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FRANK KINGSTON SMITH ANNOUNCES 2007 AIRSHOW

Entering his 31st season of announcing airshows, Frank Kingston Smith says he never gets tired of his job. "You have to understand that I have been a pilot since 1967, and I still get a kick of just sitting at an airport -- anything from a gravel strip to a huge commercial airport -- and watching airplanes. At an airshow, I even get to talk about it! I hope I bring some of the fun of flying to what I offer."

"I have been lucky enough to have been announcing shows since the F-4 Phantom was our main multi-service fighter. The A-10, the F-16 and F-15, the F/A-18 and the F-14 Tomcat (now, a fond memory) were all relatively new. The AV-8B Harrier was in flight test. Yes, I have been witness to lot of military aviation, and I am proud to have been there."

Civilian pilots are now flying "muscle planes" performing maneuvers which were unimaginable fifteen or twenty years ago. "Having seen all this and having announced the Centennial of Flight show at the birthplace of aviation, Dayton, Ohio, in 2003... well, it still gives me goosebumps to think about it!"

Frank was the first passenger in his father's Cessna 140 in 1955. He learned to fly while working as a radio air personality in Providence, Rhode Island, and through his broadcast career in Philadelphia, Boston and New York, he owned six different planes. "I flew mostly for business, performing voice-over commercial work throughout the northeast. AND, of course, to announce airshows."

He started announcing airshows in 1977. Small, "farmer's field" shows, as he called them, in New England. "It was a great way to get started, and when I announced my first major show, with the Blue Angels in 1979, I was *ready!*"

Announcing airshows continues to be a labor of love for Frank. Since 1999 he has proudly announced the Reno Air Races. "I'd hate to ever TRY to walk away from this; I have met too many wonderful people, and leaving "cold turkey" would be awful!"

Frank continues to voice commercials and industrial films, and together with his wife, Linda Zvara, own an advertising specialties business, Showline Promotional Products, with clients worldwide. Frank and Linda and their two German Shepherds, HollyWoof and Sampson, reside in Scottsdale, Arizona, about three miles from the Scottsdale Airport where Frank still hangs out.

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