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### Historic DC-6 Airliner Celebrates 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary At Golden West Regional Fly-in

Marysville, California (April 8, 2008) When most people think airshows, they think of small airplanes, aerobatics and military aircraft. This year's Golden West Regional Fly-in and Airshow will feature something completely different, a piece of living commercial flight history. Visitors will get to see and hear a vintage '50's Douglas DC-6A Cloudmaster, widely regarded as the best piston engine airliner ever built. "The Six," as it's referred to by its owners, was built in Santa Monica, California in 1958. It also just happens that she will turn 50 years old on the last day of the Golden West Regional Fly-in which runs from June 6 – 8 at Yuba County Airport (MYV), open 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM (0800 – 1700) all three days.

"The golden age of air travel will come alive for visitors of all ages, when they experience the sight and sound of this iconic 1950s airliner," said John Gibson, Golden West Aviation Association president. "The Six will perform a flight demonstration each day of the fly-in, and will be on static display between performances,"

Based in the UK, The Six spent the first years of its career carrying tourists to exotic locations around the world. It also shuttled rockets from the UK to Australia in support of Britain's space program. She was then based in the Middle East before relocating to the UK in 1987, carrying freight until 2004. Withdrawn from cargo-hauling duty, The Six played a cameo role in the James Bond film Casino Royale and also drew accolades on the airshow circuit.

"This isn't a pristine museum-quality restoration," said Julian Firth, Captain, G-APSA, Air Atlantique Classic Flight, the organization that keeps The Six in the air. "We aim for authenticity, and today The Six is a genuine, hardworking propliner that has changed little since her last commercial flight."

The Six cruises at 240 mph, with a top speed of 350 mph. She can takeoff and land on a runway as short as 1,200 m and is powered by four Pratt & Whitney R2800 CB3 Double Wasp radial 18-cylinder engines, each producing 2,500 bhp. Additional details about the airliner and the organization are available at [www.thedc6.com](http://www.thedc6.com).

The Golden West Regional Fly-in will feature an airshow, forums and workshops. The Golden West Aero Mall™ will have exhibits by manufacturers of the latest aircraft, avionics and pilot supplies. The Kid Qwest™ hangar will provide hands-on aviation related activities for children of all ages. Experimental Aircraft Association chapters will be present to provide free flights for children ages 8-17 on Friday, as part of the Young Eagles program designed to introduce young people to aviation. Aircraft judging will be on Saturday with awards presented at a dinner that evening.

Many additional exciting and interesting activities are planned for this year's Golden West Fly-in and will be announced soon. People who love flight will be "Flying Together" (this year's Fly-in's theme) to Marysville this June.

#### About Golden West Aviation Association

*Golden West Aviation Association, Inc. is an all volunteer 501(c)(3) not-for-profit association based in Marysville, California and is best known for its annual fly-in. The **Golden West Regional Fly-in & Airshow** draws more than 1,000 aircraft and 10,000 people to Yuba County Airport (MYV). Through the Fly-in Golden West 'opens the gates to aviation' while achieving its goals of promoting aviation education and safety and preserving aviation history. "The Golden West Regional Fly-in is under the sole ownership, control and operation of the Golden West Aviation Association and not EAA" For more information about the Golden West Fly-in go to the Golden West website ([www.goldenwestflyin.org](http://www.goldenwestflyin.org)) or call the Golden West offices at (530) 852-0321.*

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**"Flying Together"**  
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