

Thunderbirds' air show coming to Waterloo



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WATERLOO, Iowa --- The Waterloo Regional Airport has landed the U.S. Air Force's Thunderbirds for an air show next year.

The Thunderbirds, a flight demonstration squadron, will be part of the "Thunder in the Valley" air show Aug. 27-28, 2011. It will be the first air show at the airport in more than 25 years, Chris Harshbarger, a Waterloo advertising agency executive and air show director, announced today.

The event will showcase the community and the airport, which Harshbarger said is "under-utilized."

Members of the Kiwanis Club of Waterloo began the push in 2009 for an air show, but organizers were unable to secure an appearance by the Thunderbirds for 2010.

"This is a major undertaking to have a judged show," Harshbarger said.

Organizers expect the event will attract up to 50,000 spectators per day. The 2011 show is intended to be the first of an annual event.

"This is envisioned as a new celebration that will bring focus not only to the airport but the



community," he said.

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