

Cable Air Show celebrates 35th year this weekend

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UPLAND - The annual Cable Air Show will return for its 35th anniversary on Saturday and Sunday. The airport is celebrating its 65th anniversary.

"We do have a number of world class performers," said Bob Cable, owner of Cable Airport.

To celebrate the anniversary, Cable said he may even participate in a tandem jump with a mass of skydivers.

"This is I want to say a small community air show but it really isn't because the performers we have here," Cable said. "We can pretty much rival any other air show out there."

Aerobatic air performer Julie Clark will be making her first appearance in the show.

Clark flies a restored Chevron Mentor T-34 dubbed as "Free Spirit," to the song "God Bless the USA," by Lee Greenwood.

"I started flying to that song in 1985," Clark said. "I actually choreographed a routine to the music. It's a very different act in that I fly to music and not have the announcer saying a whole lot as I'm doing that part of the show."

Typically Clark performs later in the year because of her plane's maintenance schedule, but Air Petro has decided to sponsor her and her team's visit to the Upland airport.

Of course, the air show wouldn't be the same without a performance by Rob "The Tumbling Bear" Harrison.

Harrison has been performing in the Cable Air Show since 1993 and keeps coming back.

"We have at the airport lots and lots of good, long-term friends," Harrison said. "We've got a wonderful family there."

Onlookers should expect the usual low level tumbles Harrison specializes in.

"The reason I'm "The Tumbling Bear" is I tumble end over end, which isn't supposed to be able to happen and I make it happen every time," Harrison said.

Harrison and Clark both agreed that one of the most important goals of what they do is to inspire young people.

"We're trying to show kids that they can do anything they put their mind to," Harrison said. "If they study hard if they follow the rules they'll pull out all the stops and work at it instead of playing video games and watching TV."

Frank Donnelly and Dan Buchanan will be showing off their aerobatic maneuvers at the show.

Freedom Parachute Team, Just In Time Skydivers and the Latin Skydivers will be jumping out of planes.

There will be displays of warbirds, vintage, antique and homebuilt aircraft as well as military displays.

The air show is sponsored by the Cable Airport Foundation Organization.

All proceeds from the air show go aviation-related scholarships and community education.

Gates open at 8 a.m. at the airport, 1749 W. 13th Street. Parking is free.

Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$5 for students and free for children under 5 years old.

Air show hours are from 10 to 11:30 a.m. and 2 to 3:30 p.m. both days.