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## ***Vectren Dayton Air Show Presented by Kroger adds five exciting attractions to its 2019 lineup***

Dayton, Ohio – Vectren Dayton Air Show Presented by Kroger officials announced today the addition of five exciting attractions to the 2019 show. The **British Sea Harrier**, **Shockwave Jet Truck**, **GEICO Skytypers**, **Skip Stewart** and **Jacquie B** will perform at the 2019 show. These exciting performers will join the **US Air Force Thunderbirds** jet demonstration team announced earlier. The 44th annual show, a Dayton summer tradition, will be held on June 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Dayton International Airport.

Operated for many years by Britain's Royal Navy, the **Sea Harrier** is similar to the Harrier "Jump Jet" flown by the U.S. Marine Corps. Capable of vertical takeoffs and landings, the Sea Harrier lifts off like a helicopter, hovers in mid-air and then flies at nearly the speed of sound. This amazing example of aviation technology will astound spectators and is sure to be a crowd favorite in 2019. The Sea Harrier performing at Dayton is the only privately-owned Harrier in the world. It was acquired from the Royal Navy in 2005 by U.S. citizen, Art Nalls, a retired and decorated Marine Corps pilot. The Sea Harrier first performed at Dayton in 2012.

Back by popular demand is the world-famous **Shockwave Jet Truck**. Powered by three afterburning Pratt & Whitney J34 jet engines producing 36,000 horsepower, Shockwave is the Guinness Book world record holder for the fastest jet truck in the world at 376 MPH. Spectators will be amazed as it explodes to life and hurdles down the runway at lightning speeds...even racing an airplane! With the three ingredients loved most by air show fans...fire, speed and noise, it is an absolute show stopper and the Vectren Dayton Air Show is proud to once again present this incredible attraction in 2019. Shockwave last appeared in Dayton in 2015.

The famous **GEICO Skytypers Team** will return to Dayton to perform their precision flying demonstration and create some unique aerial smoke messages for spectators and the community. Flying six North American SNJ-2 World War II aircraft equipped with 600 horsepower Pratt & Whitney radial engines, the team will showcase many of the maneuvers that were taught to pilots training for WWII combat. GEICO's routine is low-level and close-in, making it an especially exciting experience for show fans. The team's last performance in Dayton was in 2017.

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Prior to their aerial performance the GEICO team will do their signature skytyping. Flying in line-abreast formation at 10,000 feet a paraffin-based solution is released into the engine manifold that is then compressed and released through the engine exhaust. The moment the steam hits the air at the high altitude white “dot-matrix” clouds appear. The entire process is computer-controlled cleverly producing messages 1,000 feet in height (or as tall as the Empire State Building) and spanning 6-8 miles in length. The end result is a spectacular presentation that can be seen 15 miles in any direction or approximately 400 square miles. Messages will also be presented over Dayton and possibly Cincinnati on the Friday prior to the show.

Last appearing in Dayton in 2013, **Skip Stewart** is one of the most electrifying aerobatic pilots on the air show circuit. Being the only pilot to fly under a jumping motorcycle at an air show, Skip will thrill spectators with his highly-modified Pitts S-2S appropriately named “Prometheus”. The “hot rod” bi-plane is complete with a dramatic flame paint scheme which matches Skip’s sizzling routine. Skip is the recipient of the International Air Shows Sword of Excellence and many other distinguished awards that signifies he’s one of the best in the business.

“Ladies, it’s Time to Fly!” This statement is prominently displayed on **Jacquie B’s** Extra 300S aerobatic aircraft. It tells Jacquie Warda’s (her real name) personal story of how she started aerobatic flying at the age of 50! She has become an accomplished aerobatic pilot with over 3,200 flight hours and more than 1,100 coast-to-coast air show performances. Jacquie is a powerful inspiration to the millions of fans who realize that they too can accomplish great things in life if you put your mind to it. Jacquie spends a large part of her time as a role model by way of speaking to kids at schools, civic groups, private groups, and particularly groups of women and young girls. She’s a perfect fit for the Vectren Dayton Air Show and fans are going to love her.

“We are pleased to add these incredible performers to our 2019 lineup,” stated Scott Buchanan, Chairman of the USATS Board of Trustees, producers of the event. “What a great variety of aircraft and aviation talent for our fans to witness first hand. This will be a show you don’t want to miss,” he added.

The blockbuster performances above will join show headliner the **U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds**. Air show officials plan to announce more exciting attractions in the air and on the ground over the next few months.

2019 Vectren Dayton Air Show Presented by Kroger tickets including the popular Pavilion and Blue Sky Chalet are now on sale at the show’s website, [www.daytonairshow.com](http://www.daytonairshow.com). Customers can enjoy print-at-home or print-to-mobile options available for website purchases. Beginning May 13, 2019 customers can conveniently purchase discount general admission tickets at area Kroger stores. This Kroger exclusive offers \$3.00 off adult and children tickets at over 100 Kroger stores in the Dayton & Cincinnati region. Kroger discount tickets are good for either Saturday or Sunday admission. Visit the show’s website for further information.

For more information on 2019 show attractions, please click below:

[www.afthunderbirds.com](http://www.afthunderbirds.com)

[www.artnalls.com](http://www.artnalls.com)

[www.ShockwaveJetTruck.com](http://www.ShockwaveJetTruck.com)

[www.geicoskytypers.com](http://www.geicoskytypers.com)

[www.prometheusbiplane.com](http://www.prometheusbiplane.com)

[www.jacquiebairshows.com](http://www.jacquiebairshows.com)

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*Founded in 1975, the Vectren Dayton Air Show Presented by Kroger is one of North America’s premier air shows. It features world-class aerobatic champions, military jet demonstrations and entertainment for the whole family, celebrating Dayton’s rich aviation heritage as home of the Wright Brothers, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force and National Aviation Heritage Area. It is produced by the United States Air and Trade Show, Inc., a 501(c)(6) not-for-profit Ohio corporation that relies on sponsorship and community support to offset costs. The Dayton/Montgomery County Convention and Visitors Bureau estimates the show adds \$3.7 million to the region’s economy every year.*