

Touch-A-Truck/Fly-In is Oct. 4 at Dickson airport

Planes, trucks and automobiles return to the Dickson County Municipal Airport for the annual Touch-A-Truck/Fly-In on Saturday, Oct. 4.

The Dickson Parks and Recreation Department presents its 20th Touch-A-Truck and the Dickson County Municipal Airport hosts its 12th Fly-In 10 am-2 pm at Pack Field, 2372 Sylvia Road. The event is free and will include a Kidzone and concessions will be available.

Children of all ages will get the chance to experience emergency and working vehicles of all kinds as part of Touch-A Truck. The Fly-In will bring a variety of small aircraft to the experience as well and will offer airplane rides over Dickson County.

From fire trucks, police cars, motorcycles and ambulances to dump trucks, construction equipment and farm equipment, Touch-A-Truck provides a chance for children to experience these vehicles up close.

In 2018, the Parks and Recreation Department moved Touch-A-Truck from J. Dan Buckner Park to the Dickson County Municipal Airport-Pack Field to join forces with its annual Fly-In to expand into the field of aviation.

“Touch-A-Truck has been one of the Parks Department’s most popular annual events for 20 years,” said Nikki Holland, program coordinator for the Dickson Parks and Recreation Department. “By teaming with the airport, we expanded to bring even more excitement to the day.”

Dickson County Municipal Airport Director of Operations Mike Gallagher said some of the pilots who will be attending the Fly-In have agreed to provide a limited number of airplane rides. Tickets for the airplane rides will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis for \$30 for adults and \$15 for ages 12 and under until all the available ride times have been filled.

Because there is limited parking at the airport, those attending Touch-A-Truck and the Fly-In will park near the south end of the runway in a field near the Airport Market at 2306 Sylvia Road. Holland said there will be signs directing people to the parking area and buses will shuttle people to and from the airport throughout the event.

The Dickson Municipal Airport-Pack Field created the Fly-In as part of an annual 2nd Century of Flight celebration in 2012. During the annual celebrations, the airport dedicated its Aviation Wall of Fame.

The Aviation Wall of Fame features Garland Pack, Bruce Peery, Larry Horn, Lt. Col. Glenn Hicks and Buford “Booty” Reed as pioneers and contributors to aviation.

The airfield at Dickson County Municipal Airport was dedicated as Pack Field in 1999, honoring the Dickson native who built a biplane in downtown Dickson to become a barnstormer, then flew supply missions through the Himalayas in World War II and was a pioneer in glider technology.

Peery was a WWII bomber pilot. Horn flew a Consolidated B-24 Liberator bomber in WWII. Hicks flew a P51 Mustang fighter jet in WWII. A long-time Dickson County commissioner, Reed served on the Dickson Airport Authority and helped guide its growth and operation until his passing in 2019.

For more information on the 20th annual Touch-A-Truck, contact the Dickson Parks and Recreation Department at 615-446-1721. For more information on the 12th annual Fly-In, contact the Dickson Municipal Airport at 615-446-6611.