

80 years old and still flying



The open house included a formation fly-by by a pair of Yak-52s. Tim Stevens from Voorhees, N.J., piloted the red plane with Phil Cogan in the back seat, while Reade Genzlinger from Bryn Athyn piloted the black plane with co-owner Stewart Nicholson from Doylestown.

Community takes wings at Doylestown



This Aeronca 7BCM saw duty in the Korean conflict as an L-16A liaison plane and is one of 509 manufactured for the U.S. Army in 1947.

Doylestown Airport held its fourth annual Celebration of Flight community open house Saturday. The event marked the 80th anniversary of the airport, which began operation in 1928. Entertainment, free rides and free food highlighted the sunny day. The open house included a crowd pleasing radio controlled aerobatics demonstration. Among the planes in the antique aircraft fly-by were two yellow Stearman biplanes and an unusual Avions Max Holste MH1521M *Le Broussard*.

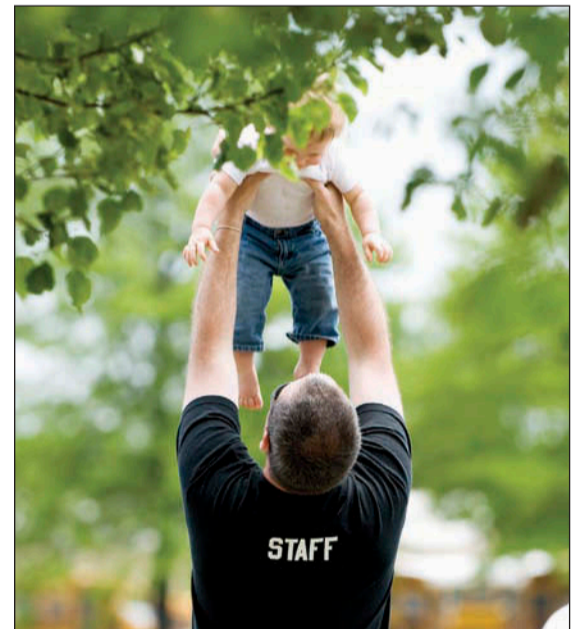
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Woody Poles entertains as 3-year-old Michael and Candace watch.



Warren Wilbur from Solebury, director of the Doylestown Pilots Association, helps sign up visitors for free private airplane rides at the Friends of Doylestown Airport table.



Not everyone at the open house needed an aircraft to fly.



John Aunins from Doylestown owns the *Le Broussard*, which still wears the French Air Force paint it had when released from service in 1985. This aircraft was built in 1955 and is number 10 of 363 built. Nicknamed *L'Escargot* (the snail) by its previous owner, the plane cruises at a leisurely 105 knots (about 120 mph).



Jim McEachern of Richboro piloted the photo plane. Here he turns for runway 23 at the airport. McEachern, a member of the Warrington Club, has been flying since 1970.



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