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“Thunder on the Prairie” Airshow

Airshow '06 will be held Saturday and Sunday, July 22-23. The full schedule of acts has been announced. Static displays have been booked. Vendors have been contracted. Shuttle buses have been arranged. Porta-potties have been portably pottied. It will be a good time.

First of all, the Airshow is *FREE*. There is no admission charge.

Entrance will be through the SD Air National Guard base. Because parking will be at a premium around the area of the base, shuttle buses have been arranged to pick up and drop off at the Sioux Empire Fairgrounds and Southeast Technical Institute. The cost is \$2 per person for the round trip. Buses start at 8:30 AM both days.

Admission to the Airshow is *FREE*.

There are some safety and security restrictions: 1. All bags are subject to search. Try to keep bags to about the size of a small diaper bag.

2. Bag lawn chairs need to be out of the bag at the security checkpoint for searching.

3. No two-way walkie-talkies. Small scanners and radios are OK. In fact, if you bring a small radio, you can listen to the Airshow on 87.7 FM.

4. No bikes are allowed on the Base.

The Airshow is *FREE*. There will be, however, a charge for pizza, lemonade, ice cream, hamburgers, hot dogs, pork sandwiches, kettle corn, sloppy Joes, shaved ice, funnel cakes, BBQ, corn dogs, sweet corn, chicken teriyaki, egg rolls, hot pretzels, polish sausage, Culver's ice cream, chicken strips and any other food from the vendors you consume.

The Airshow itself is *FREE*.

The Airshow runs from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM each day. There will be both civilian and military aircraft on display. Phil Baker will be performing, First Premier Bank/Premier Bankcard are sponsoring a children's area with inflatables, and the Budweiser Clydesdale team will be on hand.

The Airshow portion starts at 11:00 AM. The following exciting acts will be performing:



South Dakota's own, ethanol-powered Vanguard Squadron.



Jacque B in her Pitts Special.



Gene Soucy performing a solo routine and with a wing-walker.



"Fang" Maroney in his DeHavilland Chipmunk.



Jan Collmer in his 300-hp Extra 300L.

The military side will feature a Harrier demonstration; C-17 cargo plane; F-16's from our own 114th TFW, South Dakota Air National Guard; F-15 Eagle; and a "Heritage Flight" flyover with a WWII P-51 Mustang, Viet Nam era F-4 Phantom, and Desert Storm F-15. On Saturday only there will be a "top secret" military flyover. The feature both days will of course be the US Navy Blue Angels in their F-18 Hornets.



Airshow '06 is very fortunate to be able to host the Blue Angels. They are among the premier military acts in the world, along with the USAF Thunderbirds who performed at the last airshow. The Blue Angels will perform at 2:00 PM. With all this excitement for the family can you believe admission is *FREE*?

On a special note for pilots wishing to fly in Saturday or Sunday, the field will be closed to all but commercial and Lifeguard flights from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM both days. Pilots should check with their FSS for NOTAM and TFR information.

See you at Airshow '06 "Thunder on the Prairie", which is *FREE*, July 22 and 23.

Construction to Take Place on Road to Terminal

Several construction projects involving Jaycee Lane will take place this summer. Jaycee Lane is the street in front of the building. The current exit from the terminal to Minnesota Avenue is being changed. Southbound traffic will have a nearly-straight approach with a Yield sign at Minnesota Avenue. Currently, southbound traffic has to stop at the intersection. Northbound traffic will have a separate approach to Minnesota Avenue. A return road will be constructed so traffic that needs to come back to the terminal will be able to do so more easily.

The curb and gutter on Jaycee Lane is also being replaced.

One lane of traffic on Jaycee Lane will be maintained at all times. The entrances to the car rental lot and public parking lot will remain open, although there may be some minor inconveniences.

2nd Quarter Passenger Numbers

The 2nd quarter passenger numbers are in. The Sioux Falls Regional Airport finished the quarter with 92,537 passengers—a 4.7% increase over 2005. Through June, the Airport has seen 9 consecutive monthly increases in boardings.

Year-to-date, boardings are up 6.8% over last year at 184,957.