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Spectacular Skydiving Jump from Airship Ventures Zeppelin *Eureka* To Kick off Independence Day Weekend

Dramatic Jump to Be Staged Over Queen Mary Park

LONG BEACH, Calif., June 25, 2009 – Fireworks won't be the only show up in the sky over Independence Day week! The world's largest airship, the Zeppelin *Eureka*, returns to Los Angeles with a special aerial thrill for spectators on the ground at the Queen Mary in Long Beach.

On Thursday, July 2 at approximately 11:00 am, the Airship Ventures *Eureka* will make a special flight over the Queen Mary. Hovering at 3000 ft above Events Park, former Navy SEAL Leapfrog parachutist Geoff Reeves and his team will make an historic Para drop from the airship, landing precisely in a specially designated drop zone.

The skydivers, and the airship, will be given a special welcome on the ground, with nautical flags at the landing site spelling out the word "*Eureka*."

The public is invited to view this special jump at the Queen Mary Event Park, 1126 Queen's Highway, Long Beach (corner of Harbor and Queen's Way).

This special event kicks off *Eureka's* second excursion to L.A. from its home base in the Bay Area, and also serves as a premiere launch to a weekend-long 4th of July celebration at the Queen Mary. Live music, L.A.'s hottest deejays, celebrity appearances, street performers, a huge fireworks show and a VIP pool party will be featured throughout the weekend. Friday evening will feature deejays, karaoke and comedy shows. Saturday's main event will start at noon featuring popular radio stations broadcasting live, leading up to a waterfront fireworks show. Sunday the fun continues with more music and performances. Hotel packages are available.

From July 3-7, the public will also have the chance to take flightseeing tours aboard *Eureka*, and experience magnificent views of the Queen Mary and other Southern California landmarks during one- and two-hour tours offered daily during the airship's visit to the Los Angeles area. The highlight of *Eureka's* Independence Week visit is a special two-hour July 4 fireworks flight that takes advantage of the Zeppelin's 360-degree panoramas to offer passengers stunning views of fireworks shows up and down the L.A. coastline.

Flights depart from nearby AirFlite FBO terminal, adjacent to the main terminal at Long Beach Airport. One-hour flights are \$495 plus tax per person; two-hour flights are \$990 plus tax per person; and the spectacular Fourth of July fireworks flight is \$1,200 plus tax per person.

Flightseeing tours booked before June 30, 2009, will be eligible for the company's "buy one ticket, save 50% on the second," promotional pricing (excluding the Fourth of July Fireworks Flight). Passengers on every flight will receive a certificate redeemable for a buy-one-get-one-free general admission to the Queen Mary, good through September 30, 2009.

At 246 feet in length, Airship Ventures' *Eureka* is the world's largest airship—15 feet longer than a Boeing 747, and dwarfing the largest blimp by more than 50 feet. One of only three Zeppelins currently operating in the world, *Eureka* offers passengers spectacular 360-degree views of the sights on flightseeing tours above the San Francisco Bay, Silicon Valley, Monterey and Los Angeles.

For more information on parking for the special Para drop event, or holiday week activities at the Queen Mary, call 800-437-2934 or visit: www.queenmary.com. For information on flights aboard *Eureka*, and to book flights visit: www.airshipventures.com or call 650-969-8100 x111.

About the Queen Mary

The Queen Mary is home to a 314-room Art Deco Hotel, where guests relive the excitement of cruising in the style of the 1930's without ever leaving port. During her illustrious career, she has played many roles – from an elegant ocean liner to a World War II troopship. Now permanently docked, yet still afloat, her operation and preservation are entrusted to Hostmark Hospitality Group, a leading independent management company. Located at 1126 Queens Highway in beautiful Long Beach, California, The Queen Mary is a must-see attraction. The historic ship offers a variety of historical, paranormal and educational tours, unique shops, meeting & banquet facilities, three award-winning ocean view restaurants and much more.

About Airship Ventures, Inc.

Founded in 2007 in California, Airship Ventures, Inc., operates the only passenger airship operation in the United States, featuring "Eureka," the world's largest airship. The Zeppelin's spacious cabin comfortably accommodates one pilot, one flight attendant, and 12 passengers with luxury features including oversized panoramic windows, an onboard restroom with window, and a 180-degree rear observation window and "love seat" that wraps the entire aft of the cabin. Using the inert gas helium for lift, and vectored thrust engines for flight, Zeppelin NTs have been flying in Germany and Japan since 1997 with an unparalleled safety record.