

Press Release

U.S. Air Race, Inc. runs 11th annual National Air Races

The most prestigious cross country air race, the 1800-mile Marion Jayne Air Race will be run by U.S. Air Race, Inc. as one of the three National Air Races. The theme for 2006 is "Air Racing: Where it's all about the Pilots". Yes, there are gorgeous airplanes too and fabulous scenery but with individually handicapped aircraft, this is the most practical of all the forms of air racing. The goal is to get from one point to another in the shortest possible time and this is done under conditions comparable to everyday flying. Cross country speed racing is the sport of flying. It is real world of flying and requires the use of all flight skills to win the competition. Truly, it is all about the pilots.

2006 offers one week of unmatched camaraderie and competition with three racing events that culminate on the doorstep of EAA's AirVenture. Teams can fly one or all three of the aces: the exciting cross country 1800-mile Marion Jayne Air Race from Hutchinson, Kansas to Stevens Point, Wisconsin, the Hutchinson 300-mile Air Race in Kansas or the Stevens Point 300 Air Race in Wisconsin. These fabulous flying events will be held July 16-23, 2006. Participants will receive custom trophies, cash, completion plaques, prizes and priceless bragging rights. Those entering all events will compete for the Marion Jayne Perpetual Trophy. Flying either 300-mile race is where the teams are able to prove their all around ability in cross country flying as navigation in this event is by pilotage only.

Hutchinson, Kansas is the first of seven locations to be visited during the week. The city of Hutchinson and the Hutchinson Municipal Airport are rolling out the red carpet for the pilots. This central Kansas city sits on the banks of the Arkansas River and features the Smithsonian quality Kansas Cosmosphere and Space Museum which holds a SR-71, the Apollo 13 command module and an IMAX theater. The welcoming warm cookies at Wells Aircraft FBO add to the hospitality. "Learn to Fly" scholarships will be awarded by raffle drawing in Hutchinson and Stevens Point. Details are at www.us-airrace.org.

The exciting 1800-mile route with 300-mile legs abounds in scenic splendor and begins in Hutchinson located in the middle of Kansas on the Arkansas River. Teams will launch together and then make their own decisions when to fly during the three days allotted to make the finish deadline at Stevens Point. Five mandatory fueling stops are located along the route. Teams will follow the river valley towards the eastern plains of Colorado and then fly north in the shadow of the Rocky Mountains to the scenic Badlands and the edge of the Black Hills in where teams may remain overnight and see the fabulous evening Mt Rushmore presentation. Then it is off to Montana and the Missouri River. Turning east, flights will follow the grandeur of Missouri River a bit until it is joined by the Yellowstone River to create beautiful Lake Sakakawea. Still heading east the route is across North Dakota and Minnesota just south of the pristine wilderness of the boundary waters and then turns southeast and flies just over the tip of Lake Superior and finishes at Stevens, Point in mid-Wisconsin. Flying is daylight VFR and FAR compliant.

The events are timed to join the GTO™ (Gateway to Oshkosh) convention run by Jones Publishing who produces the monthly Cessna Owners organization and Piper Owners Society magazines. They will be running seminars, ground schools and providing coach tour buses to and from EAA's AirVenture venue at Oshkosh. This is definitely Oshkosh made easy.

The U.S. Air Race, Inc. enters its eleventh year of producing Safe, Fair and Fun cross country speed races. Since 1994, twenty race events have been flown covering 480,145 safe miles with 3,180 happy landings and a perfect safety record. U.S. Air Race, Inc. was founded by famed race pilot Marion Jayne. Jayne is the only U.S. pilot to have raced twice around the world. She won the FAI Gold Medal in 1994 longest race in history and has been honored as one of the century's 100 Aviation Heroes along with the Wrights, John Glenn, Eileen Collins and others at the 2003 Centennial Celebration. Her personal success, her two races around the world, her life before flying were cited as well as her entrepreneurial spirit in founding 4 air races.

Free entry kits and more information are available at www.us-airrace.org.

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