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Governor declares July 25 – 31 “Aviation Week” in Wisconsin

Week coincides with annual AirVenture in Oshkosh

Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker has declared July 25 – 31 as “Aviation Week” in Wisconsin to recognize the aviation community’s significant contributions to our state’s economy, public mobility and overall quality of life. Wisconsin’s aviation industry generates an estimated \$3 billion in economic activity each year and supports 41,000 jobs.

Wisconsin is home to 134 public-use airports that accommodate a variety of business and recreational travelers while moving tons of cargo for just-in-time delivery throughout our global marketplace. Modern, well-maintained airport facilities play an ever-increasing role in determining where many businesses locate or expand. It’s no coincidence that over 85% of new or expanding manufacturers in Wisconsin locate in communities that are within 15 miles of public-use airports capable of handling jet aircraft. One aviation adage notes that “cities do not build airports – airports build cities.”

Along with safely moving people and commerce, aviation facilities and professionals serve a key role in emergency medical transportation, law enforcement and tourism. The annual AirVenture event (July 25 – 31) makes Wittman Regional Airport in Oshkosh the focus of the aviation world - attracting some 500,000 visitors and pumping an estimated \$110 million into the state and local economies.

Aviation in Wisconsin by the numbers:

- 5,981 active registered aircraft
- 10,135 active licensed pilots
- 6.6 million passengers travelled through Wisconsin commercial airports in 2010
- 119 million pounds of cargo handled annually
- 148 heliports including those located at medical facilities

New Wisconsin Airport Directory and Pilot’s Guide available

Pilots and aviation enthusiasts can now pick up a copy of Wisconsin’s new Airport Directory and Pilot’s Guide. The new guide offers updated color photos and basic information on Wisconsin’s public-use airports including communications frequencies and airport-based services. For the first time, the guide also highlights seaplane bases in the state. The guide’s primary purpose is as a pre-flight planning tool and is not meant for in-flight use. Copies can be purchased through many businesses operating at local airports or by mailing \$3 to: Wisconsin Department of Transportation, Maps and Publications, 3617 Pierstorff, P.O. Box 7713, Madison, WI, 53707-7713.

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