Visiting Aircraft

Normally the Virginia Beach airport and museum is closed to visiting airplanes, because of neighborhood concerns. However, during an occasional air show event, the airport will be open to single engine propeller aircraft for that weekend only. If you want to attend this exciting event, then arrive in style on the wings of your own personal aircraft.

For further information about the airfield, review www.AirNav.com\airport\42VA on the Internet.   The Unicom frequency is 122.9 and you can telephone for weather and winds from AWOS at (757) 204-2683 or radio on 119.925 upon arrival. The runway is East/West, approximately a mile long, and 200 feet wide of grass turf in good conditions. There is a wind sock to the West of the main museum building and an American flag to the East end of the museum. At the approach end of each runway, there are wind streamers on the right as you approach. All take offs and landings are at the owner's own risk. There is no lighting and after dark operations are prohibited.

The airport will be open to overnight aircraft from Friday to Monday. All aircraft must depart before sunset on Monday evening. You may arrive any time on Friday, Saturday, or Sunday after 8:00 AM. Be aware that the airport will be closed during the air show from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM each weekend day, when there will be waivered airspace in effect. If your timing is off, then we would suggest that you temporarily divert to the Currituck, NC, airport (KNOX) or Chesapeake Regional Airport (KCPK).

Parking at the airport is very limited for both cars and airplanes. Visiting aircraft will be marshaled for parking onto the crosswind runway. You will need to bring your own chocks or tie down stakes if needed. When this parking is full, we will not be able to accept any additional aircraft, so try to arrive early. It is suggested that you purchase your air show tickets in advance, either from our website (www.VBairshow.com), or by calling the museum gift shop at (757) 721-PROP.

Historic Military Aircraft painted in armed forces markings will be provided free entry for all aircraft occupants. For any questions or clarification regarding this policy, contact the museum and ask to speak to the museum director.

Aircraft demonstration flights of Military aircraft doing low photo passes will be conducted both weekend days from 1:00 to 3:00 PM. At this time, the airport will be closed with FAA controlled waivered airspace in effect. If you have a Military aircraft from the first half of the last century and would like to fly in the air show, contact Mike Spalding (Phone: (757) 647-7823 or Email: mspaldin@msn.com) for more information and possible permission for inclusion. Please do not be disappointed, as we have limited allocated time for demo and photo flights. Those visiting aircraft participating will be provided with fuel for the air show portion of their flight.

Transportation from the airport to oceanfront hotels can not be guaranteed. For rental cars delivered to the airport call Enterprise Rent-A-Car at (757) 721-4499. Tell them you are with the Aviation Museum event. To guarantee car delivery to the Virginia Beach Airport, reserve 72 hours in advance and ask for Scott Matthews. There is no bus service, but most local pilots will often offer a ride to other airmen. For hotel accommodations contact www.VBhma.com and ask if they might have a weekend discount package for visiting pilots attending the air show. We have a special reduced rate at the Cavalier on t he Hill hotel (www.CavalierHotel.com/History) by calling (757) 425-8555.

We look forward to having you join us for another year of an exciting annual event. Fly safely and wear your historic aviator clothing when you arrive.