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### **The Colorado Aviation Business Association (CABA) Announces “Colorado Aviation Week” Events, Celebrating *General Aviation Appreciation Month***

**Denver, CO – May 21, 2012** – The Colorado Aviation Business Association (CABA) announces their schedule for “Colorado Aviation Week”, celebrating the state’s *General Aviation Appreciation Month* by organizing several events occurring in the Denver area from June 7-10, 2012.

On April 10, 2012, Governor John Hickenlooper proclaimed June to be *General Aviation Appreciation Month* for the State of Colorado because of the positive impact general aviation has had on the local economy. The formal proclamation cites several reasons behind the state’s move to recognize the general aviation industry; among those is that general aviation sustains 22,650 jobs in the state, supports a payroll of nearly \$750 million, and contributes \$2.1 billion to the state’s economy annually.

“We applaud Governor Hickenlooper’s move to recognize the general aviation industry in Colorado by acknowledging the many benefits we bring to our local economy,” said Brittany Davies, Chairwoman for CABA. “We are excited to share our passion for aviation with the local community and look forward to a fun-filled week of activities for kids and adults alike.”

The events are open to the public and being co-hosted by several local and national aviation organizations, including Signature Flight Support, Wings Over the Rockies Air & Space Museum, the Arapahoe County Public Airport Authority and the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA). All proceeds benefit scholarships awarded through CABA and the Centennial Airport Foundation.

#### **“Aluminum Overcast” B-17 Flying Fortress Tours and Rides – June 7-10, 2012**

The week kicks-off on June 7 with the arrival of “Aluminum Overcast”, a WWII-era B-17 bomber aircraft owned and operated by the EAA. Touring the United States since 1994, tens of thousands have experienced the allure of this fully restored B-17 Flying Fortress, allowing aviation and history enthusiasts to take a step back in time. Rides and tours will run from June 7-10 at Centennial Airport. To book a flight, call 1.800.359.6217 or visit [www.B17.org](http://www.B17.org).

#### **SR-71 Pilot, Brian Shul Speaks at “State of Aviation” Luncheon – June 7, 2012**



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On Thursday, June 7 from 11:00 AM to 1:30 PM, CABA and the Arapahoe County Public Airport Authority are hosting a “State of Aviation” luncheon at The Wildlife Experience museum in Parker, CO. Keynote speaker and retired Air Force pilot, Brian Shul will tell captivating stories of his time in the Air Force, flying in Vietnam and later flying the SR-71.

### **Signature Flight Support/CABA Charity Golf Tournament – June 8, 2012**

On Friday, June 8, CABA and Signature Flight Support are hosting the 6<sup>th</sup> annual *Charity Golf Tournament* being held at Lone Tree Golf Course in Lone Tree, CO.

“The golf outing has been an annual tradition for Signature over the past 6 years and continues to grow in popularity every year,” said Craig Teasdale, CABA Golf Committee Chairman and General Manager for Signature Flight Support at Centennial Airport. “Last year we raised over \$6,000 and we hope 2012 will be another record year for us,” Teasdale continued. “This is something our players, sponsors and event volunteers can all be very proud of.”

Golf spots are still open for this event and anyone interested in sponsorship should contact the CABA by June 1.

### **Wings Over the Rockies Hangar Dance – June 9, 2012**

Finishing off the week of festivities is an old fashioned hangar dance at Centennial Airport hosted by Wings Over the Rockies, featuring Big Band music, great food and WWII re-enactors. Attendance is open to the public and guests are encouraged to wear period attire as they dance the night away in celebration of the B-17.

For more information on “Colorado Aviation Week”, including schedules, pricing and reservations, visit [www.mycaba.org](http://www.mycaba.org)

### ***Note to Editors:***

*Founded in 1994, the mission of the Colorado Aviation Business Association (CABA) is to foster and promote aviation and related business throughout Colorado; to collectively address and respond to issues impacting Colorado Airports, including safety and operational effectiveness; to educate the general public about all aviation activities in the state, and to preserve the state's airport related businesses as valuable economic assets to the community at large.*

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