

'Indy Air Hogs' are invading S'burg Airport this weekend

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Over 100 pilots are expected to visit the Scottsburg Airport this Friday, Saturday and Sunday, August 13, 14 and 15, as the Indy Air Hogs make the local facility their home away from home.

The Indy Air Hogs is an Indianapolis-based organization for para-gliders, those people who enjoy strapping colorful parachute-type contractions and engines on their bodies and stepping out and taking off for the wild blue yonder. David Graves of Crothersville is coordinating this third annual event for the club.

"This started as a way for our organization to raise money in memory of one of our friends who died in an air accident in Indianapolis a few years ago. Now, it's taken on a life of its own!" Graves explained.

Regular air traffic will be discontinued at Scottsburg Airport for the three-day event. Graves said the number of para-gliders who plan to come has increased rapidly because of word-of-mouth praise for the local airport and for Scott County. "Everyone is very friendly, and, because Scott County is rural, there are plenty of places our pilots can set down rapidly if they have an emergency," said Graves.

This year, a delegation from California is expected. Pilots from four countries and 32 states are scheduled to take part in planned activities, which includes plenty of air time.

Graves said the public is welcome to visit Scottsburg Airport on South Lake Road any time during the three-day event. Most pilots will be flying from daylight to dusk, but they are a gregarious group and enjoy talking to others attracted to the sport.

Graves said some areas of the airport will be off-limits to the public for safety reasons. "People will be able to get close to the pilots, though. Like the take-off zone will be about 20 feet away from where the public is allowed," he related.

Anyone needing information about the event can call Graves at 1-812-216-3106.