

Beech Bash 2026, Party in the Styx!

Location: Madisonville, Kentucky, Regional Airport (2i0)

Dates:4/23/26-4/26/26

www.beechbash.com

Schedule of Events (subject to minor changes)

Thursday 4/23/26

- Arrivals all day - Food trucks will be available for your convenience. Shuttles to/from the airport to the hotels all day, running every hour on the hour.
- 8:00 am Coal Mine Tours – Sign up required w/ Carrie (270-824-2100), Limit 20 People
- 1:00 pm Coal Mine Tours – Sign up required w/ Carrie (270-824-2100), Limit 20 People
- 5:00 pm Welcome to the Beech Bash in the Bluegrass -Sam Guirguis & Mayor Cotton
- 6:00 pm Beech Bash Presents “Pizza & Perdue” - Scott Perdue roundtable
- 7:00 pm Speaker Dave Hirschman (AOPA Editor) - Aviation Photography
- 8:00 pm Outdoor movie – Tombstone (with Val Kilmer) (bring your favorite lawn chair)
- Shuttles to/from hotels courtesy of the City of Madisonville

Friday 4/24/26

- 7:50 am Pastry breakfast courtesy of the Beech Bash
- 8:00 am Meet the sponsors: Tim Roehl & George Braly w/ GAMI Q&A
- 8:20 am Meet the sponsors: Bill Cunningham w/ Powermaster Engines Q&A
- 8:30 am Madisonville City Tours available for the non-flying spouse – Sign up required
- 9:00 am Meet the sponsors: Garmin Updates
- 9:30 am Tom Turner, Executive Director ABS Safety Foundation “Don’t Make Me Write About You: Staying Out of the Accident Record.”
- 10:30 am Susan Delgado (ABS) “Make a Difference.”
- 11:15 am Catherine Cavagnaro, PhD, of Mathematics, DPE – “Maintaining control of your Beech like a Bad A\$\$” WINGS Credit
- 12:00 pm Food Trucks for Lunch
- 12:15 pm SkyDry – The latest technology in engine dehydration.
- 12:45 pm Astronaut Jay Apt – “Fly High, Fly Safe: An Astronaut’s look at safety.”
- 1:45 pm Speaker Sean Smith, FFAST - WINGS Credit
- 2:45 pm to 4:00 pm shuttles to Mahr Park

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- 3 pm-10 pm Mahr Park festivities: Kayaking, Corn Hole, Axe Throwing, Disk Golf, Paddle Boats, Bikes, Live Concerts, Bourbon tasting, Libations, and much, much more
- 5:00 pm Dinner courtesy of Madisonville Knights of Columbus
- 6:00 pm Concert featuring Majesty of Rock

Saturday 4/25/26

- 9:00 am Pancake breakfast provided by Beech Bash and Madisonville Lions Club
- 10:00 am -11:45 pm Speaker Scott Perdue & Juan Browne Interactive Discussion
- 11:50 am Lunch with Andreas Montgomery courtesy of Callsign Aviation
- 12:00 pm Speaker Dr. Chris Dunn AME - Medical Requirements made simple
- 1:00 pm Speaker Mark Carter, former Comm. of Aviation for the State of KY
- 2:00 pm Speaker Mike Ginter, Senior Vice President of AOPA Air Safety Institute, "Trends in GA Safety – How Data-Driven Technologies Could Help Us Improve."
- 3:00 pm Day Airshow- Erik Edgren (bring your favorite lawn chair)
- 3:30 pm Honor Flight for Ron Timmermans
- 3:40 pm Jim Peitz – Aerobatic Demonstration in a F33C
- 4:00 pm Mark Baker, Former AOPA Pres., "How to train your dragon (or fly your Baron 😊)."
- 5:15 pm Bourbon tasting
- 5:30 pm Dinner at the airport with Jerry Clemens, provided courtesy of Clemens Insurance
- 6:30 pm Fantastic Live Auction Entertainment, Silent Auction, followed by the Raffle
- 8:30 pm Beech Bash Grand Giveaway (must be present to win)
- 8:45 pm Spectacular Night Airshow and fireworks!!! (bring your favorite lawn chair)

Sunday 4/26/26

- 7:00 am – 10:00 am Shuttles to/from hotels to/from the airport
- Donuts and Departures

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Transportation

The City of Madisonville graciously provides transportation via shuttles and buses to all the event venues. Additionally, the shuttles will transport attendees to and from the following Hotels: Holiday Inn, Hampton Inn, and Comfort Inn. If you want to rent a vehicle, please call Madisonville Enterprise at (270) 821-4672 or book online at www.enterprise.com. They will provide a pickup service if notified in advance. However, I suggest you join the Enterprise Emerald Club, as it is free and can provide better service.

Accommodation

The Beech Bash in the Bluegrass has procured discounted rooms at the Hampton Inn, the Holiday Inn, and the Comfort Inn in Madisonville. Our attendees will receive a group rate discount by mentioning they are with the Beech Bash! We strongly recommend booking your rooms early, as all the hotels have a limited number of discounted rooms and will sell out quickly. The last day to book the discounted rooms (if available) is April 9, 2026, after which pricing will revert to their normal rates. We recommend that you confirm the cancellation policy directly with the hotels. **Contact the Hampton Inn at 270-825-2226 and the Holiday Inn at 270-4522377. Comfort Inn at 270-825-3535.** Additionally, you can book online for the Hampton Inn and Holiday Inn and still get your Beech Bash discount. Long-format URLs are provided on the next page.

Camping

Campers who wish to tent camp will have a designated area to pitch their tents. They will also have 24-hour access to bathrooms and limited access to showers. Campers who wish to camp in RVs will have parking available at a few designated locations. Please ensure your camper is self-sufficient, as we do not have on-site utility hookups.

Meals

Thursday Morning and afternoon, food trucks will be available to purchase meals and snacks onsite. We will provide pizzas with various toppings on Thursday evening, courtesy of the Beech Bash and our sponsors. Friday morning and Friday evening meals will be provided by the Beech Bash. On Friday afternoon, food trucks will once again be available to purchase meals and snacks. Beech Bash and our sponsors provide meals all day on Saturday. Sunday morning pastries and coffee at the FBO courtesy of the Beech Bash.

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Aerox, AirMart, American Bonanza Society, AOPA, Callsign Aviation, Castlewood Surgical, City of Madisonville, Clemens Insurance Agency, Concorde Battery, Flying Eyes, Flywire, Gallagher Aviation, GAMI, Gardner Lowe, Garmin, Genesis Mortgage Group, Just Plane Radio, Light Speed Aviation, Madisonville Airport, McFarlane Aviation Products, MT Propeller, NarrativeSEO, Plane Perfect, PowerMaster Aircraft Engines, SkyDry Engine Dehydrator, Sun 'N Fun Radio, Titan Fuels, Tornado Alley Turbo Inc, WW Build Inc.

Registration and Cost of Admission

To register, go to www.beechbash.com. Be sure to register soon, as we close registration at 500 attendees or on April 9, 2026, whichever comes first.

The Beech Bash in the Bluegrass charges a nominal registration fee of \$125. However, our sponsors' and patrons' generosity make this low registration fee possible. Our non-registration fee increases to \$125 after April 2nd. However, our sponsors' and patrons' generosity make this low registration fee possible. The Beech Bash is 501c3, and all contributions are tax-deductible. Additionally, all product sales, sweepstake funds, and donations go right back into the event to cover our expenses. We have also established a GoFundMe page for those who wish to contribute to advance. The more money we can collect, the more we can afford to offer by way of future entertainment. Thank you all in advance for making the Beech Bash in the Bluegrass such a huge success. Please arrive early and enjoy the beautiful town of Madisonville. We want the residents of this warm and welcoming community to be blessed by our visit.

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Come and expect to have the most fun you have ever had at any aviation event anywhere!!!!!!

Hampton Inn:

[Hampton Inn Reservation Link](#)

Holiday Inn:

[Holiday Inn Reservation Link](#)

Comfort Inn:

[Comfort Inn Reservation Link](#)

For additional questions or concerns about camping, please reach out to the Airport Manager, Victoria Davenport, at airport@madisonvillegov.com or 270-821-3453.