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FLY COLUMBA TOUR '06 HITS THE ROAD

January 12, 2006 – (Bend, OR) – The official start of airshow season may still be a few months away, but Columbia Aircraft's mobile Columbia experience, the Fly Columbia Tour, is already back on the road. The Tour launches its 30-stop '06 campaign this weekend at the Barrett Jackson Collectors Car Auction in Scottsdale, Arizona.

"We had extremely good customer response from last year's tour," said Columbia Vice President of Marketing and Sales Randy S. Bolinger. "For 2006, we're getting started a little earlier and adding almost a third more dates to the schedule. We're going to be at a variety of types of events from national airshows to regional fly-ins to industry trade shows and special events like the Barrett-Jackson auto auction. It's going to be a lot of fun."

The Fly Columbia Tour is literally a rolling interactive Columbia experience. The Tour's centerpiece is an 18-wheel semi with a trailer that opens up to create a mobile showroom. This showroom includes interactive exhibits, audio visual programs and a full size cockpit mock-up featuring the Columbia's new Garmin G-1000 installation with ReadyPad™ remote access data entry system. Columbia 350 and 400 aircraft will also be present at most Tour stops.

"We developed the Fly Columbia Tour after seeing people's reactions when they toured the factory in Bend. It's just so impactful when you can give someone a look behind the curtain, so to speak," Bolinger said. "Only so many people can come to Central Oregon and tour the factory, but we can bring elements of the factory tour experience on the road. This year the tour will visit 21 different states between January and November."

The complete 2006 Fly Columbia Tour schedule follows. The schedule is subject to change, however, so Columbia Aircraft strongly suggests consulting its Web site (www.flycolumbia.com) for the latest information.

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Date	City	Airport
January		
14-22	Scottsdale, AZ	SDL
February		
11-12	Livermore, CA	LVK
18-19	Las Vegas, NV	VGT
25-26	Van Nuys, CA	VNY
March		
11-12	Austin, TX	AUS
18-19	Tulsa, OK	RVS
April		
4-10	Lakeland, FL	LAL
14-16	Ft. Lauderdale, FL	FXE
21-23	Atlanta, GA	PDK
28-30	Greensboro, NC	GSO
May		
5-7	Louisville, KY	LOU
13-14	Pontiac, MI	PTK
20-21	Chicago, IL	PWK
27-28	Indianapolis, IN	UMP
June		
3-4	Frederick, MD	FDK
7-8	New York, NY	TBD
10-11	Nashua, NH	ASH
16-18	LaCrosse, WI	LSE
July		
5-9	Arlington, WA	AWO
15-16	Bend, OR	S07
24-30	Oshkosh, WI	OSH
August		
4-5	Minneapolis, MN	STP
8-9	Denver, CO	APA
12-13	Salt Lake City, UT	SLC
Sept		
7-9	Carlsbad, CA	CRO
13-17	Reno, NV	4SD
30-1	Salinas, CA	SNS
Oct		
10-12	Scottsdale, AZ	SDL
17-19	Orlando, FL	MCO
Nov		
9-11	Palm Springs, CA	PSP

Columbia Aircraft manufactures a variety of all-composite aircraft including the world's fastest certified piston aircraft – the Columbia 400. The Columbia 350, 350i, 350SL and 350SLX are normally aspirated, four-place aircraft with a cruise speed of 191 knots. The Columbia 400, 400i, 400SL and 400SLX are intercooled, twin-turbocharged, four-place aircraft certified to FL250 with a cruise speed of 235 knots. In addition to providing legendary performance, both models are renowned for their high level of standard equipment, quality and safety features, including dual electrical systems, dual wing spars and Utility Category certification.

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