

Media Advisory
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Enter the “Go Fly Zone” at the National Naval Aviation Museum
Special Event to Feature Radio-Controlled Aircraft, Bird Presentations, Paper Airplane Contest
Saturday, August 9

Pensacola, Fla.—July 24, 2008—Let your imagination soar at the first “Go Fly Zone” event from 8:30 a.m.–4 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 9 at the National Naval Aviation Museum. The free event will feature activities throughout the day such as radio-controlled model aircraft demonstrations, picture opportunities in a real Blue Angels’ cockpit and a chance to learn the physics of flying from bird experts Dorothy Kaufman and Linda Hartmann.

The day’s main event will feature Ken Blackburn, Guinness World Record Holder for time aloft for a paper airplane. Blackburn will demonstrate his record-breaking plane design and instruct kids on how to copy his signature, sky-soaring techniques. A friendly paper airplane competition will follow with prizes for the first place finishers. The complete schedule of events is as follows:

- **Radio-Controlled Model Aircraft Demonstrations.** 8:30–10 a.m., Flight Line behind Museum. Northwest Florida Modelers, Inc. will perform a model aircraft air show with models as large as 50 percent of their original size and with wingspans ranging from 5-10 feet. Model aircraft such as a P-51, P-47, F-18, T-6, Corsair and an Extra will dazzle flight fans. Bleachers will be available for seating. Several WWII vintage aircraft and other planes also will be on display for visitors to view.
- **Picture Perfect with Blue Angel cockpit.** 11 a.m.–1 p.m., Atrium. Children are invited to have their photo taken in a real Blue Angels cockpit wearing a flight jacket for \$5, donated to the Museum Foundation.
- **Outta Sight Flight #1.** 11–11:30 a.m., Atrium. Dorothy Kaufman and Linda Hartmann from the Northwest Florida Wildlife Sanctuary will discuss the mechanics of flying with 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 wing span.
- **Just Plane Fun** 11 a.m.–4 p.m., Atrium. Ken Blackburn, Guinness World Record Holder for time aloft for a paper airplane, will instruct kids at airplane-crafting stations on different ways to make a 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.” A **book signing** with Blackburn will be held from 2-4 p.m. in the Flight Deck Store.
- **Outta Sight Flight #2** 12:30–1 p.m. Atrium. Dorothy Kaufman and Linda Hartmann from the Northwest Florida Wildlife Sanctuary will discuss the mechanics of flying with 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 wing span.
- **Just Plane Fun Competition** 1–2 p.m. Atrium. The fun really gets soaring as kids compete in a friendly paper airplane competition, judged by Guinness World Record Holder, Ken Blackburn. Prizes will be awarded for first-place finishers.
- **“Fighter Pilot” Special Drawing** 3 p.m. IMAX® “Magic of Flight” ticket-holders will be entered into a drawing to win a gift certificate from the Flight Deck Store.

Admission to the Museum is FREE. For a complete list of events and exhibits 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 Museum of Naval Aviation

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 is a thrilling Top Gun flight simulator, 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 everyday from 9 a.m.–5 p.m., except Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and New Year's Day. For more information, visit NavalAviationMuseum.org.