

## **Weekend will be plane fun**

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There will be plenty of exciting things to see and do this weekend around the valley. And amid the fun, don't forget to think on the importance of Flag Day, which is today.

First off, there's the annual "Thunder Over Nampa" air show, which takes place today and Sunday at the Nampa Airport.

Watch amazing aerobatics flight demonstrations, skydiving displays, military aircraft and equipment, and static airplane displays.

The show partners with the Idaho Meth Project, with all proceeds supporting the project and its efforts to stamp out Idaho's No. 1 drug problem.

Representatives of the Meth Project will be on hand with information about their campaign to fight methamphetamine use. The event runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Flying begins at noon. Admission is a \$5 donation.

Want something more "down to earth?" Try the truck show Saturday at Gabiola Field in Caldwell. The event, sponsored by United Hauling, takes place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. today. This year's show offers a great selection of trucks in many categories, exhibitor booths, food/beverages, Kiddie Corner and local entertainment with free admission to the public.

Local entertainment will be a P40 flyover at noon, a flag dedication by the Caldwell National Guard, The Pledge of Allegiance by The Special Olympics of Idaho, and the singing of the national anthem. Afternoon entertainment is by The Junior Jammer Fiddlers and The Tiernan Irish Dancers. A portion of the proceeds from the show will be donated to The Special Olympics of Idaho.

Other fun things to enjoy include:

- The 22nd annual Idaho Scale Contest is sponsored by the Idaho Scale Squadron, a group of Treasure Valley modelers. It is hosted by the Nampa Model Aviators at the Nampa Model Aviators flying field, located within the boundaries of Ridgecrest Golf Course north of the Idaho State School and Hospital.

Beginning at 9 a.m. today and continuing through Sunday morning, the models will be flown and the skills of their pilots will be judged.

Spectators are welcome; admission is free.

- The inaugural Blue Hawaii Days is today in Marsing. It includes the second annual Run with the Lizard, a classic and antique car show, children's games, food vendors, arts and crafts, live music and dancers, a presentation by the Owyhee County Historical Society, a petting zoo, a water slide and an Astro jump.

Visitors to the daylong event will get a history lesson from the Owyhee County Historical Society during a presentation at noon at the Marsing City Park bandshell. Fun events for the whole family

will be available throughout the day.

Also, don't forget that today is Flag Day. A holiday ceremony is at 2 p.m. today at the Nampa Elks Lodge, 1116 1st St. S. Come and see this display of flags. There will be drinks and cake for refreshments. Everyone is invited.

The flag is a striking symbol of the freedoms we all enjoy — freedoms that, among other functions, allow us to unite and have fun through a vast array of outlets.