

Sawtooth Center sponsors 'flying machine' design competition

The Sawtooth Center for Visual Design, a funded member of the Arts Council, has announced a creative design competition open to all students in Forsyth County.

The Tom Davis Design in Flight Competition, celebrating North Carolina's 400th anniversary and the part played in that history by the Wright Brothers

and Piedmont Airlines founder Tom Davis, challenges students in kindergarten through 12th grade to design their own version of a flying machine. The entries may be presented in any art medium and need not actually fly.

No entry fee is required for students, but an entry form must be completed and attached to

work sent to the Sawtooth Center for judging. Forms are available at school offices or at the Sawtooth Center on Marshall Street. The deadline for all entries is Nov. 2. Students can create their work in school programs, at home, or in arts and crafts classes available at the Sawtooth. For additional information, contact the Sawtooth

Center at 723-7395.

Events planned in conjunction with the competition are a free aviation history exhibit, "First in Flight," at the Sawtooth on Sept. 9 through Oct. 7; a free display of 30 different aircraft at the Smith Reynolds Airport on Sept. 16 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.; a display of students' entries at their respective schools (Nov. 1 for

judging); the jurying of final entries at the Sawtooth on Nov. 16; the Tom Davis Design in Flight Awards Dinner, in which top winners, their parents and Tom Davis will attend on Nov. 17; and the Competition Festival held at the Sawtooth for all competing students and their parents on Nov. 18, where the winning designs will be displayed through

Dec. 8.

Forsyth County schools are highlighting the history of flight in their study of the 400th anniversary of North Carolina. Among the sessions planned in conjunction with the Design in Flight Competition are the showing of flight films and presentation of aviation-related guest speakers.

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