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Vintage Aircraft Kick Off 2009 Parade

Sierra Madre Fourth of July Parade

Three vintage aircraft will conduct a flyby at 10 a.m. on Saturday, July 4, to herald the beginning of the famous Sierra Madre Fourth of July Parade.

Capt. R. E. (Roscoe) Diehl, California Air National Guard, will lead the group in his twin-engine C-45H. He's flown for Western and Delta Airlines.

His passengers include Keith Brown, local Sierra Madre contractor, and Diehl's wife, Marsha, as well as photographer Jerry Thompson.

A second plane, a T-28A, will be flown by Geraldine (Jerry) Diehl, daughter of Capt. and Mrs. Roscoe Diehl, and Andrea Hoover, daughter of Charlie and Kathy Childs of Sierra Madre. Both women are commercial pilots, flying out of LAX. In the back seat will be Bob Brown, husband of the pilot, both of whom live in Arcadia.

Corona engineer Robin Scott will fly the third plane, a Russian Yak 52.

At this year's parade, a special "water zone" will be located starting at Canon and Sierra Madre Boulevard east to Sierra Vista Park (end of the parade route). No spraying of water will be allowed west of this point.

Special commemorative Fourth of July glasses will be available for sale in the Beer Garden that will be open in Memorial Park on the evening of Friday, July 3rd, 5 pm to 10 pm and Saturday, July 4 starting at 12 noon to 4 pm. The Beer Garden will be manned by members of the Fourth of July Committee, Friends of the Little League and Sierra Madre Chamber of Commerce.

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