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## GATHERINGS

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A ROUNDUP OF THE MOST IMPORTANT AVIATION EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

### 2005

#### September

**3:** Lake Tahoe Air Fest 2005, Lake Tahoe Airport, Lake Tahoe, Calif. The day will include an air show, a display of military and general-aviation aircraft and a skydive demonstration. Contact: (530) 541-0480, [www.laketahoeairport.com/airfest](http://www.laketahoeairport.com/airfest).

**3-4:** Biggin Hill International Air Fair, Biggin Hill Airport, Kent, U.K. Contact: [sales@airdisplaysint.co.uk](mailto:sales@airdisplaysint.co.uk), [www.airdisplaysint.co.uk](http://www.airdisplaysint.co.uk).

**3-5:** Cleveland National Air Show, Burke Lakefront Airport, Cleveland, Ohio. Contact: (216) 781-0747, [info@clevelandairshow.com](mailto:info@clevelandairshow.com), [www.clevelandairshow.com](http://www.clevelandairshow.com).

**8-11:** Sampson Air Force Base Veterans Association Reunion, Sampson State Park, Romulus, N.Y. All veterans of the Sampson Air Force Base, Women's Air Force, Perspective Members, Permanent Party, Basic Trainees and Special School Trainees from 1950 through 1956 are invited to attend this reunion. Contact: (716) 633-1119, [chip34@aol.com](mailto:chip34@aol.com).

**10-11:** Nova Scotia International Air Show, Shearwater, Nova Scotia, Canada. The event will feature aerial performers, static aircraft and an army tactical demonstration. Contact: Nova Scotia International Air Show, P.O. Box 218, Shearwater, Nova Scotia, Canada, B0J 3A0, Phone: (902) 465-2725, Fax: (902) 484-3222, [info@nsairshow.ca](mailto:info@nsairshow.ca), [www.nsairshow.ca](http://www.nsairshow.ca).

**11-13:** ISTAT 12th European Conference, Kempinski Atlantic Hotel, Hamburg, Germany. Contact: International Society Of Transport Aircraft Training, 5517 Talon Court, Fairfax, VA 22032-1737, Fax: (703) 503-5964,

[istat@istat.org](mailto:istat@istat.org), [www.istat.org](http://www.istat.org).

**13-16:** Defence Systems And Equipment International Exhibition And Conference, Excel, London, UK. This is one of the largest international showcases for dense and military technology. Contact: 44-20-8439-8888, [enquiries@dsei.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@dsei.co.uk), [www.dsei.co.uk](http://www.dsei.co.uk).

**14-18:** Reno National Championship Air Races And Air Show, Reno Stead Field, Reno, Nev. Five days of racing by six different classes of aircraft accompanied by a spectacular air show, hundreds of vendor booths and the chance to watch race teams work in the pits. Contact: (775) 972-6663, [www.airrace.org](http://www.airrace.org).

**16-18:** Springfield Air Rendezvous 23rd Annual Air Show, Abraham Lincoln Capital Airport, Springfield, Ill. The show will be kicked off with hangar parties featuring a night air show and lots of music, food and fun for the entire family. Contact: (217) 789-4400, [www.springfield-il.com/airshow](http://www.springfield-il.com/airshow).

**17:** Burlington Air Show, Southeast Iowa Regional Airport, Burlington, Iowa. This event promises to be exciting entertainment for all ages. Contact: Burlington Regional Air Show, Inc., Box 751, Burlington, IA 52601, [burlingtonairshow@yahoo.com](mailto:burlingtonairshow@yahoo.com), <http://burlingtonairshow.tripod.com>.

**17:** Ocean City's Annual Air Festival, Ocean City Municipal Airport, Ocean City, N.J. The event will feature antiques, ultralights and homebuilts. Contact: (609) 525-9223, [www.oceancityvacation.com/events](http://www.oceancityvacation.com/events).

**23-30:** 10th Anniversary U.S. Air Race, Inc.'s 2005 National Air Race, Mesquite Metro Airport, Mesquite, Texas. Handicapped cross-country speed racing open to all pilots and all piston-

powered aircraft. Contact: [info@us-airrace.org](mailto:info@us-airrace.org), [www.us-airrace.org](http://www.us-airrace.org).

#### October

**1-2:** Fina-Commemorative Air Force Airshow 2005, Midland International Airport, Midland, Texas. Featuring one of the world's largest gathering of warbirds, including the only flying B-29 Superfortress, as well as reenactments of famous World War II aerial battles, such as the bombing of Pearl Harbor. Contact: (432) 563-1000, ext. 2231, [www.airsho.org](http://www.airsho.org).

**3-6:** SAE 2005 AeroTech Congress And Exhibition, Gaylord Texan Resort And Convention Center, Grapevine, Texas. This event will focus on vehicle design, manufacturing and safety to advance the flight industry. Contact: SAE World Headquarters, 400 Commonwealth Drive, Warrendale, PA 15096-0001, Phone: (724) 776-4841, Fax: (724) 776-0790, [www.sae.org/events/atc](http://www.sae.org/events/atc).

**29-30:** Florida SkyFest, Daytona Beach International Airport, Daytona Beach, Fla. Featuring pilots demonstrating flying techniques and performance from different aviation disciplines, including military and civilian. Contact: [www.floridaskyfest.com](http://www.floridaskyfest.com).

#### November

**2-4:** 17th Annual IAWA Conference, Shanghai, China. Contact: International Aviation Womens Association, P.O. Box 1088, Edgewater, MD 21037, (410) 571-1990, [info@iawa.org](mailto:info@iawa.org), [www.iawa.org](http://www.iawa.org).

**3-5:** AOPA Expo 2005, Tampa Convention Center, Tampa, Fla. Contact: (888) G02-EXPO, [www.aopa.org/expo/2005/home.html](http://www.aopa.org/expo/2005/home.html).

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