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2009 Wichita Flight Festival

The City of Wichita is proud to continue its sponsorship of the Wichita Flight Festival. This year's event will take place August 29 and 30 at Colonel James Jabara Airport.

In an effort to recognize the importance of the aviation industry and to give back to the community, this year's event will be free to the public. The festival will include traditional elements such as the air show, musical entertainment, children's activities and vendor booths, but in recognition of the economic climate will also include career services, with employment specialists on hand to answer questions on interviewing techniques, résumés and the availability of educational and training services.

Gates will open to the public both Saturday and Sunday at 10 a.m. with an aerial parade to follow both days at 11:30 a.m. The air show will feature thrilling acts such as *Mohr Barnstorming's* stock Stearman, *Franklin's Flying Circus* performing their daring "Pirated Skies" wing walking act, the *Red Bull MiG-17F*, the *Indy Boys* jet-powered Dodge Ram and jet-powered Out House and the graceful aerobatic routine of the *Oregon Aero SkyDancer*.

On Saturday evening there will be a ticketed event including a twilight air show and concert. The twilight air show will feature breathtaking aerobatics feats in an aerial display of pyrotechnics. After the air show, Wichita will experience a British Invasion with *Liverpool*, a Beatles tribute band out of Kansas City. Liverpool not only sounds like the Fab Four but painstakingly recreates the atmosphere with an elaborate video accompaniment and authentic musical equipment used by Lennon, McCartney, Harrison and Starr during their careers. Gates for the evening event will open at 6:30 p.m. with the twilight air show beginning at 7 p.m. and concert at 8:45 p.m. Tickets for the event are \$5 and are available in advance through www.WichitaTIX.com or at the gate.

A full schedule of events and detailed information on performers can be found at www.WichitaFlightFestival.com. Those interested in becoming volunteers or vendors at the event can access applications online.

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