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AV-8 Harrier II Set to Take Flight at AirFest 2009 Family 4 Pack Ticket Special and Ticket Sale Update

Rockford, IL – The Chicago Rockford International Airport (RFD) announced another first-time performer at AirFest 2009 today. The airport has landed the AV-8 Harrier II, a light-assault, ground-attack aircraft being used by the United States Marine Corps and international countries such as Great Britain, Italy and Spain.

“The ‘Harrier Jump Jet’ is truly an amazing aircraft and one whose technology, which was one-of-a-kind when it was first being developed, is now being used to develop some of the next generation military aircraft, like the Joint Strike Fighter for example,” said Bob O’Brien, RFD’s Executive Director. “We strive to make AirFest a high-quality event and we feel that we will achieve that goal with these first two acts, the Raptor and the Harrier, and the many acts and static displays that will be unveiled later,” he continued.

The Harrier is a vertical/short takeoff and landing (V/STOL) aircraft. It also has the ability to hover over the ground much like a helicopter for short periods of time. Typically, the Harrier operates from small aircraft carriers and large amphibious assault ships.

For more information on the AV-8 Harrier II and continual updates on performers and static displays, please visit www.flyrfd.com/airfest.html.

Family 4 Pack Ticket Special

RFD also announced it will be offering a Memorial Day Special to introduce the Family 4 Pack to AirFest 2009 attendees. The Family 4 Pack allows guests to purchase four (4) AirFest 2009 tickets, four (4) food & drink coupons, one (1) parking pass, and one (1) program coupon for one low price. The introductory rates for the Family 4 Pack will be \$30, if purchased at the Passengers Services Counter in the Main Terminal between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., and \$35, \$30 plus \$5 convenience fee, if purchased online. The Family 4 Pack Memorial Day Special will run from Tuesday, May 26th – Friday, May 29th.

AirFest 2009 Ticket Sale Update

AirFest 2009 ticket sales have topped 9,600 since AirFest was announced on April 24th. “It is great to see the community supporting this amazing event even during these tough economic times,” said O’Brien. “AirFest has always been a low-cost event for the consumer and the numerous ticket discounts and packages shows how much we want the community to come out and enjoy a world-class event with their families,” he continued.

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