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***2008 Vectren Dayton Air Show Announces
Jim LeRoy Aviation Scholarship***

Dayton, Ohio – Today Air Show officials announced that a \$2,000 Jim LeRoy Aviation Scholarship will be presented at the 2008 Vectren Dayton Air Show presented by Kroger on July 19th at the Dayton International Airport. The scholarship is a one-time award developed by the United States Air And Trade Show Board of Trustees to honor the contributions Jim LeRoy made to the air show industry before his untimely death at the 2007 Air Show.

In a joint effort with Sinclair Community College, the official Vectren Dayton Air Show education partner, the Air Show established the following criteria for the scholarship recipient: full-time student in the pilot program, grade point average, ratings achieved for flying, and hours of flight. After Sinclair officials rated students based upon the scholarship criteria, two finalists were chosen to go through an interview with Sinclair and Air Show representatives. Joan LeRoy, Jim LeRoy's widow, gave the selection committee a list of questions she felt would elicit responses that would reflect the candidates' level of passion for aviation.

After a competitive round of interviews, Shawn Riffie, a Zanesville, Ohio native, was selected as the award recipient. Exposed to aviation at an early age, Shawn spent a great deal of time at his grandparents' home, which was located in a fly-in community. Helping his grandfather and others in the community restore and detail airplanes, Shawn was fortunate to be able to fly many different types of aircraft while helping in that aviation-oriented neighborhood. In the summer of 2003, Riffie attended the Experimental Aircraft Association Air Academy in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. Currently attending Sinclair Community College, where he's working to attain his Associate of Applied Science (Professional Pilot Option) Degree, Shawn has earned his Commercial/Instrument/ Multi Engine license and his Certified Flight Instructor Certificate. Now working as a Flight Instructor for Sinclair and their flight training partner, Aviation Sales Inc. at Wright Brothers Airport, Shawn is working towards his Certified Flight Instructor Instrument rating, with the eventual goal of becoming an airline or corporate pilot.

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The Jim LeRoy Aviation Scholarship will be awarded to Shawn Riffie during the Air Show on Saturday, July 19th. The scholarship will be presented by Michael Emoff, Chairman, USATS Board of Trustees; Dan Berry, Vectren Ohio President; and Joan LeRoy, widow of Jim LeRoy. Mrs. LeRoy, a Lake City, Florida, resident will attend the show along with her four-year-old son, Tommy.

After the tragic 2007 accident, Vectren Corporation took the lead in announcing their contribution, along with the Vectren Dayton Air Show, to the Jim LeRoy Memorial Fund. The fund was established in support of Jim's son, Tommy LeRoy. To date, the fund has raised \$80,000, with many donations coming in from individuals and groups in the Dayton area. Those wishing to contribute to the fund should make the donation to "The Jim LeRoy Jr. Memorial Fund," in care of Harris Bank, located at 110 E. Irving Park Road, Roselle, IL 60172. Any questions regarding the fund should be directed to any Harris Bank representative, at 630-980-2700.

Discount tickets are now conveniently available exclusively at Kroger stores in the Dayton-Cincinnati region. Other ticket packages including the value-priced Family 4 Pack are now on sale on the show's website at www.daytonairshow.com or by calling 800-585-3737.

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Founded in 1975, the Vectren Dayton Air Show presented by Kroger is one of the country's premier air shows. The event showcases military jet demonstrations, world-class aerobatic champions and entertainment for the whole family celebrating Dayton's rich aviation heritage as home of the Wright Brothers and Wright Patterson Air Force Base.

America's Greatest Air Show...Dayton's Premier Summer Event