



The Wright B Flyer will perform a flyover Wilson Park during the Independence Day Festival in West Carrollton. Photo contributed by Erika Mattingly.

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News Release

WRIGHT B FLYER TO PERFORM FLYOVER AT INDEPENDENCE DAY FESTIVAL

WEST CARROLLTON, Ohio – The Wright B Flyer airplane will make a special flyover Wilson Park between 1:30 and 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 4, during the West Carrollton Independence Day Festival.

The Wright B Flyer replica aircraft was constructed to honor the accomplishments of the Wright Brothers and promote Dayton, Ohio as the "Leader in Flight." The aircraft is on display at the hangar at the Dayton-Wright Brothers Airport located at 10550 Springboro Pike in Miamisburg.

The aircraft has the fuel capacity to fly for about 90 minutes. "We are fortunate to be located close enough to have it fly over," said Angie Fryman, West Carrollton city council member and festival planner. The Kettering Medical Center is the sponsor of the flyover. The festival committee will make a donation to the museum where the plane is housed.

"We appreciate city council member Harold Robinson's help in arranging the flyover," said Peg Rinaldi, festival coordinator.

Other featured activities during the festival include: a veteran's recognition, apple pie contest and corn-hole toss competition. There will also be crafts, food and information booths from 45 non-profit and commercial vendors. A new element to this year's event is

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a custom car show.

Musical acts will include: a 1980s and patriotic tribute by Just-N-Tyme; bluegrass music performed by Joe Mullins and the Radio Ramblers; a tribute to Elvis by Bob Lovelace and Jimmy Buffet-style music by Jim Merrick. The Flying Squirrels, a band consisting of West Carrollton middle school students, will also perform.

All children's activities are free and will include: a magic show; balloon artists; miniature train rides by Pumpkin Vine Railroad; and a children's activity center by the West Carrollton Church of the Nazarene.

For more information about the Independence Day Festival, call (937) 859-5087.

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