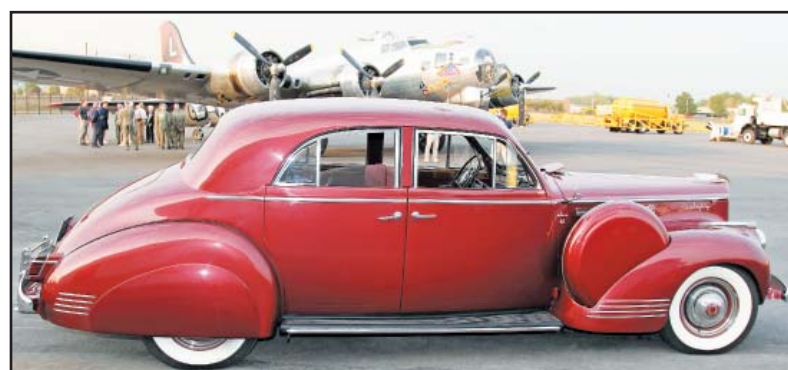


# Aviation History Comes Alive at Teterboro Airport



There was magic in the air, with a puff of smoke, when the B-17 Flying Fortress cranked-up the distinctive sound of each of their four Wright-R Cyclone turbo supercharged radial engines (made at Curtiss-Wright, Wood-Ridge).

The Yankee Air Museum ([www.yankeeairmuseum.org](http://www.yankeeairmuseum.org)), based in Michigan, flew into Teterboro with the Yankee Lady, a World War II B-17 Flying Fortress bomber. For a fee of \$425, the B-17 offered unforgettable rides to 11 "crew members" at a time. When not flying, visitors had the opportunity to go on board and explore this heavy bomber.

American Air Power Museum ([www.americanairpowermuseum.com](http://www.americanairpowermuseum.com)) presented:

- A B-25 Mitchell twin engine bomber, famous for the Doolittle Raid over Tokyo.
- An Army Air Force P-47 Thunderbolt fighter used in all operational theaters of WWII.

The P-47 gained notoriety not only in air-to-air combat but as a ground-attack fighter with the firepower of eight 50-caliber machine guns.

- P-47s flew more than 546,000 combat sorties between March 1943 and August 1945, destroying 11,874 enemy aircraft, some 9,000 locomotives, and about 6,000 armored vehicles and tanks.
- A C-47 Dakota troop carrier, painted in Normandy invasion stripes, was open to the public.

Additional aircraft included: Navy SNJ Trainer, Tri-Pacer, two Bell TH-57 Helicopter, Defiant aircraft, etc.

Numerous other VLJ (very light jet,) antique, classic, experimental and military aircraft also fielded the ramp.

At every display, a representative was available to answer any questions. Additionally, AHOF organized informative walking tours of the displayed aircraft, etc.

Many exhibits were inside Hangar One:

- The Army Air Forces Historical Association provided an extensive educational display which was dedicated to preserving the history of the United States Army Air Forces during World War II.

Various organizations provided displays to include Civil Air Patrol, U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps, Paramus Flying Club, Great Dane Rescue, Custom & Border Protection (Global Access), etc.

There were also a variety of aviation and military memorabilia vendors, etc.

The Port Authority of NY

& NJ displayed their crash/foam truck and runway maintenance equipment.

On display were street rods, old school gassers, classic cars, and military vehicles: M-35, Vietnam era 151 Jeep, etc. Race cars included: American Three Quarter Midget Racing Association, stock cars, vintage stock cars, and Wall Stadium modifieds. Kids of all ages enjoyed the BIG Wheel Races! with 25 races per day and trophies for all the winners.

The Hasbrouck Heights Men's Association provided refreshments. The Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department EMS was there for any emergency.

The Civil Air Patrol, NJ Wing, Teterboro Composite Squadron and U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps, Iwo-Jima (LHD-7) Division provided extensive perimeter security and parking management.

Many sponsors, Teterboro Airport FBOs, AvPorts, Port Authority, etc., provided much support to make this event a huge success.

About 10,000 attended the Aviation Hall of Fame and Museum Wings & Wheels Expo 2010 held at Teterboro Airport on September 25 & 26, 2010.

This year's event was a "Salute to Veterans." Veterans wearing their VFW or American Legion cap were admitted free. ###