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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Riverfest Winners Announced**

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**WICHITA, Kan.** – Wichita Festivals, Inc. (WFI), a non-profit corporation with the purpose of creating diverse community celebrations, announces its winners in numerous events and giveaways that took place during Riverfest, May 8-16, 2009.

#### **Kansas Lottery/ Big Dog Motorcycle Second Chance Drawing**

One lucky Kansas Lottery player won a custom Big Dog Motorcycle K-9 Chopper in a drawing held May 16 during Riverfest. Bobby Williams of Shawnee, Kan., was the grand prize winner in the Kansas Lottery's Big Dog K-9 drawing. The grand prize includes a 2009 Big Dog Motorcycle K-9 Chopper, along with a merchandise package. The Lottery will also pay the mandatory income withholding taxes on the prize, bringing the value of the grand prize to approximately \$43,500.

#### **AirTran Airways Food Court Giveaway**

Out of 100 names, Wyvonne Jones' name was drawn to receive two roundtrip AirTran Airways tickets courtesy of AirTran Airways on Monday, May 11.

#### **Star Million Dollar Hole-in-One**

This year's Star Million Dollar Hole-in-One event's format was changed due to the conditions of the Arkansas River throughout the week of Riverfest. Instead of all Festival attendees getting their shot at one million dollars, local radio stations participated in contests to sign-up 14 contestants to compete for a chance at the prize money. Of the 14 that were entered, 10 participants showed up at Sim Park Golf Course on May 16. Though no one actually hit the million dollar shot, one contestant that hit the golf ball closest to the pin was Mitch Linn of Wichita. Linn won a \$500 cash prize and four (4) complimentary rounds of golf at Sand Creek Station.

#### **AirTran Airways Souvenir Store Giveaway**

Carol Haynes was awarded two roundtrip AirTran Airways tickets courtesy of AirTran Airways in the Festival Souvenir Store giveaway.

#### **1<sup>st</sup> Annual Funnel Cake Eating Contest**

##### **- Sponsored by Sports Radio 1410 KGSO**

James Bradley Price II was the winner of the first-ever funnel cake eating contest, downing 3.5 funnel cakes in 10 minutes. Price won a skybox party at a Wichita Wingnuts baseball game courtesy of Sports Radio 1410 KGSO.

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### **Sensene Music Battle of the Corporate Bands**

Out of the five corporate bands that competed in this first-year event, only one was named the winner of the Sensene Music Battle of the Corporate Bands. "Infusion" of Bombardier Learjet were named the winners and awarded a \$1,000 gift certificate to Sensene Music.

### **Riverfest Car Show**

**Best of Show** – 1955 Chevy pickup, Ed and Mary Stringer of Lin Valley, KS

**Show Winners** – 1965 Dodge Dart GT, Steve Mast of Wichita; 2005 Porsche Carrera, Klaus Viljanmaa of Wichita; 1995 Red Mitsubishi Eclipse, Art Taylor of Derby; 1966 Ivy Green Mustang Convertible, Wally Jensen of Wichita; 1968 Red Chevelle Convertible, Kurt Bachman of Wichita; 1937 Sunset Orange Ford Coupe, George and Jane Huenergardt of Wichita

### **Plunge Presented by Aeroflex**

- Sponsored by The Coleman Company, Legacy Bank and T-95

<b><u>Place</u></b>	<b><u>Team Name</u></b>	<b><u>Time</u></b>	<b><u>Prize Money</u></b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	Born to Run	26:55.03	\$2,000
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Kansas Air Guard	27:47.93	\$1,000
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Lifesavers	27:55.25	\$800
4 <sup>th</sup>	Long Shots	28:46.31	\$400
5 <sup>th</sup>	Unemployment's Finest	29:10.56	\$200

### **"Kansas Cup" Riverfest Adult Ice Hockey Tournament**

<b><u>Division</u></b>	<b><u>Team Name</u></b>	<b><u>Town</u></b>
Recreational A	WSU	Wichita
Recreational B	Epic Tattoos	Dallas, TX
Novice A	HFTB	Winnipeg, Manitoba
Novice B	Mustangs	Kansas City, MO
Novice C	Flying Monkey's	Wichita
Old-Timers (35 and over)	BWW	Wichita
Intermediate A	Labatt's Blue	Wichita
Intermediate B	Doughboys	Wichita
Coed	Lucky 7's	Wichita

### **4<sup>th</sup> Annual Dodge Ball Tournament**

- Sponsored by Butler Community College and Monster Energy Drink

#### **Youths (15-17):**

1<sup>st</sup> place: Baboons

2<sup>nd</sup> place: Tie between Derby Dodgers and Mr. Bojangles Bait and Tackle

#### **Adults:**

1<sup>st</sup> place: Munson's

2<sup>nd</sup> place: Moose Knuckles

3<sup>rd</sup> place: Thunder

#### **Co-Ed:**

1<sup>st</sup> place: Unique Ballers

2<sup>nd</sup> place: 6<sup>th</sup> Man

**Wichita River Festival® Softball Tournament**

**Men's C/D Tournament:**

1<sup>st</sup> place: RFC Elite

**Men's E Tournament:**

1<sup>st</sup> place: Swagger Softball

**Co-Ed:**

1<sup>st</sup> place: Midwest Hearing

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