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Classic Aircraft Aviation Museum receives Charitable Grant from the 2012 Oregon International Air Show Funds

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On Thursday, December 6, 2012, The **Classic Aircraft Aviation Museum**, in *Hillsboro, Oregon* was selected as one of several *Oregon International Airshow* Grant recipients. A Grant for \$1200 from the 2012 Airshow's charitable funds was presented to *Museum Co-Founder, Funda Kelsay*, at a ceremony held at *Standard TV & Appliance* in *Beaverton, Oregon*.

The **Classic Aircraft Aviation Museum** is a regular participant in the annual *Oregon International Airshow* and several Air Shows throughout the NW. Every year, the *Museum's* dedicated volunteers and staff present an impressive Warbird flight demonstration for attendees. In addition, the *Museum's* unique collection of fly-worthy Cold and Post War aircraft is on static display. This year's flight demonstration included the *Museum's* *MiG 17*, flown by *Founder Roger B. Kelsay*, and an *A-26*, flown by *Ret Col. Scott Powell*, and Co-pilot *Bill Avilio*.

On Saturday, August 4th, 2012 the *Museum* also hosted residents of *Cornell Estates*, located in Hillsboro, Oregon, where they were able to see and hear flight demonstrations and meet many of the *Museum's* volunteers, staff, and pilots.

OUR MISSION:

The *Classic Aircraft Aviation Museum* supports the concept of 'living history' by exhibiting our restored aircraft at the *Museum*, at air shows, historical reunions, industry and aviation events - including aircraft static displays and flight demonstrations. *Museum* staff and volunteers provide lectures to schools, service clubs, and other organizations interested in aviation history and are proud to serve as an educational resource. The *Classic Aircraft Aviation Museum* is a not-for-profit, tax-exempt IRC 501(c)(3) corporation.

Grant Funds

As a proud recipient, the \$1200 Charitable Grant will be used for the *Museum's* *Neptune Project*. The *Neptune Project* is a historical collaboration between the *Museum* and the *ROC in Taiwan*. The *Museum* is restoring a Cold War era *P2V Neptune* that when restored will make a goodwill flight from *Hillsboro Oregon* to *Taiwan*. The *P2V Neptune* has historical significance for the people of *Taiwan*. The *Neptune* (a rare aircraft) played an important role during the Cold War as *ROC Air Force* pilots flew covert recon flights over Communist China for the *United States*. The *Neptune Project* is also recognized and sanctioned by the *Taiwanese Consul and Economic Development Office* in *Seattle, Washington*. The *Museum* anticipates completing the *P2V Neptune* restoration in the fall of 2013. It will become part of the *Museum's* fly worthy aircraft collection where it will support their Mission.

Continued Support

We are grateful for the continued support of the *Oregon International Air Show*. With over 65,000 attendees, this year's donation totaled more than \$78,000. We look forward to participating next year in 2013.

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Open for Tours: Monday thru Thursday, 9:00am to 4:00pm, or by pre-arranged appointment.

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