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Head for wild blue yonder at model plane festival



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It's a bird! It's a plane! It's a bird! No, wait, it really is a plane! And pilots are flying it from the ground!

Radio control pilots from all over Florida will gather to celebrate model aviation at its best at the 2011 AeroFest. The event is free and fun for the entire family from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Oct. 22 at the Aero Modelers of Perrine Flying Field, 2.4 miles west of Krome Avenue on Southwest 168th Street.



A HOBBY LIKE NO OTHER: Radio-control pilots from all over Florida will gather to celebrate model aviation at the 2011 AeroFest on Oct. 22.

All eras of aviation will be represented and some of the best model airplane builders and flyers in South Florida are planning an exciting day.

Watch World War II allied fighters fly in formation against enemy airplanes. Enjoy extreme aerobatic planes doing almost impossible maneuvers over the runway. Be amazed with the incredible speed of jet-turbine powered models.

And at noon there will be a candy drop from a model airplane to commemorate the Berlin Airlift of

WWII where pilots from the Allied Forces dropped candy to kids behind the Berlin Wall. Children of all ages are invited to run on the runways and gather the candy.

You can see these “giants” fly and you can also walk among them. During the noon-time show everyone is invited to come to the runway and see up close what, in many cases, takes months and years of careful work and dedication to build. The minimum wingspan required for participation in this event is 80 inches, over six and a half feet, but the average plane is around eight feet in wingspan. You can also talk with the pilots.

Food and prizes will be available. A \$3-per-car parking donation is requested.

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SO MANY TYPES OF PLANES: The 2011 AeroFest is free and fun for the entire family.