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## **N E W S R E L E A S E**

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### **17<sup>th</sup> Annual Charlie Wells Memorial Fly-in/Drive-in Breakfast**

SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS..... The 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Charlie Wells Memorial Fly-in/Drive-in Pancake & Sausage Breakfast will be held on May 1, 2010. The event will be located at Landmark Aviation (formerly First Class Air) at Abraham Lincoln Capital Airport. Enter the main entrance of the airport then take the first left for free parking. Pilots can ask for clearance to the SE ramp. Prices are \$6 for adults and \$3 for children 12 and under. Proceeds from this annual fundraiser will benefit the Wells Scholarship Fund. The all you can eat breakfast will be served from 7 am until Noon. Airplane rides will be available and the Route 66 Cruisers will be in attendance displaying vintage automobiles.

The Charlie Wells Memorial Scholarship Fund helps young people acquire the training for a career in aviation. According to one of Charlie's many friends, Roger Thompson, "Charlie led the way in helping young people pursue their dreams." What a better way to celebrate Charlie's life than to continue his contributions to youth. Over \$40,000 has been awarded to date.

"We are honored to be able to host this annual event in memory of Charlie Wells," stated Springfield Airport Authority Chairman Frank Vala, "and we invite the public to come out to the breakfast and enjoy the morning at the airport." He continued, "This is a great event that supports an initiative to benefit our young people who are pursuing an education and career in the field of aviation."

Charlie Wells was inducted into the Illinois Aviation Hall of Fame in April 1989, was a co-founder of Springfield Air Rendezvous, and performed in many air shows around the Midwest. For more information, contact John Salz at [jsalz@illinoispilots.com](mailto:jsalz@illinoispilots.com) or 217-483-3238. Details about the Charlie Wells Memorial Scholarship Fund can be found at [www.WellsScholarship.com](http://www.WellsScholarship.com) .