



**Balloon
and
Air Classic**

Balloon Pilot Registration



2006 PRELIMINARY FACT SHEET

Dates & Location:	Friday, Saturday & Sunday, October 20-22, 2006, Phoenix Goodyear Airport
Gates Open/Close:	Friday 2:00PM –9:00PM; Saturday 6:00AM –9:00PM; Sunday 6:00AM –4:00PM
Balloon Classic Event Times:	6:45AM – 9:30AM – Morning Liftoffs, Saturday & Sunday; 6:30PM – 8:30PM –Evening Desert Glows, Friday & Saturday evenings * NOTE: Balloon events & times subject to wind & weather conditions
Air Classic Event Times:	10:15AM – 4:00PM – Saturday & Sunday
Location Directions:	Phoenix Goodyear Airport, I-10 West, exit on Litchfield Road , go two miles south on S. Litchfield Rd. to the airport at 1658 South Litchfield Rd.
Projected Attendance:	50,000 spectators are expected to enjoy this 32 year old signature valley wide event including the Hot Air Balloon Morning Launches & Evening GLOWS and a spectacular Air Show , with headline performances by the world famous US Navy Blue Angels Jet Demonstration Team
Balloons:	Including 60-100 Sports, Commercial and Special Shape Hot Air Balloons.
Aircraft:	Current Air Force and Navy Military Aircraft and Warbird aerial demonstrations. The Main Event will feature the US Navy Blue Angels Jet Team's 60th Anniversary Tour , the US Air Force F-16 Demonstration Team and the famous US Air Force Heritage Flights. See WWII through Vietnam Vintage Warbird aircraft. Current Jet fighter aircraft on static display and flying and multiple Civilian Aerobatic performers will take to the skies.

EVENTS & ATTRACTION HIGHLIGHTS – 32nd Annual Show:

Thunderbird Balloon Classic – The Friday and Saturday EVENING DESERT GLOWS include a field full of illuminated; tethered; hot-air balloons including special shapes that glow choreographed to music. **MORNING LIFTOFFS** on Saturday and Sunday include hot-air balloons launching from the flight line. Spectators are encouraged to walk amongst the balloons on the flight line, visit with the pilots, take photos and watch the balloons inflate and lift off.

Thunderbird Air Classic – featuring **THE US NAVY BLUE ANGELS JET DEMONSTRATION TEAM FLYING THE AWESOME F/A-18 HORNET**. **Current Military Jets, Vintage Warbird Aircraft and Civilian Aerobatics**, to be on static display and flying formations and aerial demonstrations both days. The **WARBIRD REUNION** brings together privately owned military aircraft from WWII, Korea and Vietnam, that include a B-25 Bomber, P-51 Mustang, a Japanese Zero and a F6f Hellcat Demonstration and Vintage jets like the F-86 Sabre and a Russian MIG 17 and MIG 21 Jet Demonstration. Multiple L-39 jet fighters will make an appearance as well as flybys by a Navy TBM Bomber, a British Spitfire, T-28 and T-6 military trainers and many others. These beautiful and rare aircraft will perform in the air, fly formations and aerobatic routines for show patrons. Other current military acts to fly include the US Air Force F-16 Demonstration Team and the famous US Air Force Heritage Flights, that pair current fighters with rare vintage fighter aircraft. A variety of specialty, classic, cargo and training aircraft will also be on static display. Civilian acts headline performances by **Tim Weber** in his Geico Extra 300, **Jon Melby** in his Pitts aerobatic aircraft and Michael in the Flight for Diabetes always thrill the crowds. **Exact type and number of Aircraft & Flying Schedules can change up to the time of the show.**

Other Attractions – Manfred Radius and Canadian Ken Fowler bring their spectacular and beautiful night pyro shows to Phoenix both Friday and Saturday nights. For the kids, don't miss the ***Kid's Breakfast** presented by Arizona Milk Producers (free breakfast for the first 500 children on Saturday Only). Many **Kid's Zone** activities are available and don't miss the **Commercial & Aviation Expo** with close to 100 vendors for your shopping pleasure with lots of great merchandise...and bring your big appetite to the Fabulous Food Court. **** ALL EVENTS AND ATTRACTIONS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE any time upto day of show.**

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Admission: Daily Adult Ticket: Fri \$12; Sat-Sun \$20. Daily Senior/Military Ticket: Fri \$10; Sat-Sun \$18. Children 6-12yrs: Fri \$8; Sat-Sun \$10. Children 5yrs and under FREE –purchased at the gate; Family Pak \$50, good for two adults and up to four children; Public and Handicapped parking is available. Event is handicapped accessible. **PLEASE CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR ADVANCE PURCHASE DISCOUNT TICKETS**

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