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YOUNG EAGLES AND AVIATOR/ACTOR HARRISON FORD GIVE 32 CHILDREN A SOARING EXPERIENCE AT CHINO AIRPORT

SAN BERNARDINO – Actor and aviator Harrison Ford spent Saturday morning at Chino Airport taking groups of kids on flights aboard his de Havilland DHC-2 plane.

Ford, who first flew in the 1960s and has been an avid pilot for almost two decades, led the Young Eagles Flight Rally at Chino Airport, presented by the Experimental Aircraft Association. Ford is national chairman of the Young Eagles program, the world's largest youth aviation education program, which has taken more than 1.3 million children on free flights since 1992.

The quarterly event at Chino Airport, hosted by EAA Chapter 92 of the Young Eagles, gives kids a chance to experience flying with volunteer veteran pilots.

Planes of Fame Air Museum at Chino Airport helped host the event along with staff from the County of San Bernardino, Fourth District Supervisor Gary Ovitt and Chino Hills Mayor Curt Hagman.

“We’re proud to host the Young Eagles and Harrison Ford at Chino Airport,” said Supervisor Ovitt. “This event highlights Chino Airport’s role as part of this growing community. It also gives local children a valuable lesson in the history of aviation and the many opportunities available in aviation-related fields through Chino Airport.”

Planes of Fame Air Museum opened its doors Saturday to more than 30 children who were registered to fly and about 100 attendees. Planes of Fame offers a living history museum featuring more than 150 vintage aircraft and slices of Chino Airport’s history as a military training center during World War II.

Planes of Fame Air Museum and the County of San Bernardino will host an airshow at Chino Airport on May 17-18 to highlight aviation’s long history with Hollywood. The event,

titled *Wings of the Silver Screen*, will spotlight vintage warbirds, aerial acrobatics, flybys, wingwalkers and numerous aircraft on display for close viewing.