



Announcing AIR CARE 2005 April 29–30 Asheville, North Carolina

Dear Leaders and Supporters in Environmental Flying,

“Your statistics are great,” said the state legislator, “but the mining company reps have their own numbers. I need to see damage with my own eyes, and you haven’t shown me that.”

Now more than ever, we in the conservation aviation community are able to fly lawmakers, policy makers, and reporters, showing them what is too often hidden behind beautiful buffer strips, pretty pictures, and conservation-sounding but misleading rhetoric.

And in many cases we can fly all the parties in a dispute, leading to win-win solutions.

This Arbor Day, April 29-30, and for the first time, you have the opportunity to join other national leaders in the conservation aviation community at the Air Care Alliance 16th Annual public benefit flying national conference, Air Care 2005, in the Smoky Mountains of North Carolina.

This year the Air Care Alliance conference will feature a special environmental flying track. It will provide you a rare chance to spend time with experienced volunteer pilots who have been leading the effort to protect our nation’s natural resources through the use of private aircraft.

In a beautiful mountain lake setting at the peak of wildflower season you will learn from experts and one another about the strategies that make the difference in protecting our natural heritage from assault. You will learn about relevant legal, regulatory, liability, and insurance issues, as well as effective aerial photography, public information, funding, and management.

For additional details on the agenda and locale,, including photos, please visit the ACA website at <http://www.aircareall.org/aircare2005.htm> You will find registration forms there enabling you to become part of a historic gathering while enjoying a beautiful and inspiring place. Recognizing our work is done as a public charity, every effort has been made to keep the costs low. And in most cases, the cost of attending will be tax deductible.

We’re confident this meeting will be a milestone in aviation conservation in the United States. Your presence will help ensure that and we hope you will join us.

Hume Davenport

Chairman, SouthWings

Rick Durden

President of the Board, LightHawk