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## **Thunder in the Valley Air Show Performer Line-up for 2011**

*Patty Wagstaff, Skip Stewart headline March 19-20 shows in Columbus*

**Columbus, Ga.** – The 14th Annual Thunder in the Valley Air Show on Saturday, March 19 and Sunday, March 20, 2011 at the Columbus Airport, will feature the breath-taking aerobatic routines of former US National Aerobatic Champion [Patty Wagstaff](#) and [Skip Stewart](#), the first pilot ever to fly an aircraft under a jumping motorcycle at an air show.

A six-time member of the US Aerobatic Team, Patty has won gold, silver and bronze medals in Olympic-level international aerobatic competition; is the first woman to win the title of US National Aerobatic champion; and is one of the few people to win it three times. Patty flies one of the most thrilling, low-level aerobatic routines in the world. Flying before millions of spectators each year, her breathtaking performances give spectators a front-row view of the precision and complexity of unlimited hard-core aerobatics. Her smooth, aggressive style sets the standard for performers the world over.

Skip Stewart is one of the most entertaining air show pilots today. While amassing his 8,000+ hours of flight, Skip has earned his share of gold medals in regional competition and spent more than a decade entertaining air show fans around the world. His flying has been featured in multiple national and international publications including *Smithsonian Air & Space*, *AOPA Pilot*, *Sports Illustrated* and more. His highly modified aircraft and thrilling low-level routines never fail to keep the crowd's attention where he wants it – on his flying.

Patty and Skip will perform individually and together on Saturday and Sunday. Other top names appearing include [Mark Sorenson](#) in "Titus the Tumbling Tiger" – a tiger-striped YAK-55, the Silver Wings Parachute Team, [Paradise Airshows](#)' big-band-themed routines in a 1941 AT-6, Chris Campos' extreme remote-control flight demonstration and more.

Thunder In The Valley will also celebrate the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Douglas DC-3 with the [Flagship Detroit](#), the oldest flying DC-3 in the world. The schedule also includes flying demonstrations by current and historic military aircraft, civilian and military aircraft and vehicles on display, airplane and helicopter rides, a military encampment experience, hands-on weapons simulators, a children's carnival and great food.

Gates will open at 10 a.m. and close at 5 p.m. on both Saturday, March 19 and Sunday, March 20.

<b>Ticket prices:</b>	General Admission	\$8 in advance \$10 at the gate
	Military	\$6 in advance, \$8 at the gate
	Children 6 years and under	FREE!

Advance tickets are available at ACE Hardware (St. Mary's Road), Columbus-area McDonald's, Cricket Wireless (Macon and Buena Vista Road locations), Flightways Columbus (Columbus Airport), JD Kinder's Furniture, Omega World Travel (Ft Benning), Skyline Columbus (Columbus Airport), Wells Fargo offices in Columbus, Ft Benning (Main Post), Hamilton, Manchester, Phenix City, Pine Mountain and Smiths Station.

Now in its 14<sup>th</sup> year, the Thunder in the Valley Air Show is a fun, alcohol-free/tobacco-free, family event with all proceeds going to area youth organizations. For more information, please visit [www.thunderinthevalleyairshow.com](http://www.thunderinthevalleyairshow.com).

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**About Thunder In The Valley Air Show, Inc.**

Thunder In The Valley Air Show is a not-for-profit organization that began in 1997 as a local fly-in for aviation enthusiasts. Thanks to the generous support of its sponsors, Thunder In The Valley Air Show has grown to become one of the largest outdoor family events in the Chattahoochee Valley area, bringing in top performers from across the United States.

2011 sponsors include: ACE Acute Care Express, Aflac, American Eagle Airlines, Buffalo Rock, Columbus Airport, Columbus *Ledger-Enquirer*, Chattahoochee Gutter Company, Cricket Wireless, DoubleTree Hotel, Hilton Garden Inn, Homewood Suites, Kia Autosport, Knology, PMB Broadcasting, Pratt & Whitney, T&W Oil, TracSoft, Wells Fargo, WTVM News Leader 9, and dozens of other community-minded individuals and organizations.

Thunder in the Valley Air Show is a proud member of the International Convention of Air Shows.

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