



Aerostars 2008 Season Summary

The Aerostar's season concluded this year with our final air show performance on the 20th of September. Our calendar of events started in February, about six weeks earlier than prior years, with a show in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.

Overall Highlights

Shows attended	15
Performances flown	41
Number of States covered	9
Military Events	4

In 2008, the Aerostars flew 41 performances at 15 shows throughout the eastern United States. A first this year, we left the country to perform in the Dominican Republic at an event commemorating the Dominican Air Force's 60th anniversary. This was a huge public event for the Dominican Republic and was extremely well attended by the general public. Many VIP's and dignitaries, including the President of the Dominican Republic, were in attendance.

Originally, our schedule was booked for 18 shows, however three cancelled their events. We performed in nine states as follows: Florida (2), Georgia (1), Indiana (1), Iowa (2), Louisiana (1), Michigan (2), New York (1), North Carolina (1) and Wisconsin (3). The Aerostars were honored to be invited back to perform at Sun N Fun and delighted to have flown for the first time at Air Venture in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. It was our great privilege to fly in front of the men and women serving in the U.S. military at three separate and prestigious events; Ft. Drum Army Air Field, Alpena Michigan and the Tyndall Air Force Base Salute to America's Heroes. Including the show in the Dominican Republic, which had a high level of US military participation, a total of four military shows were flown in 2008.

The total combined attendance for all of the shows in which we performed in 2008 was 2.4 million people. Notwithstanding the usual high level of media coverage at air shows, we were extremely pleased to discover a photo of the team adorning the front cover of this year's Air Venture Visitors Guide. We were also very excited to be one of the photos featured on the cover, and inside, the annual edition of Aviation Week and Space Technology's photo contest!

Some Interesting Numbers

The table below highlights some interesting statistics we compiled for transiting to and from shows in 2008.

	One aircraft	Team
Total Distance flown – all shows	11270 miles	33810 miles
Time in transit	82 hours	246 hours
Fuel used in transit	1312 gallons	3936 gallons
Cost of transit fuel (Average \$5.50 per gallon)	\$7216	\$21648
Oil used in transit	164 quarts	492 quarts

Sponsorship

This year the team was delighted to welcome three new sponsors, Lowrance, Champion Aerospace and Ingenium. Ingenium's sponsorship is depicted to reflect its three distinct entities, Ingenium Aerospace, Ingenium Testing and Ingenium Technologies.

In addition to our new sponsors for 2008, the Aerostars would like to recognize and thank our sponsors who have supported us in 2008 and prior years. They are: Byron Bank, Cannon Aviation Insurance, Goodyear Aviation, Citizens Finance, XeVision, EZ Heat, Conoco Phillips, Sennheiser, Motorstar and SC Aerostar SA.

Looking Ahead to 2009

In the coming months we will get ready for the 2009 season. Our aircraft will be disassembled, inspected and prepared for our pre season training in the early spring. Preparations are under way for the 2009 ICAS convention, a gathering of air show industry participants, scheduled for the second week in December. Most important, however, the team will take some much needed time and spend it with our families, whose support makes our operation possible.