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BROOKS ANNOUNCES 2010 ROCHESTER WINGS EVENT WILL BE HELD THIS WEEKEND

GRIA's 9th Annual Event to be New York State's Largest Aviation Expo

Monroe County Executive **Maggie Brooks** today announced that Monroe County and the Greater Rochester International Airport (GRIA) have partnered with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), USAirports Flight Support, and the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) to present the 9th annual Rochester WINGS Aviation Expo & Fly In.

The popular annual event will be held **Friday, June 18th** and **Saturday June 19th**, at the USAirports Flight Facility on Scottsville Road, and will focus on general aviation safety while offering a wide range of aviation safety training to pilots from across New York State.

"From connecting local residents with world-wide destinations at an affordable price to providing our area with an invaluable edge in today's global economy, the Greater Rochester International Airport does a great deal to support our community's high quality of life," said **Brooks**. *"That's why Monroe County is proud to once again present Rochester WINGS, which helps to ensure that the dedicated pilots, technicians, and general aviation experts who work at the Airport are among the best trained and best prepared in the Country – all while engaging our next generation of aviation professionals."*

This year's Rochester WINGS Aviation Expo and Fly In is slated to be New York's largest aviation expo. It will offer a variety of activities, including safety seminars, free airplane rides for children through the EAA Young Eagles Program, flight instruction as part of the FAA Wings program, career seminars, and runway safety bus tours.

The mission of this year's event is to engage youth who are interested in flying and put them on a path towards successful careers in general aviation. Representatives from several aviation colleges, universities, and training centers will be on site to talk to students about aviation career opportunities, while also offering free Discovery Flights. Discovery flights provide participants with a "hands-on" first flight lesson accompanied by a Certified Flight Instructor.

The 2010 Rochester WINGS Aviation Expo & Fly In will also offer static aircraft displays, local food vendors, and much more. The general public is encouraged to attend this **FREE** event to learn more about the exciting world of aviation. For more information, please visit www.rochesterwings.com.

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