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Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome Museum

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Stone Church Road
Rhinebeck, NY 12572

Hours: Daily 10:00AM to 5:00PM

Air show schedule: Every Saturday and Sunday, 2:00PM

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Historical Description:

The Aerodrome was the vision of Cole Palen. After serving in the United States Infantry in 1944, he returned to the United States where he entered the Roosevelt Aviation School at Roosevelt Field to train as a mechanic. It was here that he fell in love with early aircraft. At an auction, he purchased a SPAD XIII, Avro 504K, Curtiss Jenny, Standard J-1, Aeromarine 39B and Sopwith Snipe aircraft. In 1959, he bought a Rhinebeck farm that now serves as the airfield. One year later, the first air show took place.

The Site:

The Aerodrome contains four museum buildings, which focus on aircraft from the Pioneer Era, World War I and the Lindbergh/Barnstorming Era. The Aerodrome holds air shows to display the early years of aviation. Saturday shows focus on the history of flight with Pioneer, World War I and Lindbergh era aircraft. Sunday shows feature an exciting World War I dogfight as well as Barnstorming aircraft.

Directions:

From the North, South, West: New York State Thruway Exit 19 to Rt. 209 North. Follow signs to Kingston-Rhinecliff Bridge. Cross over the Hudson River. Right turn at the second traffic light onto Route 9G South. Next traffic light, turn left onto Route 9 North for 1/2 mile. Right onto Stone Church Road for 1-1/2 miles. Left on Norton Road.

From the East: Mass. Pike or I-84 to Taconic State Parkway. Exit at Rt. 199 Rhinebeck/Red Hook. Rt. 199 west for 6.8 miles. Left onto Orlich Road, then an almost immediate right onto Norton Road for 1-1/2 miles.