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## THE AIRMEN FORMATION CLINIC OFFERS UNIQUE OPPORTUNITIES TO L-39 PILOTS

**F**ourteen L-39s flew in for the annual Airmen Formation Clinic for L-39 pilots last fall. The event was hosted by local FBO, Kimmel Aviation, in Greenwood, Miss. who discounted fuel pricing, gave free use of their facilities and line personnel, and provided two evening meals.

Each participant was to have provided copies of all his airmen and airplane documents along with his individual desires and skill level, prior to his attendance. Also, each participant was required to have a "safety pilot" on board with him at all times.

Vernon Ricks gave the area and safety briefings, along with the formation ground school. His formation and aerobatic instruction consisted of a minimum of two single-ship flights to evaluate the pilot, then a minimum of two two-ship formation flights, fol-



*Parking ramp during the Airmen Formation Clinic.*

lowed by a minimum of four four-ship flights, with each flight giving ample opportunity to modify the curricula for a given pilot to strengthen any needed area in the student's training path. Each safety pilot entered written,

signed comment on each sortie so that the candidate and any successor safety, or check, pilots would know the training results at any point.

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