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CenterPoint Energy Dayton Air Show Presented by Kroger celebrates 50 years Blue Angels return to headline 2024 show

(DAYTON, OH – November 1, 2023) – Today, air show officials announced the return of the **U.S. Navy Blue Angels** to headline the 2024 CenterPoint Energy Dayton Air Show Presented by Kroger on **June 22 and 23**. Fan favorites **Tora! Tora! Tora!** will also join the lineup to light up the skies in celebration of the show's **50th anniversary**.

"We're thrilled to be celebrating 50 years of the Dayton Air Show and look forward to bringing audiences an epic event," said Scott Buchanan, Chairman of the United States Air & Trade Show Board of Trustees, producers of the show. "The world-renowned Blue Angels will be headlining a world-class lineup that families from across the region will not want to miss."

Last appearing in 2022, the **Blues** will return with their F/A-18 Super Hornets that reach top speeds of 1.4 MACH (1,190 MPH). The 2024 show marks the 78th year of the Blue Angels thrilling audiences with their tightly choreographed, high-energy demonstrations – sometimes flying as little as 18 inches apart – that showcase the capabilities of the Navy and Marine Corps men and women.

Also returning to the Dayton skies is the pyrotechnic reenactment of **Tora! Tora! Tora!** This amazing Commemorative Air Force production features the December 7, 1941, bombing of Pearl Harbor with replica fighter and bomber aircraft that combines pyrotechnics with a thrilling airshow, including the fan-favorite, the Wall of Fire. Tora! Tora! Tora! has been providing an epic living history lesson to audiences for more than 50 years.



From left, the U.S. Navy Blue Angels, Tora! Tora! Tora! and aerobatic team AeroShell will appear as part of the 50th CenterPoint Energy Dayton Air Show lineup. (Photos courtesy of Demo Teams)

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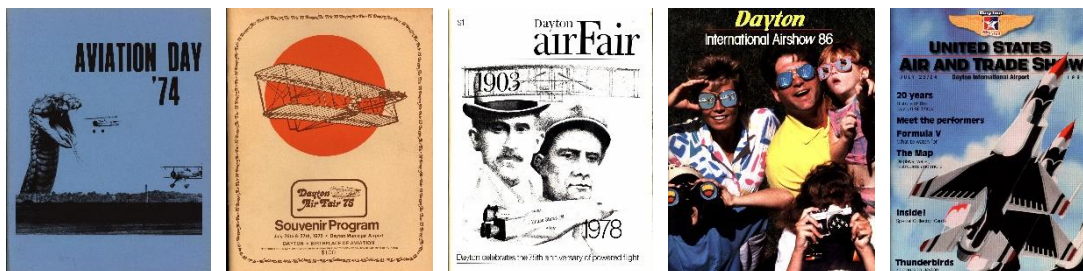
Last appearing in the Dayton Air Show in 2021, the **AeroShell Aerobatic Team** is bringing their award-winning formation team of **AT-6 Texans** to the lineup. The team's four 600-horsepower World War II trainers will perform tight maneuvers and awe-inspiring formation aerial maneuvers by a team that has thrilled millions of fans across North America.

Air show officials also announced the return of **Rob Holland Aerosports**, one of the premier airshow performers and freestyle aerobatic competition pilots in the world. Last seen during the 2017 Dayton Air Show, Holland pushes his single-seat **MXS-RH** to the limits with innovative maneuvers unequalled in the airshow circuit.

"Stay tuned for more announcements leading up to the show. This is going to be a world-class lineup befitting this significant anniversary," Buchanan said.

What started as **Aviation Day at the Dayton General Airport in 1974**, to celebrate and highlight the region's rich aviation history quickly grew into an annual Dayton tradition. Today, the event is one of the best air shows in North America, ranked fourth by USA Today in 2018.

Air show officials plan to announce more exciting attractions to the air and ground show over the coming months. Tickets will be available for purchase online with 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.



Dayton's first Aviation Day was in 1974 to celebrate and showcase the region's rich aviation history.
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For more information on the 2024 performers, visit their websites below:

- U.S. Navy Blue Angels, blueangels.navy.mil
- Tora! Tora! Tora!, facebook.com/ToraAirShows
- AeroShell Aerobatic Team, naat.net
- Rob Holland Aerosports, ultimateairshows.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.