



Airshows: Alive and well in Canada

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The 2013 Canadian air show season will kick off June 1st at the Waterloo Airshow in Ontario. The Royal Canadian Air Force Snowbirds and CF-18 Demo will highlight the show. Additional performances will include aerobatic pilots Rick Volker, Gord Price and Kent Pietsch.

Father's Day Weekend will see the annual Hamilton Airshow hosted by the Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum. Despite having the Snowbirds and CF-18 Demo the Airshow's star attraction will be the first appearance in Canada by the Military Aviation Museum's recently restored de Havilland Mosquito. Flying with the Museum's Avro Lancaster the Mosquito will take flight with the Vintage Wings of Canada and Military Aviation Museum's Spitfires and Hurricanes to perform an incredible Battle of Britain Memorial Flight.

June is the month for air shows in Ontario with the Great Lakes International Airshow in St. Thomas closing out the month on 29-30 June. This great event will also feature the Snowbirds and CF-18 Demo along with several other North American acts. June will also see the Bagotville International Airshow take-flight in Quebec on 22-23 June. Always a good showcase for the Canadian Armed Forces.

July sees the Snowbirds and CF-18 Demo move to Central and Western Canada for a number of air shows. July 6-7 sees the Canada Remembers Our Heroes at Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. This is followed by the Airdrie Regional Airshow on the 13-14th in Alberta and the Alberta International Airshow in Leftbridge on the 20-21st.

The following weeks will see several air shows in British Columbia. The Fort St. John Airshow will take flight on July 27-28, Skyfest Quesnel Airshow on August 3-4 and the revered Abbotsford Airshow on August 10-11th.

August 28th will see the return of the Brantford Charity Airshow and feature the Snowbirds and CF-18 Demo. Labour Day weekend has always been reserved for the Canadian International Airshow in Toronto. The popular Wings Over Ottawa-Gatineau Airshow will take place on September 14-15.

The Snowbirds Demonstration Team along with the CF-18 Demonstration Team will perform at many more locations across Canada. Follow the Teams on Facebook or their Government websites for a complete list of venues.