

## 2017 Moontown Airport Annual Grass Field Fly-In

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The Greater Huntsville Section participated in the Annual Grass Field Fly-In at Moontown Airport (3M5) on September 16, 2017. This marked the fourth consecutive year that AIAA has participated in the fly-in. Nine volunteers stepped up to work 2-hour shifts and promote AIAA at the fly-in.

The Greater Huntsville Section exhibit included the section's quadcopter, a scrolling slide presentation, membership brochures, and assorted AIAA giveaways. As in past years, the most popular items were gliders for the children.

The day dawned clear, warm and sunny as the fly-in and pancake breakfast commenced. Good food, hot coffee and camaraderie eased everyone into the day. A steady stream of aircraft entered the pattern, landed and taxied to transient



parking until a variety of aircraft lined the field. Fly-bys were made by interesting aircraft including a formation of Yak-52s. The severe clear weather attracted more and more aircraft and though some overcast eventually rolled in, it didn't affect the day's flying.

In between working the booth and watching the flying, section members networked with other aviation professionals including the Ninety-Nines, the Save Our Flying Heritage Museum, the North Alabama Chapter of the Vietnam Helicopters Pilots Association (VHPA), River Flight Aviation and,



of course, the host organization, EAA Chapter 190. Section members met Brigadier General (retired) Robert Stewart, a test pilot, member of VHPA and the first US Army astronaut. The section invited him to speak at an upcoming section luncheon.

Thank you to our volunteers who gave up part of their Saturday to help spread the AIAA message. Thank you to Andy Wayne, Joe Huwaldt, Ken and Lisa Philippart, Dr. Arloe Mayne, Anas Alrobiai, and Ashley Scharfenberg. Thank you also to EAA Chapter 190 and especially Charles Cozelos for their hospitality.

Next year's Moontown Airport Grass Field Fly-In will be on September 15. The EAA has already invited AIAA back. Save the date!



Ken & Lisa Philippart, Ashley Scharfenberg, Julie & Andy Wayne staff the booth.

