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### ***Never-Before-Seen Aerobatic Performer added to 2022 CenterPoint Energy Dayton Air Show Presented by Kroger***

(DAYTON, OH – May 19, 2022) –Air show officials announced today the addition of another brand-new performer to the 2022 CenterPoint Energy Dayton Air Show Presented by Kroger. **Kent Pietsch Airshows** will take to Dayton skies for the first time on July 30 and 31 at the Dayton International Airport.

Pilot Kent Pietsch's specialty acts are designed to thrill audiences featuring airplanes that lose parts, engines that quit mid-flight, and extraordinary landings. Pietsch will perform not just one but two acts in his **Jelly Belly Interstate Cadet S-1A-65F**. These include a dead-stick routine from 6,000 feet as well as his best-known comedy act. The act features a detached wing flap and a mesmerizing wingtip-scraping pass down the runway.

Pietsch's Interstate Cadet is a high wing, single-engine monoplane weighing 800 pounds with a 37-foot wingspan. Originally produced between 1941 and 1942 for World War II, the aircraft can generate up to 90 horsepower and reach a force of 5Gs. Pietsch has been entertaining air show audiences for 40 years.



**Pilot Kent Pietsch will perform in his single-engine Interstate Cadet for the first time for 2022 CenterPoint Energy Dayton Air Show audiences** (Photos courtesy of Kent Pietsch Airshows)

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“Kent [Pietsch] pushes the limits of what he can do with his airplanes while entertaining audiences with his comedy routine, so we’re excited to bring him to our air show for the first time,” said Scott Buchanan, Chairman of the United States Air & Trade Show Board of Trustees, producers of the show. “Kent loves flying, and we think families will be thrilled by his show. He’s something special.”

**Kent Pietsch Airshows** will join **Vampire Airshows** in making their debut performances in Dayton. Other featured performers include the world-renowned **U.S. Navy Blue Angels**, the **U.S. Air Force F-16 Viper Demo**, the **U.S. Army Golden Knights**, **TORA! TORA! TORA!**, and aerobatic flyer **Kevin Coleman**.

Tickets for the 2022 show are on sale now at [www.daytonairshow.com](http://www.daytonairshow.com). Customers can print tickets at home or download the e-ticket on a smartphone. Beginning mid-summer 2022, discount general admission tickets can also be conveniently purchased at area **Kroger stores**. This Kroger exclusive offers \$3 off adult and children’s tickets at over 100 Kroger stores in the Dayton/Cincinnati region. Children ages five and under are free in general admission.

For additional information on the 2022 performers, visit their websites below:

- U.S. Navy Blue Angels, [www.blueangels.navy.mil](http://www.blueangels.navy.mil)
- U.S. Army Golden Knights, [www.goarmy.com/events/golden-knights](http://www.goarmy.com/events/golden-knights)
- F-16 Viper Demonstration Team, [www.acc.af.mil/Home/Aerial-Events/F16-Viper](http://www.acc.af.mil/Home/Aerial-Events/F16-Viper)
- TORA! TORA! TORA! [www.toratoratora.com](http://www.toratoratora.com)
- Kevin Coleman, [www.facebook.com/TheKevinColeman](https://www.facebook.com/TheKevinColeman)
- Vampire Airshows, [vampireairshows.simdif.com](http://vampireairshows.simdif.com)
- Kent Pietsch Airshows, [www.kentpietschairshows.com](http://www.kentpietschairshows.com)

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*Founded in 1975, the CenterPoint Energy 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.*