Air show over Madras thrills attendees

For the Redmond Spokesman

Hundreds of Redmond residents headed north Friday and Saturday, making the 30 minute journey to the Air Show of The Cascades in Madras.

If you've never been to an air show you might reconsider for next year, it's 23rd annual event.

"What folks need to think of is not a textbook air show but a festival," said Joe Krenowicz, who heads the Madras Chamber of Commerce. "If planes don't interest you, then bring the family for the fireworks, live music, a sunrise breakfast, a fish 'n chips dinner or car show," he said.

And record crowds did.

Friday night saw three times as many patrons as 2021 and Saturday, a picture perfect day in the mid 70s, took acres of parking to accommodate spectators who hailed from a dozen states, some as far flung as New York.

Krenowicz knew by Thursday that it was going to be a busy weekend. Advance ticket sales set off alarm bells as organizers scrambled to find 10 more portable toilets only to realize they'd need yet another 10 as sales kept ringing.

Naturally, aircraft were the centerpiece of the two-day affair. A large cadre of airplanes were on ground and in the air. Pilots from several nearby states flew in to kick things off.

Their planes were a mixture of vintage models, the kinds



Photo by Bill Bartlett for the Redmond Spokesman

Crowds wander through numerous vintage aircraft at the Air Show of the Cascades in Madras.

made famous in movies like "Out of Africa" with open air cockpits to high performance stunt planes.

Add in war planes including the Mustang P-51 and B-17 Sentimental Journey originally manufactured and delivered to the U.S. Army Air Forces for war service in 1944 where she flew missions in the Pacific Theater. After the war she flew for training, testing and at-sea rescue missions and was eventually sold for surplus and used as a fire bomber.

In 1978 the aircraft was purchased by a Commemorative Air Force (CAF) member and donated to the newly formed Arizona unit of the world-famous CAF.

The Spokesman had a bird's eye view of the event as an onboard guest of the crowd favorite, Golden Knights, one of only three Department of Defense-sanctioned aerial demonstration teams, along with the US Navy Blue Angels and the US Air Force Thunderbirds.

The precision unit made three jumps to the thrill of the onlookers gazing into a crystal blue sky. For adrenaline buffs, the Airshow had you covered. But many needed to cover their

The Navy aircraft, the F-18 Growler, is a prominent aircraft in the recently released "Top Gun-Maverick" movie and was in this year's line-up both days. The Growler performed at speeds short of exceeding the sound barrier as a pair started their routine at 600 mph, 100 just feet over the runway.

The car show has always been affiliated with this airshow since the 1970s when friends and family members began flying and driving to the Ochs family farm. Entries have been returning for years in addition to newcomers who are registering for the first time. The Car Show was an exciting and free activity for attendees to enjoy as part of their Airshow experience.

Chuck and Rachel Feriend of Redmond took their little



Photo by Bill Bartlett for the Spokesman

A member of the Golden Knights, one of only three Department of Defense-sanctioned aerial demonstration teams, peers out a plane before parachuting out to entertain crowds at the air show in Madras.

ones Jaxon, 5, and CJ, 2, to the show. They were one of dozens of Redmond families taking advantage of the exceptional weather and vast array of planes, cars, food and games.

"The kids are really into the planes," Rachel said. Chuck was impressed by the

intimacy of the event. "You can sit in some of the planes, walk right up and touch them all. This is fun stuff," he enthused.

The Denmores of Redmond were at their 11th show.

"It gets better every year," Lon Denmore said while his wife, Brenda was thrilled with the range of planes. "This is such a quality display, equal to some of the biggest air shows in Amer-

Miss the air show?

The Erickson Aircraft Collection is open to the public daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., except Monday. The collection is closed

Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter Sunday.

ica," she estimated.

They've been to air shows in Wisconsin, Florida, Texas and Arizona and just last week at the show in Hillsboro near Portland, the only other air show in Oregon.

Renny Price is a larger than life character who is beloved throughout the airshow world as much for his one-of-a-kind personality as he is for his aggressive aerobatic routines. Flying the legendary Russian Sukhoi-29, Renny Price is known as one of the world's greatest aerobatic pilots, in addition to his fearless skills as an aviator. His maneuvers had the audience gasping.

Many wandered for hours at the permanent Erickson Aircraft Collection displaying a vintage aircraft assemblage. The portfolio features more than 20 rare aircraft, most of which are still in flying condition. The Collection features rare aircraft such as the P-38 Lightning, P-51 Mustang, Ki43 Hayabusa, F4U Corsair, SBD Dauntless, Grumman Duck and B-17 Flying Fortress.

NORTHWEST REDMOND

Major apartment project breaks ground

BY TIM TRAINOR

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A four-story, eight-building, 84-unit housing development has broken ground in north Redmond.

Bend-based Momentasize Construction is behind the project, which is under construction just west of the highway at what will be the intersection of Seventh St. and Teak Ave.

According to Dirk Van Der Velde, founder of the Momentasize, the project will be a "garden style" development, with green spaces planned to intermix with the apartment buildings as well as 24 storage units.

spread across 3.5 acres.

It is the first four-story development planned in Redmond, according to Van Der Velde, who said it "will be a monumental addition to northwest



Courtesy Momentasize

foundations will be poured soon. He said that, depending on weather, it could take 18 months to finish the project and they could be welcoming tenants at the end of 2023.

The total development will be The project is part of a "garden apartment" development, with four-story buildings each with its own green space.

Redmond and provide the town with much-needed, brand new, high quality, market-rate apart-

He described the project as "sort

of paving the way (for more development) on that end of town."

The apartments are a mix of 1-3 bedroom units. Extras in each unit will include balconies and fireplaces, as well as picnic and barbecue space and EV charging stations. Developers said the buildings will offer views of the Cascades as well as Smith Rock.

Christiansen's Contracting of Redmond will be the general contractor on the project, which was designed by 541 Architec-

ture in Bend.

Duel Christiansen, senior

project manager for the com-

pany, said they plan to employ

130-140 people on site for the

duration of the build. He said

eral contractor is their strong

ties to the local labor pool. He said the company should have

no issue finding enough sub-

spite the tight labor market.

contractors to do the work, de-

ing the permitting process, Van

Der Velde said excavation work

is underway at two of the pro-

posed buildings and concrete

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the benefit of hiring a local gen-

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Schools

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The district also utilizes the Safe Oregon Tip Line, which allows students, faculty or community members to anonymously report a threat to a school or student. Anyone can send in a tip via call or text at 844-472-2267 or email tip@ safeoregon.com.

One of the tip line's most common uses is to share concern about students who may be considering suicide.

The district is promoting Deschutes County's First Step app, which provides contact information for mental health providers and mental health hotlines. Cline said there are two student health centers available on campus, both have mental health and drug abuse support available in partnership with Rimrock Trails Treatment Services. It also offers a Bridges to Resilient Youth in Transition — or BRYT — program to provide behavioral and emotional support for students and a Step-Up program, which helps support students' academic success.

Redmond School District also has five armed School Resource Officers — two full-time and two part-time officers that work in the district, as well as one part-time SRO assigned to the Redmond Proficiency Acad-

"Our goal is to continue to build relationships, both with students and staff or faculty throughout all the schools," said Redmond Police Department Lt. Jesse Petersen.

Beyond their presence in Redmond schools and after school events, SROs sometimes teach criminal justice classes for students who are interested in law enforcement work.

"They're there to listen to the kids about any issues that they may have and to help them through that," Petersen said. "They're not always just a police officer."

Redmond's SROs practice de-escalation techniques. Each has mental health training and help investigate crimes committed by and against students, Petersen said.

"We want to be proactive about this," Petersen continued. "We know, especially with our School Resource Officers, that we have to have good relationships in place, so that we can have preventive actions in place to prevent crime from occurring or to be able to help people that are in need."

OFFICERS AND OPERATIONS

Petersen said SROs help train the district in the Standard Response Protocol, a nationally-utilized emergency response program that outlines safety measures for human threats and natural disasters.

Redmond School District environmental and safety compliance officer Jeff Hawthorne said the common language streamlines communication between school faculty and first responders — something that's important in an emergency.

SRP outlines five basic emergency actions: "hold," "secure," "lockdown," "evacuate" and

Hawthorne said the biggest change is this year's hold protocols. Instead of fully locking down the school, a hold asks students and faculty to clear hallways but proceed with business as usual once in a set location. This allows administrators to investigate potential threats without causing undue alarm by instituting a more severe emergency action plan, Hawthorne

If there is an active threat, Pe-

tersen said SROs and other local law enforcement have specific training on how to respond, but those actions vary based on the specific situation.

From a district perspective, Cline said, they're focused on safety and communication. "This stuff is scary, and par-

ents get scared," he said — especially when they don't know what's happening to their children.

This year, the Redmond School District is trying to ensure that parents get more regular updates in an emergency situation. Hawthorne said the goal is to send out a new mesthe message is that nothing's changed and the district will check back in in another 15

sage every 15 minutes, even if

PHYSICAL SAFETY PROTOCOLS Cline said the Redmond

School District is also working to make its buildings more physically secure, partly with funding from a voter-approved bond.

Part of this is "building secure vestibules," Cline said, by making sure that people coming into a school are in a locked space where they can be vetted before they're allowed to interact

with students. Adults must wear identifying badges, so administration can keep tabs on who's in the building. The district is also in the pro-

cess of upgrading its security cameras, and SROs have been instructed to identify additional security improvements in school buildings, Cline said. "Safety is a community re-

sponsibility," Cline said. "It's not just a school responsibility. And everyone's got a hand in it."

The district will discuss school safety at the Redmond city council meeting on Sept. 13.

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