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California Capital Airshow to Host National Aviation Heritage Invitational Competition

Prestigious competition adds to an already exciting airshow

Sacramento, Calif. – The California Capital Airshow (CCA), presented by Sacramento County in partnership with the City of Rancho Cordova, will be the new home for the National Aviation Heritage Invitational (NAHI) beginning in 2017.

“This partnership is a marriage of missions,” said CCA Executive Director Darcy Brewer. “Massive and historic Mather Airport provides endless space to grow for the annual NAHI competition. And these valuable aviation treasures will be a meaningful addition to the California Capital Airshow, which already draws fans from across the nation and beyond.”

NAHI supports the preservation of a rich aviation heritage by encouraging the restoration of vintage aircraft to airworthy condition. The Invitational’s judges review participating restored aircrafts against standard criteria developed by the Smithsonian Institution's National Air and Space Museum, which includes authenticity, quality of workmanship, attention to detail and technical merit.

Trophies are awarded in five categories: antique, classic, contemporary, military and large aircraft. The overall winning aircraft is awarded the Neil A. Armstrong Aviation Heritage Trophy. In addition, the National Aviation Hall of Fame's People's Choice trophy will be awarded to the aircraft that receives the largest number of votes cast by the attendees at the two-day California Capital Airshow event on September 9-10, 2017. Tickets are now available for all fans at CaliforniaCapitalAirshow.com or the Rancho Cordova Chamber of Commerce.

NAHI was formally established in 1998 by Rolls-Royce, the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum, National Aviation Hall of Fame and the Reno Air Racing Foundation. NAHI held its first competition in 1999 at Stead Field outside of Reno, Nevada, concurrent with the Reno Air Races, until 2015. To date, NAHI has hosted over 20 competitions which each feature an average of 25 to 35 outstanding examples of expertly restored vintage aircrafts.

About California Capital Airshow

Established in 2004, the California Capital Airshow uses the power and magic of flight to entertain and amaze tens of thousands of attendees annually at historic Mather Airport for one of the largest and most prestigious demonstrations of a century of military and civilian aircraft on display and in the sky. Year round, the California Capital Airshow 501c3 is dedicated to inspiring a life-long passion for STEM education and careers, with a variety of youth events, presentations and scholarships that help drive the future of aeronautics and encourage young people to reach for the stars. For more information about discount tickets, performer details, sponsorship or volunteer opportunities, please visit CaliforniaCapitalAirshow.com