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# BRANSON—A MOUNTAIN OF ENTERTAINMENT

by *Charlie Spence, IFA Member and Aviation Writer*

One thing you will quickly learn about Branson, Missouri, is that the area is a family vacation spot. There is something here for every age group.

This small community in the Ozarks (the census in 2000 showed a population of 6,050) has become an entertainment center with almost 50 theaters, 10 golf courses, more than 200 different lodging facilities, theme parks, lakes, museums, and whatever else might suit your fancy. The estimated 7.3 million visitors to the area in 2004 demonstrate the lure of Branson.

It began as a vacation Mecca in the early 1950s when country music legend Red Foley moved to nearby Springfield to host the “Ozark Jubilee” radio show. By the end of that decade, the Mabe Brothers began performing twice a week in a converted building by the Lake Taneycomo waterfront. Other entertainers began putting on shows and in the 1990s Branson was dubbed the “Country Music Capital.” Now, however, you can choose not only country shows, but also pop, swing, rock’n roll, gospel, classical, and Broadway-style productions. There are more than 100 shows and they are offered at various times of the day from breakfast shows to matinees to evening performances. Choose current top performers or go nostalgic and see some of the favorites of decades past.

Although the community is best known for its variety of musical shows, you will also find shows of magic acts, acrobats, trick riders, and a diversity to entertain any member of the family.

But shows are not the only attraction to this delightful area. Outdoor activities abound. Three lakes with a trout stream are just minutes away from Branson. Lake Taneycomo was originally part of the White River and was formed in 1913 with the completion of the Powersite Dam. It provides what has been called one of the best trout streams in the U.S. Water in the lower lake is considerably warmer than in the upper portion and this difference harbors different species of fish, providing different challenges to the experienced angler. Technically a lake, Taneycomo has the look and feel of a river. And, to make sure you bring in a string of fish, the clear, cool waters are stocked with about three-quarters of a million ten-twelve inch trout annually.

Other water activities you can enjoy include boating, jet skiing, snorkeling, tubing, and swimming. In the rolling Ozark Mountains, the area is ideal for hiking, biking, bird watching, or just lying back and enjoying the quiet beauty. Some of the nature parks are inside Branson city limits.

Kids of all ages will quickly seek out Silver Dollar City. This 50-acre 1880s-theme park has been voted the number one theme park in the world by the International Association of Amusement Parks and Attractions. There are 50 live shows, food, and 60 shops and rides. Even the strong at heart will gasp as the PowderKeg roller coaster speeds them through a black powder mill of yesteryear and then launches them from zero to 53 miles per hour in less than three seconds.

You’ll find the modern touch at the 20<sup>th</sup> century Celebration City theme park, which has dozens of rides, including the Ozark Wildcat wooden roller coaster. The historic Route 66 section sports 1950-60’s era autos with drive-in diners, themed rides and shops.

Family members will enjoy go-cart tracks, miniature golf, bumper boats, or roller-skating. Take the scenic railway trip south into Arkansas or north



*Silver Dollar City water ride bridge*

*Photo courtesy of Missouri Division of Tourism*

## Where to Fly Next?

Let’s face it. Not all family members or friends are as enthusiastic about flying as you are. But places to go and things to do and see usually will excite them. That’s where your pilot’s license becomes a magic ticket for introductions to new places and keeping family and friends together. It widens the area that you can take them to, leaving their ground-bound friends a bit green with envy. With specific destinations and more enthusiastic passengers, we all get more flying.

To help IFA members decide where to fly next, IFA has a library of destination articles to help you choose your next exciting destination, such as, Sedona, AZ; Black Hills, SD; Colorado Springs, CO; Key Largo, FL; Jackson Hole, WY; Portland, ME; the Wisconsin Dells and many more. IFA is constantly expanding the articles, so visit [www.ilyamerica.org](http://www.ilyamerica.org) often. ■

## Don’t Pay Full Price for Theme Park Admission

Take advantage of the hugely popular IFA Theme Park and Zoo Discount Program. Your membership in IFA gives you access to discount coupons for many of the most popular theme parks and zoos nationwide.

Sea World, Busch Gardens, Universal Studios, Six Flags (selected parks), Dollywood, HersheyPark, Sesame Place, Legoland, Adventure Island, Hurricane Harbor, the San Diego Zoo, and the Los Angeles Zoo are just a few of the parks participating in the discount program.

The savings you realize can really add up. Last year, a family of four visiting Six Flags Magic Mountain in California **saved** \$92.00 off the regular admission price by using the discount coupon! The same family of four **saved** \$68.00 off the regular admission to Six Flags Over Georgia.

We haven’t received all of the discount coupons from the participating parks yet for the 2006 season, so your savings may vary from the examples above. Please visit [www.ilyamerica.org](http://www.ilyamerica.org) for a comprehensive listing of the participating parks and to order your discount coupons. The coupons are mailed to your home within one week of receiving the request, or as soon as possible. When ordering the coupons, there is a small \$4 processing fee, but the savings you realize more than pays for the fee. ■

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## BRANSON DETAILS

### How to Get There:

The community of Branson wraps around Point Lookout Airport (PLK) with its 3,739-foot runway. Pattern altitude is 2,000 feet for all aircraft. There are no landing fees, but singles and twins have overnight parking charges. Approaches are: GPS, RNAV, and VOR/DME. Light maintenance is available. Rental cars are available on the field.

### Where To Stay:

The Branson/Lakes area has just over 200 different lodging places offering nearly 18,000 rooms. These range from a variety of bed and breakfast inns to motels to hotels. No matter what your budget or taste, Branson has a lodging to fit it. Many of the facilities have staff members who will gladly assist you in getting tickets to your favorite shows.

You can check rates and book your room and rental car at IFA's Online Travel Booking Service, [www.iflyamerica.org/travelservices/travelservices.htm](http://www.iflyamerica.org/travelservices/travelservices.htm). Significant hotel discounts may apply.

### Where To Eat:

From fast food to fine dining, it's all in the Branson/Lakes area. There are national chain restaurants, buffets, and fine dining rooms. Try the barbecues or homemade apple pie. Many of the places offer sit-down service in their facilities or will deliver your choice to your hotel or resort.

## American Flyer® Keeps You Informed

In addition to the hugely popular *Wings Over America*®, IFA also publishes the *American Flyer*, an e-newsletter that keeps you informed of what is happening with IFA during the months that *Wings Over America* isn't published. To receive the *American Flyer*, simply send your email address to IFA at [admin@iflyamerica.org](mailto:admin@iflyamerica.org). ■

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### Air Shows

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#### May 10

- Pope AFB Airshow, FL

#### May 13-14

- Fort Worth Spring Int'l. Airshow, TX

- Dover AFB Open House, DE

- MCAS New River Airshow, NC

#### May 20

- Denton Air Fair, TX
- Vance Air Show, OK

#### May 20-21

- Lyon County Fly-In & Air Fest, NV

- Planes of Fame Airshow, CA

- Ft. Myers Beach Airshow, FL

#### May 26-28

- Wings of Freedom Airshow, MN

- Watsonville Fly-In & Airshow, CA

#### May 27-28

- NY Airshow at Jones Beach, NY

- Arnold AFB

- Anniversary Airshow, TN

- Air Power Expo, NM  
June 3-4

- Southside Skyfest, VA
- Wings of Remembrance, KS
- Atlantic County Day at the Bay, NJ

#### June 10

- Air Show Colorado, CO
- Georgia State Airshow, GA
- Hemet-Ryan Airshow, CA

#### June 10-11

- Hill AFB Airshow, UT
- Fly Iowa, IA

#### June 16-18

- Aerospace America Int'l. Airshow, OK
- Summer Heat Festival, IN

#### June 17-18

- Arkansas Air Museum Air Fest, AR
- Illinois Valley Airshow, IL

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into Missouri for a narrated journey through the Ozarks.

If you have time to soak up more culture, go through one or more of the nine museums ranging from a Veteran's Memorial to Ripley's Believe It Or Not. There is a toy museum, Hollywood Wax Museum, Roy Rogers and Dale Evans Happy Trails, and others.

By all means take time to do some shopping. In Silver Dollar City, artisans create heirloom-quality furniture. The area has three outlet malls with more than 200 stores. There are also boutiques, craft and hobby shops, antique stores, art galleries, and other specialty shops. Historic downtown Branson has more than 100 stores,

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## PILOT'S QUIZ

1. The "J" in Piper J-3 Cub stands for:
  - a. Normal progression of letters as model designs advanced
  - b. Walter Jamouneau, new designer when W.T. Piper bought the Taylor Aircraft Company
  - c. The model number of the engine
2. During World War II, Piper Cub L-4 aircraft were officially named:
  - a. Light Observation Vehicles
  - b. Multi-Purpose Air Machines
  - c. Grasshoppers
3. A VFR pilot may request and be given a clearance to enter, leave, or operate within most Class D and Class E surface areas and some Class B and Class C surface areas in Special VFR conditions if:
  - a. Not operating at primary airport within the area
  - b. Traffic permitting and flight will not delay IFR traffic
  - c. In daylight hours only
4. The first African-American stewardess was hired by a U.S. airline:
  - a. In 1967 by Eastern Airlines
  - b. In 1954 by Pan American Airlines
  - c. In 1974 by United Airlines
5. In 1989, feminist groups protested against the Pentagon for:
  - a. Lifting the ban on pin-ups to decorate the fuselage of US Air Force aircraft
  - b. Banning females from flying fighter aircraft
  - c. Requiring a male to captain military transport aircraft
6. Runway holding position markers on taxiways consist of two solid and two dashed yellow lines spaced six inches apart. When approaching the runway:
  - a. The dashed lines are before the solid lines
  - b. The solid lines are before the dashed lines
  - c. It makes no difference
7. Federal aviation matters originally came under the Department of Commerce. What event prompted the formation of the Federal Aviation Agency, later called Federal Aviation Administration?
  - a. President Kennedy backing development of the U.S. Supersonic Transport
  - b. Collision of two airliners over the Grand Canyon
  - c. Growth of civil aviation after World War II
8. When in an unpressurized aircraft between 10,000 feet through 12,000 feet, each pilot must use oxygen continuously if flight is:
  - a. One hour
  - b. Fifteen minutes
  - c. Thirty minutes
9. The world's first international aviation meeting attracted about half-million persons in:
  - a. Dayton, Ohio in 1907
  - b. New Reims, France in 1909
  - c. Farnborough, England in 1910
10. The first strategic bombing run was made by:
  - a. Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker in 1918
  - b. Lt. Max Immelman in 1917
  - c. Squadron Commander Featherstone Briggs in 1914

ANSWERS: 1-b, 2-c, 3-b, 4-a, 5-a, 6-d, 7-b, 8-c, 9-b, 10-c

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including an old-time five and dime store.

Branson is a year-round attraction with different activities for the different seasons and many special events like Ozark Mountain Christmas or Branson Fest in March. The show season offerings usually run from mid-March through the end of December.

As you head for home, you are sure to comment "I wish we had time to do some of the other things while we were here." That's just an indication you will return soon. ■