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SEE THE REAL PLANES FROM DISNEY'S *PLANES* AT THE PIMA AIR & SPACE MUSEUM!

Tucson, AZ–Jul. 31, 2013. Get “up close and personal” with the planes that inspired the characters of Disney’s *Planes* at the Pima Air & Space Museum. Visitors can also enter for a chance to win a family 4-pack of tickets to Disney’s *Planes*’ VIP Advanced Screening at the AMC Foothills Theater on Aug. 6, 2013. (Act quickly! Entry deadline is Sun., Aug. 4, 2013. Paid admission to the museum is not required to enter the contest.)

Visitors can examine and learn about the real-life counterparts that inspired Disney’s *Planes*’ characters, such as the supersonic F-18 Hornet (new at the museum) that resembles two characters **Bravo** and **Echo** and the Vought F4U Corsair that’s a shoo-in for **Skipper**. The museum “identifies with” 12 of the movie’s 14 main characters portrayed in the trailer, including:

- **Ripslinger**—a North American P-51 Mustang,
- **Leadbottom**—a WACO Bi-plane 7-UPF,
- **Ned** and **Zed**—Cassutt Formula One Pylon Racers,
- **Rochelle**—a Beechcraft N-35 Bonanza (check out the unique v-shaped tail),
- **Ishani**—the Rutan Long-EZ, and
- **Dusty**—a crop-duster designed by Leland Snow.

On the museum’s tram tour look out for the forklift and tanker truck that inspired **Dottie** and **Chug**, respectively, but be forewarned, **Dottie’s** a workin’ gal and may be hard at work elsewhere on the museum grounds. A comparison sheet with the characters and details on the Pima Air & Space’s planes is being distributed at the museum. The look-alikes are located throughout the museum (indoors and out) and are designated by Disney *Planes* movie posters.

There are 2 ways to enter the contest for tickets to the advanced screening.

1. email planes@pimaair.org before midnight Aug. 4, 2013, or
2. come to the museum and fill in an entry form in the Museum Store. Entrants must be 18 years old to enter and be available to arrive at the AMC Foothills Theater at 6pm on Aug. 6th for the 7pm show. The Pima Air & Space Museum is open daily from 9am to

5pm with last admittance at 4pm. The new lower adult-admission fee to the museum for Pima County residents is \$12.25.

“We are already noting an increase in aviation interest,” commented Mina Stafford, Curator of Education, “It’s a great opportunity to teach the scientific principles of flight and the aspects that differentiate each of the plane designs, building on the kids’ enthusiasm. Plus, it’s fun!” A special “Find the Disney ‘Planes’ Planes” scavenger hunt (featuring stickers!!!) will be featured at the museum’s season finale Night Wings summer-evening event on Sat., Aug. 24th (5 to 9pm, with reduced admissions: \$10 for adults, kids 12 & under FREE).

ABOUT THE MOVIE

From above the world of “Cars” comes “Disney’s Planes,” an action-packed 3D animated comedy adventure featuring Dusty (voice of Dane Cook), a plane with dreams of competing as a high-flying air racer. But Dusty’s not exactly built for racing—and he happens to be afraid of heights. So he turns to a seasoned naval aviator who helps Dusty qualify to take on the defending champ of the race circuit. Dusty’s courage is put to the ultimate test as he aims to reach heights he never dreamed possible, giving a spellbound world the inspiration to soar. “Disney’s Planes” takes off in theaters on Aug. 9, 2013.

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ABOUT PIMA AIR & SPACE MUSEUM

Be wowed at Pima Air & Space Museum, one of the largest aviation museums in the world and the largest non-government-funded in the U.S. (TripAdvisor ranks it in the Top 10% worldwide for excellent ratings.) Its significant collection, 300 strong from around the globe, covers commercial, military and civil aviation alongside more than 125,000+ artifacts, including a moon rock donated by Tucsonan and Astronaut Frank Borman. Be amazed by many all-time great aircraft: the SR-71 Blackbird (the world’s fastest spy plane); a B-29 Superfortress (the WWII bomber that flew higher, farther and faster plus carried more bombs); the world’s smallest bi-plane; the C-54 (the Berlin Airlift’s star flown by the famous “Candy Bomber” Col. USAF (Ret.) Gail Halvorsen, a Tucson-area winter resident); plus planes used as renowned-contemporary-artists’ canvases, including Brazilian graffiti artist Nunca. Explore five large hangars totaling more than 177,000 indoor square feet—almost four football fields—of air/space craft, heroes’ stories and scientific phenomena. Two+ hangars are dedicated to WWII, one each to the European and Pacific theaters. Pima Air & Space maintains its own aircraft restoration center. It also operates exclusive tours of the “Boneyard,” aka the 309th Aerospace Maintenance and Regeneration Group (AMARG) on Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, plus offers a docent-led tram tour of its 80 acres (additional fees apply). Pima Air & Space Museum is located at 6000 E. Valencia Rd., just off I-10 exit 267, in Tucson. More information can be found at www.pimaair.org, on Facebook www.facebook.com/PimaAirAndSpace, or by calling 520 574-0462.

Note: The 390th Bombardment Group (Heavy) Memorial Museum, located on the Pima Air & Space Museum grounds, is closed for reconstruction until further notice.

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