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Model military airshow, outdoor movie and more – Indiana Warbird Campaign comes to International Aeromodeling Center this weekend

M U N C I E – One of the Academy of Model Aeronautics' most popular events, the Indiana Warbird Campaign [www.indianawarbirdcampaign.com], is coming to the 1100-acre International Aeromodeling Center this Friday and Saturday. More than 100 pilots and hundreds of highly crafted model airplanes will be in action and on display.

Admission to the IAC for this event is \$3 per carload on Friday through 5 p.m. Admission is free after 5 p.m. but monetary donations will be accepted to benefit the local Blue River High School band. A fee of \$3 per carload will be charged on Saturday to benefit the Muncie Fire Department and the Indiana Warbird Campaign. Model flying begins at 9 a.m. each day, featuring well-known aircraft from both World Wars, the Golden Age of Aviation, Korean, and Vietnam wars, some of which approach 20-feet in wingspan.

The public is encouraged to bring a lawn chair and enjoy two days of fun, education, and model aviation. At noon each day will be a special show: Friday, a scripted military air show depicting aircraft through the ages, and Saturday another air show complemented by sky divers.

Friday evening, at dusk, will be an outdoor showing of *Red Tails*, an action-packed film about the historic contributions of the Tuskeegee Airmen of World War II, along with a hot air balloon "glow" or "burn."

Saturday at 3 p.m. will be a salute to the 75th anniversary of the Piper Cub aircraft and at 7 p.m. a presentation by WW II P-51 fighter pilot, Richard K. Curtis, author of "*Dumb but Lucky*." On both days there will be exhibits of Model A and Model T antique cars.

Admission to the National Model Aviation Museum, the world's largest model aviation museum, is free this weekend. Hundreds of historic model aircraft are on display and guests can try the museum's flight simulators to try their hand at virtual aviation.

The Academy of Model Aeronautics, founded in 1936, is the nation's foremost model aviation organization of 143,000 members in 2,400 clubs.