



Gigi Brisson of Santa Cruz prepares her 1941 Waco UPF-7 biplane for show in the upcoming Watsonville Airshow and Fly-In. The craft has a bench seat for two in the front and enough room for just the pilot in the rear open seat. Tarmo Hannula/Register-Pajaronian

# Prepared for takeoff

*Fly-In*  
Fly-in and Air Show takes flight today, soars over weekend

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Planes were coming in to the Watsonville Municipal Airport Thursday; booths were being set up and people were beginning to gather for the 38<sup>th</sup> annual Fly-In and Air Show.

The show took flight today at noon. When it gets dark the day's events will end with a fireworks display.

"This is a great show," said Jeanine Luttrell, who co-owns JP Espresso with her husband Pat Luttrell. "We look forward to this every year."

This is the fourth year the Luttrells have made the trip from their hometown of Paso Robles for the Air Show. Last year they did so well at the show that they went through 32 gallons of milk in one day alone.

They are just one of the many vendors who will be offering food, drinks and souvenirs to the show's visitors.

Pilot Gigi Brisson from Santa Cruz will be displaying her blue 1941 Waco UPF-7 and her all-aluminum Spartan. It is the first year she will be displaying the planes, although she has been a pilot out of Watsonville for four years.

Nels Jensen landed his 1953 Piper tri-pacer in Watsonville Thursday afternoon after the approximately 35-minute flight from Delano. Jensen visits most of the air shows in California but said Watsonville is one of the best.

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Nels Jensen of Delano arrives at the airport Thursday in his 1953 Piper Tri-Pacer Tarmo Hannula/Register-Pajaronian



Jeanine Luttrell is busy setting up JP Espresso, a coffee and beverage stand, at Watsonville Municipal Airport Thursday. She and her husband, Pat, have been vending at the airshow for the last four years.

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Waiting for the air show to begin, these early birds sit in the comfort of the shade from a 1937 Fairchild 24. Robert Jankey (right) is the pilot and he is joined by his friend, Stuart Robinson.

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"I wouldn't want to miss this one (Air Show), it's one of the big ones," he said.

The Fly-In and Air Show continues Saturday and Sunday. Admission costs \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under. Kids under 5 and under are free with a paid admission by an adult. There will also be a family spaghetti feed tonight for \$6 per person. Children under 6 are free to the feed with a paid adult.