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Virginia Regional Festival of Flight “The Virginia Fly-In”

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Virginia Regional Festival of Flight commits to three more years at Suffolk

Suffolk, VA – After an extensive analysis of the results of the first Festival of Flight held at the Suffolk Executive Airport, the Virginia Aviation Council is happy to announce the following three dates for future fly-ins. The Council expects these dates to allow even more people to attend and vendors to sign up.

May 30-31, 2009
May 22-23, 2010
May 21-22, 2011

Speaking for the Council, President, Gordon Campbell, reported that the first year at Suffolk Airport made it clear that the facility offered great opportunity for growth. In fact, one of the most frequent comments, especially from volunteers, was, “I had no idea we had so large an area for aircraft parking, for tents, and for kids activities.” In fact, Gordon continued, “The kids had great fun launching rockets and engaging in other aviation-related activities. We’ll start immediately planning for an improved event for 2009. With the 2008 Fly-In under our belt we have a much better idea of how to utilize these excellent facilities and amazing support from the city and the airport. Our focus will be recruiting many more Chairmen to plan and coordinate an expanded roster of activities for next year.”

“We are honored to serve as the host community over the next several years as the Festival of Flight continues to expand its variety of educational forums and workshops, entertainment and activities for families and the exploration of flight,” said Mayor Linda Johnson. “More pilots up and down the East Coast are logging Suffolk Executive Airport (SFQ) as their ‘go-to’ FBO for service, amenities, convenience, comfort and value. Our adjacent festival grounds provide a seamless extension for numerous exhibits and the opportunity for even more camaraderie.”

Judy Sparks, the Fly-In Manager, is excited about signing up even more vendors for the 2009 Festival of Flight. She wants anyone who would like to exhibit at this growing central East Coast fly-in to contact her at (703) 590-9112 or email JHSparks@comcast.net.

For the latest information as it develops, see the web site: www.VirginiaFlyIn.org

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