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RALEIGH EXEC Quick Fact.

Got cabin fever? RALEIGH EXEC offers educational tours throughout the year for school, scouting and other community groups. Visits can include facility tours, a close-up look at aircraft and even sightseeing flights.

FAMILY DAY @ the jetport draws 5,500 guests

Hundreds of children took to the sky for their very first time last fall during “FAMILY DAY @ the jetport presented by Capital Bank,” an annual aviation festival at RALEIGH EXEC.

More than 5,500 guests filled the jetport grounds in October to tour civilian, military and vintage aircraft, watch flyovers and generally celebrate aviation.

First Flights. The biggest attraction, by far, was free flights offered to children, most of them courtesy of the EAA Young Eagles, a national pilot outreach giving young people a taste of aviation.

Many of the 520 passengers approached their flights with a sense of excitement, some with apprehension, but



all of them landed with a look of joy and a really good story to tell in school.

More Fun. While aviation was the focus, “FAMILY DAY @ the jetport” was more than helicopters, planes and flyovers.

Visitors who prefer their adventure on

the ground met Burt Myers, a popular competitor on NASCAR’s Whelen Southern Modified Tour who also gained fame on History television’s “Madhouse” series.

Then, there was plenty of great food from local vendors and prize drawings conducted by WWGP/WFJA Radio, which broadcast live from the event.

Mark Your Calendars.

“FAMILY DAY @ the jetport” returns Saturday, Oct. 8, 2011, for its third-annual festival.

EAA Young Eagles flights and plenty of aircraft exhibits will be featured once again, and special guests will be announced in coming months at Facebook.com/RaleighExec.

EVENTS @ the jetport

February 26. Wings of Carolina Trip to Charleston, South Carolina. The flying club based at RALEIGH EXEC tours the U.S. Air Force Reserve’s 315th and U.S. Air Force’s 437 Airlift Wings based at Charleston Air Force Base. Contact vp@wingsofcarolina.org.

March 12. Wings of Carolina Flying Club ‘Second Saturday’ Cookout. A monthly cookout providing a chance to meet with club members, local pilots and others interested in aviation. \$5 per plate. noon to 1 p.m. Contact vp@wingsofcarolina.org.

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May 17. North Carolina Aeronautics Council Meeting. The state’s aviation advisory board returns to RALEIGH EXEC for its monthly meeting. Others will be held this year in Raleigh, Greensboro and Statesville. 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. ncdot.gov/aviation/council.

“An Economic Force”

New visitors entering RALEIGH EXEC for Family Day, sightseeing flights or other special events are often surprised by the scope of the facility and everything the regional jetport has to offer.

What they might never consider is how important RALEIGH EXEC is to the vitality of Sanford and the entire region.

“RALEIGH EXEC is an economic force,” says Bob Heuts, the economic development director for Lee County.

Attracting Industry. Heuts says the jetport has been pivotal in attracting large companies, significant investment and much-needed jobs to the Sanford area.

Whether it's a manufacturer needing to move executives to plants around the country or an aviation-related company needing an airport to operate, RALEIGH EXEC makes the area attractive.

Generating Income. The jetport, itself, is a vibrant part of the local economy, too, generating income through hangar rental, aviation fuel sales and assorted other revenue streams.

County coffers even benefit through property taxes on valuable aircraft and sales tax on jetport transactions.

And More to Come. Its impact has been significant already, but RALEIGH EXEC could soon become an even more influential player in the local economy.

In two years, when the I-540 interchange opens just 15 miles away, trips from points throughout the Triangle will be even quicker.

“We've already seen growing interest in the airport from business and industry,” Heuts says, “so we're getting ready now to accommodate the growth.”

BUSINESS @ the jetport

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Fencing Project Secures Jetport

A touch of style and enhanced security was added to RALEIGH EXEC in November, when a major fencing project was completed around the corporate jetport serving the Research Triangle Region.

Though the facility was already protected, jetport manager Dan Swanson said security is always a prime consideration when corporate aircraft owners decide where to base their jets.

Functional and Attractive. The \$260,000 project took advantage of the latest fencing designs.

“With some of the more-modern materials available now, we were able to install a higher, barbed-wire fence with better entrance gates,” says Swanson. “You can see right away that the new fence is more functional and attractive.”