

City Presents Wings & Wheels June 17 and 18 | Downtown Memorial Airport

With a nickname like "Hub City," it's not surprising that the City of Spartanburg's 175th Anniversary theme for the month of June is Transportation. 1859 is the year the first of 14 trains began traveling daily on the main line through the area. By 1915, much of Spartanburg life was centered at the Union Depot, built in 1904 (off Magnolia Street).

Air travel also has a significant history with the City. The Spartanburg Downtown Memorial Airport, opened in 1927, was the first commercial airport in South Carolina.

Celebrate and learn more about this rich heritage by attending the Wings & Wheels Weekend at the Spartanburg Downtown Memorial Airport on June 17 and 18. That weekend, vintage airplanes and cars will be on display, along with musical entertainment and food. Performers will include the Spartanburg Community Band, Neal Stryker & Bandits and Star Makers. In addition, there will be amusement rides for young children.

Thanks to sponsorship support by the Warbirds, planes such as the C-54 Spirit of Freedom will be on display. This plane was used in the Berlin Airlift. There also will be a B-25 WWII bomber and a DC-3 which was the first commercial passenger plane. The Warbirds of America are a non-profit, 501(c)3, organization and their goal is to promote and encourage the preservation and safe operation of ex-military aircraft.

BMW Manufacturing Corp. is also a sponsorship partner and, in addition to the classic cars they are making available,

The City of Spartanburg's first ladder fire truck, a 1926 Seagrave, will be among the vehicles included in the historic transportation exhibits at Wings & Wheels Weekend.



there also will be cars from the Sparkle City Region Antique Auto Club of America.

Kids will enjoy seeing pedal cars, early bicycles AND a ride in a tethered, hot air balloon.

More than a dozen classic cars and motorcycles that have been restored to their original condition will be on display. Other historic transportation exhibits include a trolley, horse-drawn carriages and the city's first ladder truck — a 1926 Seagrave.

Airport Director Josh Houston says, "This is only the beginning of having major events at the Spartanburg Downtown Airport. We expect this to be an annual event, and it may even grow into a much larger event, such as an airshow."

Admission is only \$3 for adults, \$2 for seniors (55+), students and youths. Children ages 3 and under get in free. In recognition of Father's Day, dads will get in free on June 18.



A B-25 World War II bomber will be among the planes on display at the Wings & Wheels Weekend, sponsored by the City of Spartanburg and the Warbirds on June 17 and 18.

GSA Drug-Free Workplace Alliance

Work, and life in general, are stressful, but add any of the issues such as depression, substance abuse and drug issues, marriage difficulties, legal issues, gambling, financial trouble, dependent or parental concerns, and it can be almost unbearable. Personal problems can affect everything around you, including the things you do and the people you do it with. In fact, trying to cover up personal problems, rather than solving them, can affect your health, your family and your job.

This is the reason that the GSP Drug-Free Workplace Alliance has teamed up with Working Well Inc. to offer Employee Assistance Programs (EAP) to our members. An EAP is designed to provide professional, confidential help for personal concerns of an employee, and the members of their immediate family.



The EAP counselors at Working Well have a broad experiential background as well as professional training in areas including psychology, social work, substance abuse and pastoral counseling. Jim Phillips, licensed professional counselor (LPC), certified employee assistance professional (CEAP), is president of Working Well Inc. Phillips, a member of the National Employee Assistance Professionals Association, holds a B.S. degree in psychology from Wofford College, and has 63 graduate hours in rehabilitation counseling for the MED. from the University of South Carolina. He is a graduate of mentor coach basic coaching skills, a member of SHRM and is active with the Spartanburg Human Resources Association. Working Well Inc. is a member of both the Spartanburg Area Chamber of Commerce and the Greater Greenville Chamber of Commerce.

Yvonne Harper, manager of the GSP Drug-Free Workplace Alliance says, "By offering an employee assistance program, our members can look forward to seeing a decrease in absenteeism, poor attitudes, stress, accidents and health care costs; and an increase in attendance, performance, productivity and better mental and physical health for their employees and their families."

For a one-time investment of \$50, the GSP Drug-Free Workplace Alliance, a discounted menu-driven program available to the Upstate business community since July 1998, allows your organization to choose substance abuse education and training, employee assistance programs and SAMSHA certified drug testing at reduced costs. Membership also includes a 14-page substance abuse policy, access to the area's top labor attorneys and one-year of on-going support with free educational materials. By implementing a drug-free workplace program, your company can protect itself from unnecessary expenditures and can qualify for South Carolina's 5 percent worker's compensation premium discount.

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