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Merced Antique Fly-In won't take off this year

MERCED – Organizers of the Merced Antique Fly-In have told the City that there will not be a Fly-In this year.

The organizers said a variety of factors led to the cancellation, including the changing demographics of the attendees, the lack of major financial sponsors and lagging support from the community.

“We are sorry to hear that the Fly-In has been cancelled,” said Airport Manager Ron Elliott. “For the past 50 years it has attracted thousands of pilots from across the Western United States.

“We appreciate all of the time and hard work that people have put into the event, and hope the organizers are able to regroup and revitalize the Fly-In for the future,” Elliott said.

The Fly-In has traditionally been held the first weekend in June. A small open house will be held for any pilots who do land at the Merced Airport June 7. The open house will not be open to the public.