



“Carin Belle”, The Angel Of Mercy Is Ready For Your Event

For those who knew them well as “angels of mercy” as well as those who know little about them, liaison aircraft of World War II I have a thousand stories. This aircraft also offers a unique and poignant addition to your war bird display.

The Ohio Valley Wing has a unique war bird story for your air show with its L-5 Stinson “Carin Belle”:

- The type was the most widely used utility plane of the war.
- With "flying jeep" as one its nicknames, it was used by all branches of the U.S. military across the globe.
- A very special angel, this particular aircraft flies in OY-2 Navy/USMC configuration, reported at a production of just 29 planes.
- A full length leading-edge slot in its wing for extremely short landings sets it apart from its Taylorcraft, Aeronca, and Piper contemporaries.

But one mission for the L-5 creates even greater interest for your event patrons....

The L-5 was used as an air ambulance. Before helicopters, medivacs, or Lifeflight, a fabric-covered 190 HP fixed-wing aircraft rescued the wounded and injured and flew them to care. This duty took place around the globe in World War II and later in Korea. With the ability to land in fields as well as cruise at over 100 MPH, the L-5 could mean the difference between life and death.

The L-5 of the Ohio Valley Wing is configured as an air ambulance...

Its fuselage opens to provide space for one litter behind the pilot. The livery is authentic USMC. As a static display the open plane brings curious crowds as well as re-enactors; when taken to the runway the L-5 is up very quickly, surprising those who expect the typical extended run of small high-wing craft.

A unique liaison aircraft with an honorable service record as an “Angel Of Mercy” is an affordable but unique attraction at your event. The “Carin Belle” L-5/OY-2 of the Ohio Valley Wing is ready for duty at your air show

Distance-based appearance fee and other commercial terms available on upon request

