



PIMA AIR & SPACE MUSEUM

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PIMA AIR & SPACE MUSEUM TO ROLL BACK ADMISSION PRICES IN HONOR OF 40TH ANNIVERSARY

Tucson, May 3, 2016 – 40 years ago this Sunday, the Pima Air & Space Museum opened its doors to the public for the first time. In honor of its 40th Anniversary the museum will roll back admission prices to its opening day rates for one day only, this Sunday, May 8, 2016! All adults 13 and older will be \$1.50 and all children 12 and under will be \$.50. To get in on the rollback pricing the museum's restaurant, Flight Grill, will offer a 40th Anniversary special for the day of a hot dog, small fries and fountain drink, all for the low price of \$1.00!

After 10 years of planning, on May 8, 1976 the Pima Air Museum opened its doors to the public with nothing more than a small ticket trailer, an initial collection of 48 aircraft and a chain-link fence surrounding the grounds. Over the past 40 years the museum has grown to now encompass over 250,000 square feet of interior display space on over 80 acres of outside display grounds, boasting over 325 aircraft and 125,000 artifacts in the collection!

"If it wasn't for the vision of our original founders and then the determination and devotion of the staff, volunteers, board members, museum members, community leaders and donors the museum would not be where it is today and experiencing the positive growth that we are" said Chairman of the Arizona Aerospace Foundation, Count Ferdinand von Galen. "It is truly remarkable to stop and reflect on the past 40 years!"

The museum has spent the past 40 years acquiring some of the rarest, as well as most diverse aircraft collection in the world. Alone, this past year the museum acquired a Boeing 787 Dreamliner from The Boeing Company, making it one of only three on public display throughout the world. Within the next month the museum will open its sixth display hangar, Hangar 5, which will add an additional 27,000 square-foot of interior display space and be devoted to WWII and Pacific Theater aircraft, including a B-26 Marauder and a P-47 Thunderbolt.

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“The past 40 years have been quite impressive” said the Pima Air & Space Museum, Executive Director, Scott Marchand, “but the future is just as bright for the Pima Air & Space Museum!”

The Pima Air & Space Museum

The Pima Air & Space Museum is one of the largest aviation museums in the world, and the largest non-government funded aviation museum in the United States. The museum maintains a collection of more than 325 aircraft and spacecraft from around the globe—including many rare and one-of-a-kind—and more than 125,000 artifacts. Exhibits at the museum include some of the world’s greatest aviation heritage, including military, commercial and civil aviation. Among them are the SR-71 Blackbird—the world’s fastest plane, a B-29 Superfortress—the highest flying and fastest WWII bomber, and a rare World War II German V-1 "buzz bomb." The museum has five large hangars totaling more than 177,000 square feet of indoor exhibit space. Pima Air & Space maintains its own aircraft restoration center, and also offers exclusive tours of the Aerospace Maintenance and Regeneration Group (AMARG), also known as the "Bone Yard" (across from the museum at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base).

The Pima Air & Space Museum is located at 6000 E. Valencia Road, Tucson, Exit 267 off Interstate 10. The museum is open daily except Thanksgiving and Christmas, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. with last admission at 4 p.m. Admission is \$15.50 (\$12.25 for Pima County Residents) for adults, \$12.75 for seniors 65 and older and active military, \$9.00 for youth 5-12, and free for children under 4. For general museum information, please call 520-574-0462 or visit www.pimaair.org.

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