

AIRCRAFT & AVIATORS

A field guide to the airplanes and the pilots flying them at this year's air show over Addison, Texas, from unlimited aerobatic monoplanes to restored World War II warbirds.

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NO. 01

AEROBATIC DEMONSTRATION

EXTRA 300/SX

Flown by Mike "Spanky" Gallaway



MIKE GALLAWAY · MODIFIED EXTRA 300/SX

The Extra Flugzeugbau EA300 is a two-seat aerobatic monoplane capable of Unlimited category competition. It was designed in 1987 by Walter Extra, a German aerobatic pilot, and built by Extra Flugzeugbau. The plane Spanky flies is a modified EXTRA 300/SX; the X stands for experimental. It has a Thunderbolt 580 engine producing 350 HP. Mike "Spanky" Gallaway began flying aerobatics 27 years ago and flies about 15 air shows per year in his modified Extra 300/SX. His routine is filled with plenty of tumbles and snaps as he holds a surface waiver, so most of the action is close to the audience. Mike has been a regular at the US National Aerobatics Championships and has earned a place on two US advanced teams and two unlimited teams. His show will be a combination of classic competition-style maneuvers mixed with air-show-style gyroscopic maneuvers.

NO. 02

AEROBATIC DEMONSTRATION

THE PITTS SPECIAL

Flown by Curt Richmond



CURT RICHMOND · PITTS SPECIAL BIPLANE

The Pitts Special (company designations S-1 and S-2) is a series of light aerobatic biplanes designed by Curtis Pitts. It has accumulated many competition wins since its first flight in 1944. The Pitts biplanes dominated world aerobatic competition in the 1960s and 1970s and, even today, remain potent competition aircraft in the lower categories. Curt Richmond is a past National Aerobatic Champion (2014, Intermediate category). He has been a licensed pilot for over 25 years. As a child he always had an interest in airplanes and aviation; finally, at the age of 30, he began pilot training and received his private pilot's license.

NO. 03

AEROBATIC DEMONSTRATION · TWIN

BEECHCRAFT BARON

Flown by David Martin Wood



DAVID MARTIN WOOD · BEECHCRAFT BARON

The Beechcraft Baron is a light twin-engine piston aircraft designed and produced by Beechcraft. The aircraft was introduced in 1961 and it remains in production today. David Martin is one of the most versatile airshow performers on the circuit today, flying full-blown airshows in multiple types of aircraft. David will be flying his twin-engine stock Beechcraft Baron, doing aerobatics and an amazing demonstration of energy management during the dead-stick portion of his airshow.

NO. 04

WARBIRD · WWII FIGHTER

NORTH AMERICAN P-51 MUSTANG

Flown by Taylor Stevenson



TAYLOR STEVENSON · NORTH AMERICAN P-51 MUSTANG

The North American P-51 Mustang is an American long-range, single-seat fighter and fighter-bomber that first flew in 1940 and entered service with Allied air forces in 1942. Once fitted with the Rolls-Royce Merlin engine, it became one of the most effective and recognizable fighters of World War II, able to escort heavy bombers deep into enemy territory and back. Fast, agile, and long-legged, the Mustang served through the end of the war and again in Korea, and today remains one of the most prized and sought-after warbirds still flying.

NO. 05

WARBIRD · OBSERVATION

CESSNA O-1 BIRD DOG

Flown by Kevin Miller



KEVIN MILLER · CESSNA O-1 BIRD DOG

The Cessna O-1 Bird Dog is a liaison and observation aircraft that first flew on December 14, 1949, and entered service in 1950 as the L-19 in the Korean War. It went on to serve in many branches of the U.S. Armed Forces, was not retired until the 1970s in a number of variants, and also served in the Vietnam War. It was also called the OE-1 and OE-2 in Navy service, flying with the Marine Corps, and in the 1960s it was re-designated the O-1. It remains a civilian-flown warbird, and there are examples in aviation museums. It was the first all-metal fixed-wing aircraft ordered for and by the United States Army following the Army Air Forces' separation from it in 1947. The Bird Dog had a lengthy career in the U.S. military as well as in other countries, with over 3,400 produced.

NO. 06

WARBIRD · WWII BOMBER

B-25 "DEVIL DOG"

Flown by Beth Jenkins



BETH JENKINS & CREW · B-25J "DEVIL DOG" (COMMEMORATIVE AIR FORCE)

The B-25 "Devil Dog" is a restored World War II North American B-25J Mitchell bomber (Serial No. 44-86758). Operated by the Commemorative Air Force (CAF), it is painted and modified to represent the U.S. Marine Corps' PBJ variant, specifically honoring the VMB-612 squadron that flew night-harassment missions in the Pacific. Beth Jenkins is the only female certified pilot-in-command to fly a B-25 Mitchell bomber in the Commemorative Air Force. She flies the historic "Devil Dog," a PBJ-1J, the Marine Corps version of the B-25. She is also the longtime owner and chief flight instructor of Pilot's Choice Aviation in Georgetown, Texas.