

Cessnas and all types of aircraft can compete in the U.S. Air Race.

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# Waupaca, WI is

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## 2006 Marion Jayne Air Race Destination

**W**arion P. Jayne, legendary race pilot, was a woman to be reckoned with. She is in the Pioneer Aviation Hall of Fame, is the only U.S. pilot to have raced twice around the world, and was named as one of the 100 Aviation Heroes at the 2003 Kitty Hawk Century of Flight. These are just a few of her many accomplishments and honors as a pilot.

Not surprisingly, Marion has been a source of inspiration to her daughter, Patricia Jayne Keefer. Her mother's passion for racing sparked her own. Together, Patricia and her mother won the FAI gold medal for the longest race in history in the 1994 Arc en Ciel Round the World Race. Since her mother's death in 1996 due to cancer, Patricia has taken over the U.S. Air Race, which her mother founded.

The U.S. Air Race, Inc. promotes racing that is an accurate test of pilot skill because of the handicaps they utilize. The handicapped races, flown cross-country in VFR conditions,

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aircraft flying a structured course. While the aircraft are in flight, the satellites of the Global Position Sensing (GPS) system determine maximum speed. This speed is the

handicap. The best average speed above the handicap is the winning speed.

Ten years, 20 events, 480,145 race miles and 3,180 landings after its inception, U.S. Air Race, Inc. still has a flawless safety record. The participants who race with U.S. Air Race come from all walks of life, more than 41 states and several different countries.

U.S. Air Race, Inc. events are non-profit and volunteer-driven, with proceeds going to youth and collegiate aviation. The 2006 1,800 Mile Marion Jayne Air Race is July 16-21. It will begin in Wichita, KS and end at the 2006 Annual Convention and Fly-In in Waupaca, WI. Two Renaissance-style air races, the Kansas 300 Air Race and the Wisconsin 300 Air Race, will be held respectively before and after the Marion Jayne Air Race. For more information, consult page 50 or go to [www.us-airrace.org](http://www.us-airrace.org).<sup>CO</sup>