

# The Valley of the Giants is Back!

After a 10-year break, the famed Valley of the Giants RC air show will return to the Westport Airport in Westport, N.Y. on July 2 and 3, 2011.

Hosted by Chapter # 487 of the International Miniature Aircraft Association (IMAA) and the Champlain Valley Flyers (formerly of Crown Point, New York), this event will once again feature an amazing array of giant scale aircraft performing spectacular flights in the unparalleled setting of New York State's Adirondack Mountains and beautiful Champlain Valley. Mark your calendars and make plans now to attend this important RC event!

**Where:** The Valley of the Giants is returning to its original location at the Westport Air Field, Westport, N.Y., on Routes 22A and 9N, approximately 2 miles south of the village of Westport. For those using a GPS the coordinates are: Lat: 44° 09' 30.190", Lng: -73° 25' 58.456", or Lat: 44.158386, Lng: -73.432904. The grass airstrip at the Westport Airport is 2600 feet long and 125 feet wide with plenty of elbow room for multiple pilots to fly at the same time.

**When:** The official dates of the event – for the public – are Saturday and Sunday, July 2 & 3, 2011. Pilots may arrive as early as 12:00 noon on Thursday, June 30, and stay as late as 4:00 p.m. Monday, July 4. (IMPORTANT: Please, no early birds sooner than Thursday noon! Everyone must depart before 4:00 p.m. on Monday.)

**Camping:** Motor coaches, campers and tenters are welcome, however, camping is primitive. We will have portable toilets, but water and electrical hookups as well as dump facilities are not available. Commercial campgrounds are nearby. Check the Internet for the location and details regarding these facilities.

**Food:** Lunch on Saturday and Sunday, and dinner Saturday night for pilots and their families may be purchased onsite from our event caterer. Otherwise, the closest grocery store and restaurants are in Westport.

**Pilot information:** This is an IMAA sanctioned event. As such, pilots must present current IMAA membership cards. If you are not already an IMAA member, you can purchase an IMAA membership at the event.

**Aircraft:** All aircraft must be in good working order and conform to IMAA standards (monoplanes must have a wingspan of over 80" and biplanes must have a wingspan of at least 60"). All aircraft will be inspected for airworthiness before they are permitted to fly.

**Transmitters:** Transmitters using the 72 MHz band must be surrendered to the impound table and given a frequency pin before their use. Please make sure these transmitters are turned OFF before arriving at the field. Transmitters using the 2.4 gigahertz band do not need to be impounded.

**Safety:** There will be a pilot's meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Pilots should make every effort to attend this meeting to review safety rules and to be apprised of last minute announcements or schedule changes. Pilots are expected to adhere to the IMAA Safety Code without exception.

**Hours of Operation:** Controlled operation of the flying field will take place from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, and from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. on Sunday. Please do not fly any planes before 9:00 a.m. on any day. Open flying will take place at all other times.

**Prizes and Raffles:** Yes, we will have both! Tee shirts imprinted with the poster design and commemorating the return of the Valley of the Giants may be purchased at the event.

**Registration:** Pilots are strongly encouraged to register in advance by mail. This will reduce congestion on the first day of the event. A registration/landing fee of \$15 per pilot applies for registrations postmarked on or before June 15, 2011. A registration/landing fee of \$20 per pilot will apply for walk-in registrations or registrations postmarked after June 15. Landing fees entitle pilots to participate in the event for their entire stay, beginning

as early as Thursday, June 30 and lasting through July 4. Registration fees are non-refundable.

To register by mail, send your name, mailing address, email address and phone number along with a check for \$15 to Bruce Burgess, CVF Treasurer, 1394 Munger Street, Middlebury, VT 05753.

The onsite registration table will open at 12:00 noon on Friday, July 1, and remain open for the duration of the event.

**For Additional Information:** Please contact event coordinator Clarence Owen at (802) 453-6089 if you have questions about the event. You may also contact the Champlain Valley Flyers at [bicycleholidays@aol.com](mailto:bicycleholidays@aol.com) for information.

**Thanks for your interest!**

We look forward to seeing you in July!

