beer & wine garden, food and live entertainment! centraloregonshows.com.

Black Butte Ranch Quilt Show at BBR 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the Lakeside lawn. Includes the annual potholder sale. Lunch buffet tickets are available at quiltersaffair.net.

Sisters Library Author Reading with Elise Hooper 4 p.m. Presented by Paulina Springs Books. Hooper will read from and sign her debut novel, "The Other Alcott." For more information call 541-549-0866 or go online to paulinasprings.com.

Chops Bistro Live Music! 6 to 8 p.m. For additional information call 541-549-6015.

Hardtails Bar & Grill Karaoke Night 9 p.m. Every Friday, no cover! For additional information call 541-549-6114 or go online to hardtailsoregon.com.

Fir Street Park Sisters Farmers Market 2 to 5:30 p.m. Fresh on Fridays, through September! For more information go online to sistersfarmersmarket.com.

SAT...JULY 14

Downtown Sisters Sisters Outdoor Quilt Show 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The 43rd annual event featuring 1,300+ quilts! For additional information: sistersoutdoorquiltshow.org.

Cascade & Oak Sisters Artist Marketplace 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Featuring arts, crafts, beer & wine garden, food and live entertainment! For more information go online to centraloregonshows.com.

Hardtails Bar & Grill Live Music with Gold Dust 8 p.m. It's the Fleetwood Mac tribute band! \$10 in advance at Hardtails or bendticket.com or \$15 at the door, day of show. For more information call 541-549-6114 or go to hardtailsoregon.com.

Cork Cellars Live Music with Brian Odell & Fiddler Bob Baker 7 to 9 p.m. No cover! For additional information call 541-549-2675 or go online to corkcellarswinebistro.com.

Chops Bistro Live Music! 6 to 8 p.m. For additional information call 541-549-6015.

Suttle Lodge & Boathouse Brass Button Pop-up Leather Keychain Making 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. \$20 per keychain. For additional information go online to thesuttlelodge.com or call the lodge at 541-638-7001.

SUN...JULY 15

FivePine Conference Center SOQS Sunday! 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. More quilting events! For tickets or additional information go to sistersoutdoorquiltshow.org.

Chops Bistro Live Music! 6 to 8 p.m. For additional information call 541-549-6015.

Sisters Saloon Open Mic Night 8 to 10 p.m. Free, every first and third Sunday! For information call 541-549-7427 or go to sisterssaloon.net.

MON...JULY 16

Hardtails Bar & Grill Open Mic & Jam Night 7 p.m. Every Monday, no cover! For additional information call 541-549-6114 or go online to hardtailsoregon.com.

Sisters Saloon Painting Party 6 to 8 p.m. \$35, every Monday! For additional information call 541-904-5280 or go to sisterssaloon.net.

TUES...JULY 17

Sisters Saloon Trivia Night 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Sign-up is at 6:15 p.m. Free, every Tuesday! For additional information call 541-549-7427 or go to sisterssaloon.net.

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