



Welcome to Wichita, U.S. Air Race!

Wichita and the U.S. Air Race is a perfect match. The U.S. Air Race has a proud history for aviators and Wichita does as well. In fact, when one thinks of Wichita, one thinks of aviation! We have amazing aviation manufacturers doing business here on a worldwide scale. Their hard work helped make this region a leader in the aviation and aerospace industry. Wichita's military operations make us home to McConnell Air Force Base. We have two thriving airports that serve the commercial and private aviation needs of the entire State of Kansas. All of this combined makes it obvious how Wichita got its name as *Air Capital Of The World!*

While you are in Wichita, be sure to stop by some of our trademark destinations including a visit to Old Town, Wichita's premier downtown entertainment district. Visit our beautiful Museums on the River, featuring the Wichita Art Museum, which houses one of the country's largest collections of modern American art. The recently opened River Corridor Project is a must-see attraction that features the majestic "Keeper of the Plains," a 45-foot bronze statue overlooking the confluence of the two rivers, complete with a ring of fire, smoke, music and two amazing pedestrian suspension bridges. Near McConnell Air Force Base, aviation history buffs will want to be sure to visit the Wichita Aviation Museum, the original Wichita Airport that was a thriving aviation hub in the early 1950s. Plus there is so much more!

Wichita is proud to host the U.S. Air Race and there is no doubt that our entire community will embrace your visit. I hope that while you are here, you will make time to enjoy our community and all it has to offer.

Sincerely,

Carl Brewer
Mayor

Office of the Mayor

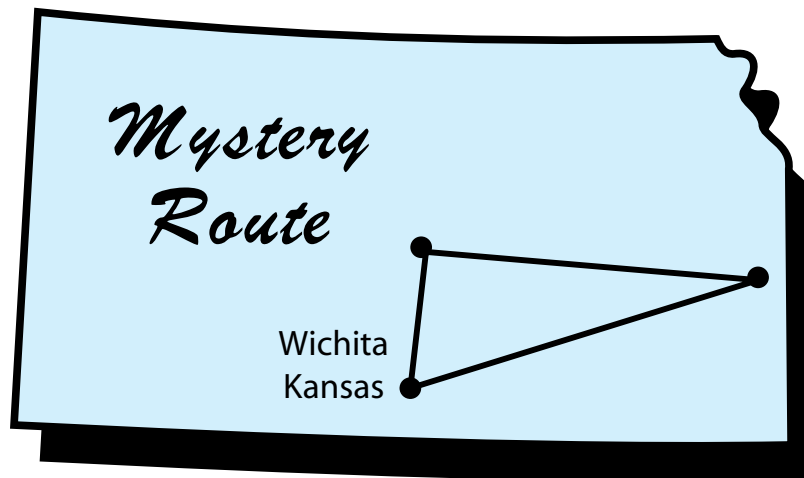
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Wichita 300 Air Race

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July 16, 2007

10:00 a.m.



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Start/Finish: Colonel James Jabara Airport Wichita, Kansas

The 2007 National Air Races start with the navigationally challenging Wichita 300 Air Race which is conducted under Renaissance Rules for PSR teams. Race teams completing this course will have finished the first leg of the competition for the coveted Marion Jayne Perpetual Trophy. For the PSR, Pilot Skilled Race teams, fancy navigation instruments will be covered with decals allowing the use of only the compass and map for navigation—just as it was at the birth of aviation—maps and eyeballs. The maps are better now but the challenge of flying and navigating precisely are the same.

For the APR, Aircraft Performance Race, teams flying smoothly to optimize the on-course speed is critical. All navigation aids are available to them. The triangular route and checkpoints are given to both sets of the contestants in their arrival registration packages. Each team follows the Federal Aviation Regulations and the U.S. Air Race Rules.

Teams find a tremendously gratifying sense of accomplishment in this type of flying. The excitement of the race will culminate in the same-day awards with the theme song (to "Row, Row, Row Your Boat"). "Race, Race, Race your plane; swiftly through the skies. Navigate. Navigate. Navigate. Navigate. Win yourself a prize!"

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Colonel James Jabara Airport

Wichita, Kansas



The “Air Capital of the World” hosts the start of the 2007 National Cross Country Air Races. Wichita, Kansas is aviation and the most fitting location for pilots to gather to share the spirit and excitement of flight.

James Jabara, the world’s first jet ace, was born in Muskogee, Oklahoma, October 1923. Jabara was the prototypical fighter pilot, although perhaps not at first glance. Standing 5 feet 5 inches tall, Jabara was nevertheless larger than life. He was determined to enter pilot training, and he did. He was equally determined to become an ace in his F-86 Sabre, and he did. Jabara graduated from a Wichita High School in May 1942, and immediately enlisted as an aviation cadet at Fort Riley. He graduated from pilot training while still a teenager in 1943 and flew 100 European combat missions in the P-51 Mustang earning the Distinguished Flying Cross and oak leaf cluster, as well as a reputation as a perfectionist in the air. Jabara arrived in Korea in December, 1950, flying the brand-new F-86 Sabre as a member of the 4th Fighter Interceptor Wing, the top-scoring American fighter unit of World War II.

After two tours of duty during the Korean War and a state-side tour as an instructor pilot, Jabara ended the war with 15 MiG kills. Jabara continued his career as one of the Air Force’s rising stars. Then, in 1966, while moving his family to South Carolina in preparation for a combat tour in

Southeast Asia, Jabara and his daughter were killed in a traffic accident. He was 43.

His memory lives on. Wichita’s airport was renamed in his honor and the Air Force Academy’s Col. James Jabara award annually recognizes academy graduates whose significant contributions to the Air Force set them apart from their contemporaries.

On July 16, 2007, the Wichita 300 air race will take place to signal the start of a week of racing. The following day the racers embark on the 1800 Mile Marion Jayne Air Race. Jabara Airport is also the location for the exciting Wichita Flight Festival, which will be held August 24-26, 2007.

Col. James Jabara Airport is a general aviation reliever airport for the Wichita metropolitan area and is located nine miles northeast of the central business district in Wichita, KS. The Wichita Airport Authority acquired the Comotara Airpark in 1979 as a reliever airport for Wichita Mid-Continent Airport. The total land and existing improvements were purchased for \$1,858,050. The airport was acquired with the aid of Airport Development Aid Program (ADAP) funds, under a Federal Aviation Administration Project, and special assessments from the industrial district, all at no cost to the local taxpayer. The name of the airport was changed to Colonel James Jabara Airport at that time.