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U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds to headline 2023 CenterPoint Energy Dayton Air Show Presented by Kroger ***AFTERSHOCK Jet Fire Truck, Bill Stein Airshows added to 2023 lineup***

(DAYTON, OH – October 5, 2022) – Air show officials announced today the addition of two new performers to join the **U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds** for the 2023 CenterPoint Energy Dayton Air Show Presented by Kroger. The **AFTERSHOCK Jet Fire Truck** and **Bill Stein Airshows** will be part of the 48th annual show on July 22 and 23 at the Dayton International Airport.

The **AFTERSHOCK Jet Fire Truck** is a custom built 1940 Ford Fire Truck with TWIN Rolls-Royce Bristol Viper Jet Engines totaling over 24,000 horsepower and holds the Guinness World Record as the world's fastest fire truck at a whopping 407 mph (655 km/h). While audiences have been wowed in the past by its sister act, the Shockwave Jet Truck, this will be a first appearance in the Dayton region for the jet fire truck.

The award-winning **Bill Stein** is bringing his Zivko Edge 540 for a unique aerobatic performance. The custom painted aircraft continuously changes color from green to purple to blue, along with gold, yellow, pink and orange, depending on the angle of the light. The kaleidoscope of colors allows the announcer to have a contest with air show audiences and engage them on a whole new level. Bill Stein is making his first appearance in the Dayton region since 2008.



The AFTERSHOCK Jet Fire Truck (left) and Bill Stein Airshows will appear as part of the 2023 CenterPoint Energy Dayton Air Show lineup. (Photos courtesy of performers)

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These renowned performances will join the 2023 headliner, the **U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds**, performing precision maneuvers, flying formations and solo routines in their F-16 Fighting Falcons. The Thunderbirds are known as America's Ambassadors in Blue thrilling millions of spectators around the world. The premier jet team was last seen in the Dayton region in 2021.



The U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds are returning to headline the 2023 CenterPoint Energy Dayton Air Show. (Photos courtesy of the U.S. Air Force)

"We're extremely pleased to welcome back the Thunderbirds and add these incredible performers to our 2023 show," said Scott Buchanan, Chairman of the United States Air & Trade Show Board of Trustees, producers of the show. "Adding never before seen acts and unique planes like the kaleidoscope aircraft of Bill Stein give audiences both returning and new something to look forward to. Mark your calendars for July 22 and 23!"

Air show officials plan to announce more exciting attractions to the air and ground show over the coming months. Certain tickets are now available for purchase online for print-at-home or mobile ticket options. Customers interested in purchasing a Private Chalet can email info@daytonairshow.com or call 937-898-5901 ext. 2040. Beginning mid-summer 2023, discount general admission tickets can be conveniently purchased at over 100 area Kroger stores in the Dayton/Cincinnati region. For more information, visit the show's website at www.daytonairshow.com.

For additional information on the 2023 performers, visit their websites below:

- U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds, airforce.com/thunderbirds
- AFTERSHOCK Jet Fire Truck, shockwavejettruck.com
- Bill Stein Airshows, billsteinairshows.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.