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## **2023 Air Show Showcases Aviation Legend and More**

*Air Show Features Patty Wagstaff, AeroShell Aerobatic Team, and Mini Jet Airshows*

**CLEVELAND, OH (August 9, 2023)** – The Cleveland National Air Show presented by Discount Drug Mart takes place Labor Day Weekend (September 2, 3 & 4) at Burke Lakefront Airport and features gravity defying performers including the legendary Patty Wagstaff, AeroShell Aerobatic Team, and Tom Larkin’s Mini Jet.

Patty Wagstaff is the stuff of legends! She is a 3-time US National Aerobatics Champion, a 6-time member of the US Aerobatics team, and has won gold, silver, and bronze medal in the International Aerobatic Competition. She has been inducted into the National Aviation Hall of Fame and her plane, the Goodrich Extra 260, is on display at the Smithsonian National Air & Space Museum. Patty was the first woman to become the U.S. National Aerobatic Champion in 1991! Patty will be demonstrating a display of precise, low-level, competition style, hard-core unlimited aerobatics. Patty will inspire and ignite future generations of Clevelanders!

Air Show fans will be mesmerized by the AeroShell Aerobatic Team’s tight and classic aerobatic routine. The AeroShell team performs maneuvers including the bomb burst, avalanche, and the amazing “Switch Blade” in their North American AT-6 Texans! The team is made up of 4 pilots, led by Mark Hanley. This will be the first time AeroShell is back in Cleveland since 2002!

Tom Larkin has always dreamt of flying a Mini Jet in Airshows, but now that dream is his reality! The Mini Jet only weighs 500lbs, but that doesn’t stop it from going up to 300mph and being fully aerobatic! 2023 will be Tom’s first appearance in Cleveland.

Headlining this year’s show are the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds. They will be joined by the U.S. Air Force F-22 Raptor, the U.S. Marine Corps AV-8B Harrier, U.S. Navy F/A -18 Super Hornet and more. Inside the gates, spectators will feel the heat of Hot Streak II Jet Truck as it races a plan down the runway. Fans can tour unique aircraft, help pack a parachute, meet a pilot and explore aviation first hand.

General Admission Tickets are day specific (Saturday, Sunday OR Monday) and \$30 for adults (\$35 after 8/28/23), \$20 for children ages 6-11 and FREE for children 5 and younger. Popular seating options include Reserved Box Seats, Sponsor Boxes, Barnstormer Club and Flight Deck Loge offer a variety of amenities. Parking passes are limited and day specific (Saturday, Sunday OR Monday). **Tickets and On-Site parking are available ONLY in advance, online at [www.clevelandairshow.com](http://www.clevelandairshow.com) – NO GATE SALES.**

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The Air Show is a financially self-sufficient not-for-profit organization and ticket sales directly support event production costs for this Cleveland tradition. For more information, or to purchase your tickets today, please visit [www.clevelandairshow.com](http://www.clevelandairshow.com) or call (216) 781-0747.

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The Cleveland National Air Show has been Northeast Ohio's Labor Day Weekend Tradition since 1964, attracting 60,000 to 100,000 visitors to Burke Lakefront Airport and making it one of the region's largest annual events. It is produced by Cleveland National Air Show, Inc. a 501(c)(4) not-for-profit Ohio corporation that relies on sponsorship and community support to offset the costs of producing the event. The Air Show has an annual economic impact of \$7.1 million+ on the City of Cleveland.

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