



Formation Aerobatic Demonstration Team

Media Kit

About the Team:

Combining both precision formation and graceful aerobatics, there is never a moment the spectators are not totally captivated by the Aerostars thrilling demonstration. Performing in the Yak 52TW, a 400-hp Soviet Trainer, the Aerostars fly within a few feet of each other at speeds exceeding 250 mph. From graceful formation loops and barrel rolls to a break-away cross, bomb burst, and opposing passes, the Aerostars make formation aerobatics look effortless. A unique design of the Yak 52 allows the Aerostars pilots to perform sustained inverted maneuvers not possible in most other aircraft. The deep roar of three 9-cylinder radial engines singing in harmony and billowing smoke will surely bring crowds to their feet.

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Team Members:

Team Lead: Harvey Meek

Harvey first soloed at age 16 and earned a Private Pilot License shortly after his 17th birthday. After graduating from college, he joined the military where he accumulated 2500 hours in fighters and training jets. His military service included duty with an operational fighter squadron in Europe, followed by a tour with a pilot training unit where he held positions of Senior Instructor Pilot, Check Pilot and Flight Commander. Harvey has over 24 years of flying experience spanning almost every corner of the globe, holds Airline Transport Pilot Licenses in three countries and, at present, flies for a major international airline. He has flown a wide variety of military and civilian types, ranging from light aircraft, to F-18 Hornets to the 747-400. Presently, however, the airplane he most enjoys flying is the Yak 52TW.

#2 Left Wing: Paul Hornick

Paul has 15 years of flying experience with over 5000 hours of flight time in aircraft ranging from a Piper Cub to an Airbus A300. He holds an Airline Transport Pilot Certificate, Flight Engineer Certificate, Gold Seal Flight Instructor Certificate with Single and Multi Engine and an Instrument Ratings. Paul is currently employed by a major freight airline, flying domestically and internationally as a First Officer. While at his current airline, he has held positions in the Engineering Test Flight Department, Flight Standards Department, and Flight Crew Training Department. .

#3 Right Wing: David Monroe

Dave was born in Minneapolis and grew up in an airline family. He soloed at the age of 16 and obtained his Private Pilot License on his 17th birthday. Dave is currently a B-767 International Captain for a major airline with experience as a Check Airman, Certified Flight Instructor, and Advanced Aerobatic Competition Pilot. Dave graduated from National University in San Diego and has over 23,000 hours of flying time in many different aircraft.

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About the Yak 52TW Aerobatic Aircraft

Team Aerostar performs in the Yak 52TW. This Russian designed radial engine trainer was conceived in the early 1970's by the Yakovlev Design Bureau. The Yak 52 soon became the standard training aircraft for most former Eastern Block Countries. The Yak 52 is currently produced in Bacau, Romania by the Aerostar S.A. Factory.

Empty weight: 1980 lbs

Span: 32 feet

Length: 27 feet

Construction: All metal construction

Engine: 400 horsepower nine cylinder M14PF-XDK fully aerobatic engine.

Propeller: MTV- 9

Max Speed: 262 mph

Max G Load: +7/-5

Climb: 3200' per minute