

Thirty-Fourth Annual
2006 COPPERSTATE Fly-In

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Casa Grande Municipal Airport
(CGZ)

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Cooler Temperatures and a Wide-Range of Aerial Activities Promise a Unique Aviation Experience at the 2006 COPPERSTATE Fly-In

Phoenix, Ariz., March 14, 2006 – Everybody complains about the weather, but the organizers of the Thirty-Fourth Annual COPPERSTATE Fly-In are doing something about it. After sweltering through yet another show in heat that made even Arizona natives cringe, the Southwest's premier aviation event has changed its dates to the cooler end of October, opening on Thursday, October 26 and running through Sunday, October 29. While the whims of the weather gods can't be anticipated with accuracy, statistically things are looking good: according to the National Weather service, the average high temperature during the event should drop to a balmy 80 degrees, a full 12 degrees cooler than past events. Combined with the usual blue skies, it should be perfect weather for wandering the rows of antique, classic, and homebuilt aircraft, not to mention the opportunity to peruse the latest offerings from the wide variety of aviation vendors.

But it's not only the date and weather changing for this year's event. For the first time, show goers will not only have the opportunity to see the stunning airplanes displayed on the ground, but they'll have the chance to see (and hear) those same airplanes in the air. COPPERSTATE is issuing an invitation to builders, restorers, and pilots to show off their creations in front of the crowd, during dedicated air time segments specifically set aside for that purpose.

For the first time this year, rather than the traditional daily aerobatic air show that closes the airport for hours at a time (often playing havoc with flight schedules of Fly-In attendees), the airplanes that make up the show on the ground will also make up the show in the air. Rather than simple static displays of all the gorgeous airplanes that attend the event, COPPERSTATE volunteers, in cooperation with the FAA Flight Standards District Office and FAA Tower officials, have developed a program that will not only keep the airport open, all day, every day, but which will give virtually every Fly-In participant the chance to fly in front of the crowd.

During certain portions of each hour, the airspace over the runway will be reserved to showcase a preplanned and scheduled aerial demonstration-- not by professional air show performers, but by our own attendees, ranging from manufacturer demonstrations, to mass flights of the latest Light Sport Aircraft, to a Parade of Flight from the oldest airplane on the airport to the newest. If your Chapter is particularly prolific and has a plethora of flying airplanes under its belt, you'll have a chance to show the world what you've accomplished-- while your narrator gives proper credit to builders and pilots over the COPPERSTATE PA system. People come to COPPERSTATE to see airplanes-- and while giving them close-up scrutiny on the

ground scratches one itch, seeing and *hearing* them in flight adds a totally different dimension to the experience. That's the experience COPPERSTATE will give you at this years event—Fly-In pilots won't be just attending the show, they'll be part of it.

The 2006 event will again be held at Casa Grande Municipal Airport (CGZ), ideally located midway between Phoenix and Tucson, Arizona, just a few miles west of Interstate 10. All the usual amenities will be available—rental cars and motel shuttles available on the field, and a myriad of hotels, restaurants, and other activities nearby. This will be an aviation event like no other—plan to be there!

For more information about COPPERSTATE, visit www.copperstate.org. Please check back often for updates as the site is updated to reflect the new and exciting changes scheduled for COPPERSTATE 2006.

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