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SPENCER FLIGHT & EDUCATION CENTER TO HOST GRAND OPENING AND OPEN HOUSE SEPTEMBER 14-15

Scott City, Kan. – After more than a year of planning and construction, the Spencer Flight & Education Center (SFEC) will soon be opening its doors to the public. Set for September 14th, the SFEC's grand opening ceremony will highlight the center's features and mark the official start of operation of the first flight training facility of its kind in the region. An open house will be held on September 15th.

"It has been an exciting road as the vision for the SFEC has grown and developed into what we see today," says Brian Vulgamore, SFEC board chairman. "The grand opening will mark the beginning of the true purpose of the center – bringing resources, education and training to aviation enthusiasts and youth throughout Western Kansas and beyond."

The SFEC is open to pilots and non-pilots alike and features a FAA-certified Redbird FMX full-motion flight simulator. The center currently offers four different aircraft configurations on the simulator – including a Beechcraft Bonanza A36, Beechcraft Baron 58, Cessna 172 and Cessna 206 - with the option of purchasing others in the future. The SFEC will also offer various educational programs for youth and non-pilots as well as reservable space for group meetings or business functions.

The grand opening will commence at 3 p.m. at the SFEC, which is located at the Scott City Municipal Airport at 300 S. Mesquite Rd. in Scott City. It will be open to the public and light refreshments will be served. An open house will be held from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. the following day and will feature free plane rides for kids ages 8-17, simulator demonstrations and a giveaway of simulator flight hours. The activities will be held in conjunction with the Showdown on the Plains BBQ Challenge & Air Show (www.showdownbbq.com), of which the SFEC is title sponsor. The Showdown's Friday night event will start at 5 p.m.

For more information about the grand opening, contact SFEC board vice-chairman Andy Hineman at 913-484-7116 or info@spencerflightcenter.com.

The SFEC's mission is to actively promote the safety and success of Western Kansas pilots and passengers by providing a local venue for high-quality flight instruction in addition to various educational programs and resources for individuals of all ages. A 501(c)3 public charity, it houses the only full-motion flight simulator between Denver and Salina – a Redbird FMX – and hosts aviation-related courses and programs for both adults and youth. The center was established in memory of Dylan, Amy, Chase and Ansley Spencer of Scott City, who were killed in a small plane crash near Topeka over Easter weekend 2011. More information can be found at www.spencerflightcenter.com.

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