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## **Cleveland National Air Show Executive Director Receives 2025 Katharine Wright Trophy**

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**CLEVELAND, OH (November 7, 2025)** – Kim Dell, Executive Director of the Cleveland National Air Show, received the 2025 Katharine Wright Trophy from the National Aeronautic Association. The Katharine Wright Trophy is awarded annually to an individual who has contributed to the success of others or made a personal contribution to the advancement of the art, sport, and science of aviation and space flight over an extended period.

“I am incredibly honored and humbled to receive the Katharine Wright Trophy. I will be forever grateful to Chuck Newcomb who gave me the opportunity to join his team in 1992,” said Kim Dell, Executive Director of the Cleveland National Air Show. “This award would not be possible without the years of support I have received from my family, friends, Board of Trustees, staff, volunteers, performers, and our amazing Air Show fans.”

The Katharine Wright Trophy was established in 1981 by the Gates Learjet Corporation. The award is named in honor of Orville and Wilbur Wright’s sister, Katharine, who not only provided financial support to her brother’s endeavors, but also emotional and public support as well. The Katharine Wright Trophy is awarded annually in partnership with the Ninety-Nines, International Organization of Women Pilots.

Kim has been in the Air Show industry for 30+ years and involved in the production of 50+ aviation related events in Atlantic City, Cleveland, Columbus, Dayton, Detroit, Denver and Miami. In 2015, Kim became the first female Executive Director of the Cleveland National Air Show. Kim has received numerous Marketing Awards from the International Council of Air Shows and was the first recipient of the Women in Air Shows Award recognizing women who advance the Air Show business as a professional career path for women. Kim has a degree in Speech Communications and Business/Marketing from Baldwin-Wallace College (BW) and is a recipient of the BW Alumni Merit Award.

The Katharine Wright Trophy was presented at the National Aeronautic Association’s Fall Awards in Washington, D.C. For more information or to view a complete list of previous recipients, visit [www.naa.aero](http://www.naa.aero).

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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 \$17.9 million+ on the City of Cleveland.