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***2021 CenterPoint Energy Dayton Air Show Presented by Kroger  
 ...Thunderbirds and new Drive-In Format to Take Off!***

Dayton, Ohio – CenterPoint Energy Dayton Air Show officials announced today that the 2021 CenterPoint Energy Dayton Air Show Presented by Kroger will take off on July 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. This year’s headlining attraction will be the **U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds**. 2021 will mark the 47<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Dayton’s premier summer event held annually at the Dayton International Airport.

This year, the show will move to a “Drive-In” format to align the show with current health guidelines and ensure the safety of guests. It’s a unique and very exciting development. The show will convert its spectator area to a drive-in theater-type parking lot. Guests will be able to purchase 20’ x 20’ **Private Viewing Area** using half the area to park their car and the other half to view the show in tailgate fashion (see below).

Ticket prices will be incredible. Starting at just \$99 for up to 6 guests for general admission and front row Platinum viewing areas for 6 guests for \$199. The best part is you can drive in and out in the comfort of your own vehicle and bring along a cooler with food and beverages. Simply sit down in your dedicated space with family and friends and enjoy the show. Restrooms will be located nearby and mobile concessions with food, beverage and merchandise will be traveling the aisles if you would like to make a purchase.

**U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds**



**New Drive-In Show Private Viewing Area**



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"We are absolutely thrilled to have the Thunderbirds in 2021 and introduce this incredible drive-in show to Dayton," said Scott Buchanan, Chairman of the United States Air & Trade Show Board of Trustees, producers of the show. "This new format is safe and will bring the utmost in convenience to our guests. It will be a first for Dayton and our fans are going to love it!" Buchanan added.

The show has been working closely with health and other government officials to implement new measures to produce a show this year and keep patrons safe. The drive-in show offers outstanding social distancing features. Under this year's new measures, guests, show staff and volunteers will be required to wear an appropriate face covering and social distance when necessary. The show will provide hand sanitizers on the grounds and implement enhanced cleaning procedures in restrooms and other areas.

Show attendance will also be reduced and some areas closed to accommodate current health guidelines. Specialty seating areas will not be available and there will be no static aircraft displays. The show will be broadcasted over its normal public address system by its outstanding announcers, Rob Reider and Danny Clisham. The exciting action will also be broadcast on FM radio.

Drive-in show guests will enjoy a full four-hour feature flying show in 2021. Joining the world-renowned **U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds** will be an all-star lineup including the **U.S. Army Golden Knights, AeroShell Aerobatic Team**, the amazing **Shockwave Jet Truck**, all-new **Lucas Oil Airshows**, and **Jacquie B "Ladies, it's Time to Fly"** aerobatics. Additional attractions to the 2021 show will be announced soon.

This year is a special year for the Thunderbirds in Dayton. Flying in Thunderbird # 6 as opposing solo will be Dayton native, Major Kyle Oliver. Born at Wright-Patterson AFB Medical Center, Kyle went on to graduate from Beavercreek High School and Ohio State University. He was inspired to join the U.S. Air Force while watching the Thunderbirds as a teen visitor to the **Dayton Air Show**. What a true Dayton, Ohio homecoming!

2021 drive-in tickets are on sale now at the show's website, [www.daytonairshow.com](http://www.daytonairshow.com). Customers can enjoy a print-at-home option on all website purchases. Sorry, drive-in tickets will not be available at Kroger Stores or for purchase on-site. Patrons are urged to print their tickets at home for placement in their window to enhance their drive-in parking experience.

**The air show is recommending that customers planning to attend the special 2021 CenterPoint Energy Presented by Kroger Drive-In Show make their purchases early. Tickets are expected to sell out quickly with the limited attendance, group pricing and added value of personal coolers permitting patrons to bring in food and beverages from home.**

Any tickets or special seating that were purchased for the 2021 show before the change to a drive-in format will be honored at the 2022 show on July 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> headlined by the U.S. Navy Blue Angels or they can also be refunded. Visit the show's website for more information. For additional information on 2021 performers, visit their websites below:

<https://afthunderbirds.com/site/>

<https://www.goarmy.com/events/golden-knights.html>

[www.naat.net/](http://www.naat.net/)

<https://www.shockwavejettruck.com/> <https://www.lucasoilairshows.com/> <http://www.jacquebairshows.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.*