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For Immediate Release:

Wings & Wheels Expo 2012 to be held Saturday, September 22 at Hagerstown Regional Airport

Wings & Wheels Expo 2012 will be held in conjunction with the Hagerstown Regional Airport Open House on Saturday, September 22, 2012 from 8am to 4pm in the terminal area of the airport on Showalter Road. This free event features a large display of Hagerstown Aviation Museum owned Fairchild Aircraft built in Hagerstown as well as modern aircraft, classic cars, trucks, RC model aircraft, airplane rides and flight demonstrations.

The Hagerstown Regional Airport Open House will include displays from airport businesses, tours of the airport terminal and fire station; firefighter demonstrations; airport maintenance equipment exhibits and private aircraft displays.

Over the past seven years, the Hagerstown Aviation Museum has been donated more than 15 historic aircraft, most built in Hagerstown, MD at Fairchild Aircraft. Many of these aircraft will be on display and open to the public. Bring the family to the Hagerstown Regional Airport and walk through the museum's C-82 Packet and C-119 Flying Boxcar and discover the fascinating story of Hagerstown's exciting aviation history through exhibits and documentary productions. See many other museum aircraft such as the 1943 Fairchild PT-19 WWII Trainer, and the 1928 Kreider Reisner KR-31 biplane. Museum merchandise, books, DVDs and hats will be for sale. Just by attending you can receive a FREE museum magazine and a FREE 14" x 28" color poster of the museum aircraft collection.

See Fairchild aircraft from the 1930s and 1940s in the air during the Fairchild Aircraft Heritage Flight. During the Expo, visitors can have a real "Flight Experience" in a World War II Fairchild PT-19 open cockpit training plane! For a donation of \$100, visitors can enjoy a fifteen minute flight in the skies over the Hagerstown area!

The Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 36 will make available to youth 8 to 17 years of age free airplane rides throughout the day. Pilots and aircraft owners donate planes, fuel and time to make these free Young Eagle flights possible. Other organizations, such as the Civil Air Patrol and the Pegasus Radio Controlled Model Airplane Club, will have exhibits and aircraft on display. Learn about career training opportunities at the Pittsburgh Institute of Aeronautics display.

The wheels component of the Expo will include antique and classic cars, trucks and motorcycles. Free registration for all car show vehicles, Best of Show Trophies awarded. Also see fire, law enforcement, rescue, construction vehicles and historic military vehicles.

Sponsored in part by the Hagerstown-Washington County Convention and Visitors Bureau and the Hagerstown Regional Airport, the Wings and Wheels Expo will be a great day for the whole family to learn more about Hagerstown's aviation past, present and future.

Free Admission. Free parking at the terminal. Donations Appreciated. Your donations support the ongoing mission of the Hagerstown Aviation Museum to preserve and present Hagerstown's rich aviation heritage.

Breakfast and lunch will be available from local non-profits.

Rain date for the Wings and Wheels Expo is Sunday Sept 23rd.

For more information: www.WingsandWheelsExpo.com or call 301-733-8717, museum info: www.HagerstownAviationMuseum.org airport info: www.flyhagerstown.com

The Hagerstown Aviation Museum has the largest collection of museum-owned rare and historic aircraft in the State of Maryland. The museum is a member of the Hagerstown-Washington County Convention and Visitors Bureau. For more information, see: www.marylandmemories.com.