



From left: Joe Espitia, Airport Police Officer, 5.5 years; Belinda Netles, Airport Police Officer; and Michael Dear, Airport Police Officer, 7 years.



From left: Linda Ector, Airport Police Officer, 24 years, Club Member; and Allen Chu, Airport Police Officer, 24 years.



A TWA airplane on display.



Angel Gomez Jr., son of Club Member Services Manager Angel Gomez, inside the Army helicopter.



A vintage war aircraft.



Spectators climb onboard this U.S. Air Force aircraft.



Jason Chappell, LAPD, 7 years.



A U.S. Coast Guard rescue helicopter on display.

Just Plane Fun

■ Van Nuys Airport hosts AirFest air show and display.

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AIRPORTS — The Rockin' AirFest 2005 took flight May 15 at the Van Nuys Airport. Thousands of people walked through the blistering heat to enjoy the show.

Selena Birk, Van Nuys Airport Manager,

opened the ceremony by saying that it was a day to celebrate aircraft. Kim Day, LAW A Executive Manager, said it was an opportunity to meet the people of Van Nuys Airport and to discover the vision and creation of the inventors of the aircraft.

Many vintage aircraft were on display, including a B-17 "Flying Fortress," a B-24 "Liberator" bomber and the Star of America, featured in the film *The Aviator*. An F-16 "Falcon" and P-51 "Mustang" soared over the crowd during a special formation flyover.

It was day to learn and appreciate the magic of flying.



A B-25J bomber.



From left: Kim Day, LAW A Executive Director; Councilmember Wendy Greuel; a representative for (then) Councilmember Antonio Villaraigosa; and actress Connie Stevens.



An Army helicopter.



Lorenzo Brazley, LAFD, 24 years, at the LAFD booth.



An officer sings the National Anthem.



Kim Day, LAW A Executive Director, welcomes the crowd to the event.



Chris Justus, Fire Station 56, 4.5 years, and Lincoln Fernandes, Fire Station 46, 3 years.



From left: Jan Goforth, Van Nuys Airport, 8 years, and Tina Smith, Van Nuys Airport, 4 years.



From left: Victor Aguirre, LAFD, 5 years, with Angel Gomez Jr., son of Club Member Services Manager Angel Gomez.



An LAFD helicopter.



From left: George Campos, Construction and Maintenance, 22 years; and Jose Aguayo, Construction and Maintenance, 15 years, Club Member.



Vintage aircraft on display.



From left: Fernando Ochoa, LAPD, 17 years, and Oscar Cansino, LAPD, 9 years.



Two friends pose in front of the "smiling" vintage aircraft.



A Sikorsky HH-52A.



Thousands of spectators walk through the different exhibits.



Angel Gomez Jr., son of Angel Gomez, Club Member Services Manager.