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2nd Annual “Go Fly Zone” Takes Off With Physics of Flight Demonstrations

At the National Naval Aviation Museum on Saturday, May 30

Pensacola, Fla.—May 20, 2009—Discover the magic of flight at the 2nd Annual “Go Fly Zone” event from 10 a.m.–2 p.m. on Saturday, May 30 at the National Naval Aviation Museum. Get into the “zone” with model aircraft demonstrations, live bird exhibitions, a paper airplane-making contest and more!

Visitors will also have a chance to climb inside a real F/A-18 *Hornet* cockpit, grab the controls and imagine taking off towards the clouds in the pilot’s seat of the same aircraft flown by the prestigious Blue Angels demonstration team. Guests are encouraged to bring cameras to capture these special moments.

The National Flight Academy team will be on hand to demonstrate one of their high-tech flight simulator prototypes. Be one of the first in the area to experience the excitement and wonder of flight while learning Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) principles.

The Wildlife Sanctuary of Northwest Florida will present a different perspective on the mechanics of flight with discussions and exhibitions of live birds from the sanctuary, including a screech owl, a great horned owl, an American kestrel and an albino turkey vulture with an eight-foot wingspan. The non-profit organization works year-round to provide care for injured or orphaned indigenous wildlife.

The complete schedule of events is as follows:

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| 10 a.m.-Noon | Radio-Controlled Model Aircraft Demonstrations by Northwest Florida Modelers, Inc. inside Blue Angels Atrium
Northwest Florida Modelers, Inc. will perform a model aircraft air show with small radio-controlled electric airplanes. |
| 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m. | Just Plane Fun Paper Airplane Crafting inside Blue Angels Atrium
U.S. Air Force 2 nd Lt. Sean Wolf and Ken Blackburn, Guinness World Record Holder for time aloft for a paper airplane, will instruct kids at airplane-crafting stations on different ways create their own high-flying paper airplane. Blackburn holds the Guinness Record for time aloft for a paper airplane at 27.6 seconds and penned four paper airplane books, “The World Record Paper Airplane Book,” ” Kids’ Paper Airplane Book,” “Pocket Flyers” and “Aviation Legends Paper Airplane Book.” |
| Noon & 1p.m. | Outta Sight Flight with the Wildlife Sanctuary of Northwest Florida Birds inside Blue Angels Atrium
The Wildlife Sanctuary of Northwest Florida will discuss the physics of flight with live birds from the sanctuary during two 20-minute sessions in the Blue Angels Atrium. |
| 1:30 p.m. | Just Plane Fun paper airplane flying contest inside Blue Angels Atrium
You’ve crafted them, now see if they can fly! Kids of all ages are invited to compete in a friendly paper airplane competition, judged by Guinness World Record Holder, Ken Blackburn. Prizes will be awarded for first-place finishers in each age category. |

Admission to the Museum is FREE. For a complete list of upcoming events at the Museum, visit www.navalaviationmuseum.org or call the Naval Aviation Museum Foundation at (850) 453-2389 or (800) 327-5002.

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About the National Naval Aviation Museum

The National Naval Aviation Museum features nearly 300,000 square feet of displays and is one of the world's largest aviation museums. Located aboard Pensacola Naval Air Station, the facility boasts more than 150 beautifully restored aircraft representing Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard aviation and is Florida's most-visited museum. Among the countless things to touch, see and experience are thrilling Top Gun Air Combat flight simulators, a variety of special exhibits as well as the drama and power of amazing IMAX® films. The Cubi Bar Café offers a unique dining experience, and the Flight Deck Store is the perfect place to find a memento of the spirit of Naval aviation. Museum admission is free. The National Naval Aviation Museum is open daily from 9 a.m.–5 p.m., except Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and New Year's Day. For more information, visit NavalAviationMuseum.org.

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