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Beechcraft to Make Strong Presence at Reno National Championship Air Races



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Hawker Beechcraft Corporation (HBC) today announced its plans to showcase its popular Beechcraft aircraft at the National Championship Air Races and Air Show, held Sept. 16-20 at the Reno-Stead Airfield in Reno, Nev. The company will highlight the event with the Premier IA, the world's fastest and most technologically-advanced single-pilot business jet. Piloted by NASA astronaut Captain Robert "Hoot" Gibson, the light jet will make three flight passes in front of the air show audience demonstrating its speed, ease of handling and superior performance. In addition, HBC will display its King Air B200GT and Bonanza G36 as part of the Air Show.

"Hawker Beechcraft is proud to be participating in the Reno Air Show for the fifth straight year," said Shawn Vick, HBC executive vice president. "With a cruising speed greater than 520mph – 50mph faster than its nearest competitor – the Premier IA is always a hit."

The company will display the following popular aircraft at the show:

Beechcraft Premier IA– The Premier IA is the most advanced light jet with the world’s first certified composite fuselage. The aircraft offers customers an industry-leading combination of speed, cabin size and efficiency, along with upgraded interior and avionics, as well as a five- year warranty.

Beechcraft King Air B200GT– Now with Pratt & Whitney Canada PT6A-52 engines, the King Air B200GT delivers higher cruise speeds and faster climb times than ever before. With this aircraft, a heavy business load never stops your business.

Beechcraft Bonanza G36– This aircraft is the most prestigious high-performance single- engine piston on the market with the longest continual production run in the industry of more than 60 years. The Bonanza G36 features Garmin G1000® avionics and a GFC 700 flight control system.

Hawker Beechcraft Corporation is a world-leading manufacturer of business, special mission and trainer aircraft – designing, marketing and supporting aviation products and services for businesses, governments and individuals worldwide. The company’s headquarters and major facilities are located in Wichita, Kan., with operations in Salina, Kan.; Little Rock, Ark.; Chester, England, U.K.; and Chihuahua, Mexico. The company leads the industry with a global network of more than 100 factory- owned and authorized service centers. For more information, visit www.hawkerbeechcraft.com.

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