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Pilots of all sorts of small aircraft will be buzzing around Scottsburg Airport this coming weekend as the annual Ultralight Fly-In will be held on Saturday, September 21, followed by a remote-controlled gathering on Sunday, September 22.

Both days are scheduled, weather permitting. Poor weather will cancel the weekend. Admission is free, and there'll be plenty of parking available.

The airport has a grass runway and is located south of Scottsburg Lake on South Lake Road. Signs will indicate free parking areas. Everyone is welcome to come out for the event. Bring lawn chairs for comfortable viewing and wear good walking shoes.

Saturday is being sponsored by the airport and the Scottsburg Aero Club.

Aero Club members will host the breakfast that will begin at 8 a.m. Later on, they will serve lunch to hungry visitors.

At 9 a.m., many of the gathered pilots will take to the air and fly around Scottsburg. Throughout the day, visitors are welcome to approach pilots and talk to them and look at parked aircraft.

"This is a great day for beginning flyers and those interested in learning to fly. You can pick up all sorts of information and see experimental aircraft and home-built models as well as our ultralights," advised airport owner/operator Larry Beckley.

Anyone wanting more information about the fly-in can call Beckley at 1-502-807-7537.

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On Sunday, remote-controlled aircraft will take over the airport. This event is scheduled from 8 a.m. until, as coordinator Luke Akemon noted, "...we get tired of flying and go home!" Again, admission is free as is parking.

RC craft comes in many shapes and sizes. Akemon, who serves as District 6 associate vice president for the Academy of Model Aeronautics, advised that people will see "...model airplanes the size of your hand up to a ten-foot wingspan and miniature helicopters through six-foot models."

The organization will also feature multi-rotors, which some people call drones but which Akemon explained are really known as "quads" or "hexes" depending on the number of blades they have.

"We will have some mounted with cameras and visitors can look at real-time footage via a TV screen we'll have set up. We'll also have video goggles for people to try. They give you an idea of what it is like to actually be in the craft as it's flying," he related.

Anyone who likes remote-controlled aircraft will enjoy talking to pilots and looking at their aircraft.

A swap area is also being planned so everyone can shop for bargains. More information on the RC Sunday can be obtained by calling Luke Akemon at 1-812-595-9114 or by finding him on Facebook.

"We're hoping a good crowd comes out and learns more about RC as a sport and hobby," stated Akemon.