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"Must See" Lineup at 2008 California Capital Airshow

The 2008 California Capital Airshow - held at Mather Airport March 15-16 - is the first civilian show in 2008 for the United States Navy Blue Angels. This year's show includes a Kids Zone and the opportunity to see civilian and military aircraft - including one of the most meticulously restored warbirds, the "Heavenly Body" B-25J, up close. The ever-growing list of performers, aircraft and demos currently includes:

AIR FORCE
F-16 Viper with new squadron colors*
F-16 Fighting Falcon
F-16 CG (Viper West Coast Demo Team)*
KC-135R Stratotanker
MH-60R
T-1 Jayhawk

ARMY NATIONAL GUARD
CH-14 Chinook
HH-60 Blackhawk
MC-130 Combat Shadow
MH-60 Pavehawk
OH-58 Kiowa
UH-1 Huey

CANADIAN AIR FORCE
King Air

COAST GUARD
C-130 Hercules
HH-65*

See the amazing AV-8 Harrier at the Airshow. Photo provided by the U.S. Marine Corps and Cpl. Kamran Sadaghiani.

MARINE CORPS
AV-8 Harrier*

NAVY
C-130 Fat Albert (Blue Angels)*
C-2 Greyhound
F/A - 18 Hornet (Blue Angels)*
F-5 Tiger
MH-60 Seahawk
T-45 Goshawk

The U.S. Navy Blue Angels Flight Demonstration Team performs one of their most impressive maneuvers. Photo supplied by the Blue Angels.

COMMERCIAL AIRCRAFT
DHL (TBD)
Federal Express 727
UPS (TBD)

CIVILIAN AIRCRAFT
Oracle Challenger Bi-plane (Sean Tucker)*
Pitts S2-B (Tim Decker)*
Sailplane (Dan Buchanan)*
Zivko Edge 540 (Bill Stein)*

WARBIRDS
B-25J Heavenly Body (rare appearance)

*Indicates demos and performances

Advance tickets to this year's show - including Regional Transit Light Rail and bus transfer to the show site - are only $11. Kids ages 12 and under get in free. Tickets are available on the Airshow Web site and at the following three locations:

Aerospace Museum of California
3200 Freedom Park Dr
McClellan, CA 95652
Mon - Sat 9 AM - 5 PM
Sun 10 AM - 5 PM

Rancho Cordova City Hall
2729 Prospect Park Drive
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670
Mon - Fri 8 AM - 5 PM

Sacramento Metro Chamber
One Capitol Mall, Suite 300
Sacramento, CA 95814
Mon - Fri 8 AM - 5 PM

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Dan Buchanan Inspires Millions

California Capital Airshow performer Dan Buchanan was a New England home builder and flat-track motorcycle racer—and enjoyed the thrill of flying off mountain tops—when in 1981 he paralyzed his legs trying to land in stormy weather. Despite losing his ability to walk, Dan returned to flying within six months, and since then his tenacity and adventurous spirit has allowed him to accrue more than 2,800 hours of flight time in hang gliders and sailplanes. Dan's recreational flights are typically three to six hours long, thermal soaring as high as 18,000 feet over the western mountains.

Dan Buchanan, a paraplegic airshow performer, soars in his hang glider.

After his first airshow performance in 1989, Dan's appearances increased each year, and he now shares his thrill of flight with millions of people around the world during his annual 25+ city Airshow tour. In addition to performing across North America, his international venues have included Australia, Thailand, El Salvador, The United Arab Emirates, Canada and Mexico.

Sean Tucker Wows Airshow Crowds

Sean Tucker, a featured performer at the 2008 California Capital Airshow, is the world's premier civilian airshow pilot. He has been flying airshows world-wide since the mid-1970s . During that time, Sean has flown more than 1,000 performances at more than 425 airshows, in front of more than 80 million fans.

Sean started with a factory-built Pitts Special 30 years ago and modified it each year. After reaching the limits of the Pitts, Tucker's team designed a one-of-a- kind airplane that could do anything that Sean asked of it. This resulted in the most high-performance aerobatic aircraft in the world, the Challenger II biplane. It is a fire-breathing monster with over 400 horsepower, weighs just over 1,200 pounds and responds to the slightest pressure on the control stick even at 300 mph.

Sean Tucker flies his one-of-a-kind aircraft.

Don't miss the B-25J Heavenly Body on display at the California Capital Airshow. Many other civilian and military aircraft will be on display for the only major Sacramento region airshow in 2008.

Flight Number Highlights: December 2007

848,107 passengers traveled through Sacramento International Airport.

6,177 flight operations were conducted at Executive Airport.

14,863,703 pounds of freight passed through Mather Airport.

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