

Three groups join Adopt-a-Plane program

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POWER WASH - *Members of the Antelope Valley chapter of the Air Force Association clean the retired F-100 Super Sabre on display at Joe Davies Heritage Airpark at Air Force Plant 42 in Palmdale. The group made its airplane-cleaning debut March 8 as part of the city's Adopt-a-Plane program. Adoption of an aircraft means that a group can commit to cleaning the aircraft display on a regular basis. Cleaning consists of picking up trash and debris, pulling weeds and keeping the dirt and dust off the aircraft.*

PALMDALE - Three groups made their airplane-cleaning debuts as part of the city's Adopt-a-Plane program March 8 at the Joe Davies Heritage Airpark at Air Force Plant 42.

The Antelope Valley chapter of the Air Force Association adopted the F-100, the Northrop Grumman Recreation Club of the Antelope Valley adopted the B-2 Spirit model and the AV Touring Society Motorcycle Club adopted the A-7 Corsair.

Other groups in attendance that already had adopted planes included the Friends of DCMA Palmdale, the Major McManus Boys Club, the Rosamond High School Air Force Junior ROTC, the Civil Air Patrol Squadron 84, the Highland High School Law & Government Academy and the Highland High School Air Force Junior ROTC.

"It was another great turnout from our Adopt-a-Plane groups," said Tim Hughes, the city's deputy director of Public Works.

"As of now, almost every aircraft has been adopted," he said.

Adoption of an aircraft means that a group can commit to cleaning the aircraft display on a regular basis.

The cleaning consists of picking up trash and debris, pulling weeds and keeping the dirt and dust off the aircraft.

As part of the program, each group will have a sign displayed next to its adopted aircraft, and the groups will be honored at a volunteer recognition ceremony.

"We're also looking for service groups that may be interested in 'helping the help,' by providing snacks and/or drinks for the groups cleaning the planes," Hughes said.

For details about the Adopt-a-Plane program, call (661) 267-5300.