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# Fly Iowa airshow thrills crowds

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OTTUMWA —Fly Iowa kicked off this weekend and drew large crowds with its impressive acrobatic displays and historical air crafts. Families and plane enthusiasts alike flocked to the Ottumwa Regional Airport on Saturday for the spectacular Airshow.

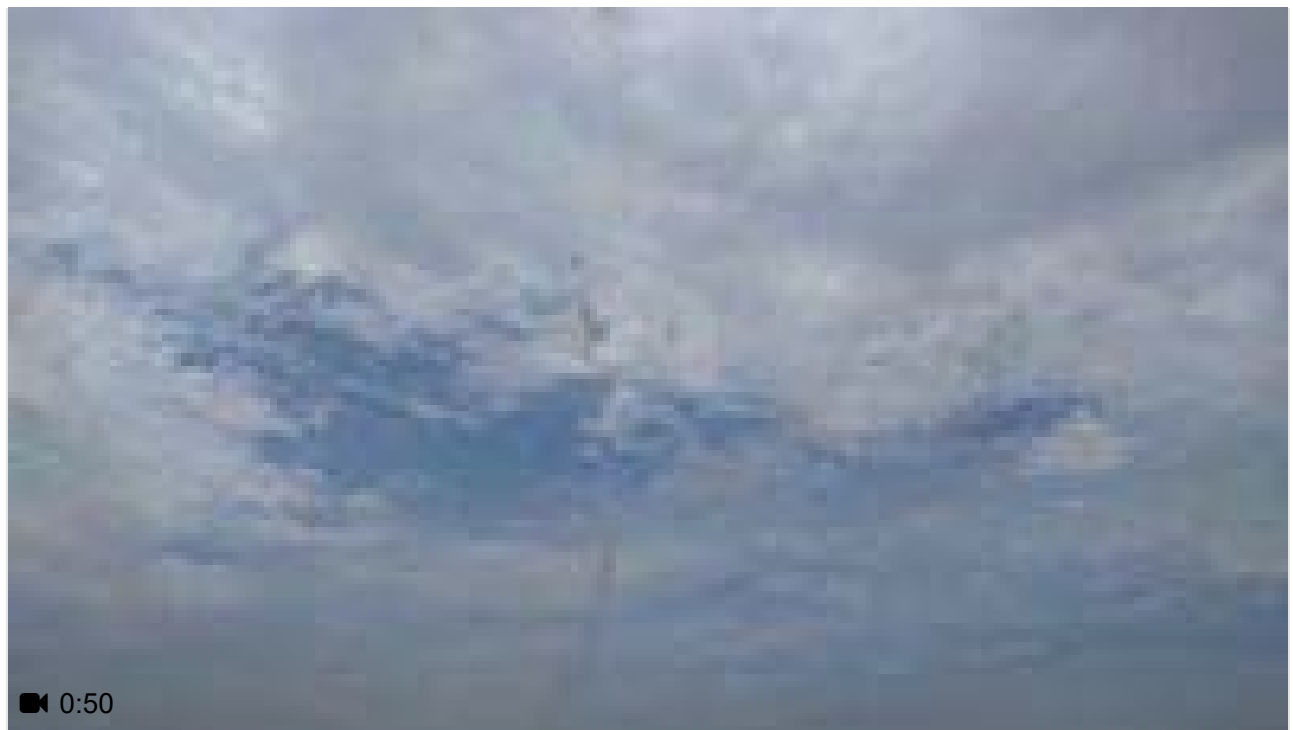
“I’ve never done anything like it before thought it’d be kind of interesting to see,” said Cindy Lindner of Agency. Lindner and her family had planned to make a day out of the event. “We just got here’ there’s a bunch of us, we got a camper and we’re planning on being here all day,” she said. Lindner was still waiting for some members of her group with her niece, Olexa Williams of Centerville. Williams had been eyeing the bungie/trampoline ride that was a few hundred feet away but was waiting for her grandparents so they could watch her. Lindner was waiting for the stunt show to start at 1 p.m. “I’m ready and anxious,” she said.

“The RC jets overhead right now,” said Mike Silvers of his favorite part of the event. Silvers had brought his family down from Ollie for the event. His wife found out about the event from a flyer she saw in Sigourney. “She talked to me about it and I said heck yeah let’s go,” said Silvers. Silvers and his family had arrived just in time to see the Flash Jet Truck and were sitting down to lunch in front of one of the multiple food vendors. Silvers was also impressed with the turnout for the event. “I mean my wife saw a flyer in Sigourney they’re really reaching out and the turnout shows it,” he said.

Both Lindner and Silvers were in agreement that it would be nice to see an event like Fly Iowa again. “It would be nice if this could be a yearly thing we need something like this for Ottumwa,” said Lindner. “It’s a lot of fun,” said Silvers. “I think they should,” he said of making it an annual event.

Fly Iowa was a bit of a trip down memory lane for others in attendance. Spike Olson, a former instructor air pilot, remembers flying over the airport when the tarmac was still being laid. “This is wonderful it’s really interesting to see all this,” said Olson who was brought to event by some friends after they’d heard about it. For Olson it was all about the pilots and the history of the planes themselves. “It’s fun for me to look at the old birds see and see how they’ve developed,” he said. “It’s very interesting if you like airplanes and I always have.”

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