

AVALON2009 UPDATE

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GET READY TO TAKE OFF

Preparations for the Australian International Airshow are well underway and airports, general aviation associations and owners of 'Special Interest' aircraft will be 'over the moon' with the facilities being provided for them at next years Airshow.

Airshows Downunder CEO Ian Honnery says he's delighted with the response from general aviation and 'Special Interest' aircraft owners and associations.

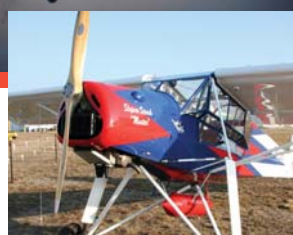
"One of the major draw cards of the Airshow is the opportunity for the general public to view the many special general aviation aircraft on display", Mr Honnery says. "It's also a great opportunity for air sport and GA associations to promote themselves to a massive audience of aviation enthusiasts."

DEDICATED TO SHOWING OFF YOUR ASSET

Attend any Airshow around the world and you can get up close and personal with some of the most advanced aircraft in the world.

What sets AVALON2009 apart is the vast cross section of aircraft types on show. A microlight could be parked close to the military might of the Royal Australian Air Force.

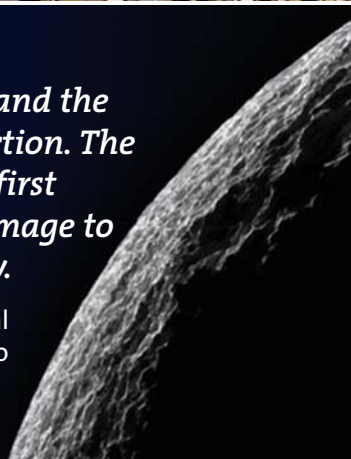
By registering as a 'Special Interest' aircraft, your pride and joy could be on display for the thousands of visitors expected at AVALON2009.



TOWARDS TOMORROW

The theme for AVALON2009 is 'Towards Tomorrow' and the Airshows Downunder team is ready to blast into action. The Airshow will celebrate the 40th anniversary of the first manned mission to land on the moon, and pay homage to the advances in aviation and aerospace technology.

Australia's own Astronaut, Andy Thomas will be the Airshow's special guest. Andy says he was fascinated by space as a child, and he got to live the dream when he made his first mission into space on the Endeavour Space Shuttle in 1996.



ROCKET MAN

AVALON2009 will also showcase the latest technology in personal flight machines. It's a concept that has captured the world's imagination since being made popular in comic books and science fiction movies.

Personal Jet Packs or Jet Belts are available around the world, and the Australian International Airshow will bring you its very own 'Rocketman'.

With the price of jet fuel soaring, maybe a personal flying machine will be the way of the future.



FLYING IN TO AVALON2009

The AVALON2009 Website has been re-launched and it's a comprehensive information guide for all aircraft operators planning to fly into the event.

Flight arrival and departure information, approach paths, online manual and registration forms, marshalling signals, ground support information and much more are available on the website.

Group Manager for Aircraft Operations, Nick LeRay-Meyer says flying to the Airshow is now easier than ever before.

"Don't be put off by the daunting prospect of flying into an airfield with over 600 aircraft on display", Mr LeRay-Meyer says. "We have made the process easier with detailed information and even photographs of your arrival and departure flight paths into Avalon."

For all operational procedures and to find out more about the benefits available to those owners of 'Special interest' aircraft who have been invited to attend AVALON2009, visit www.airshow.com.au Registration forms are available online.



GENERAL AVIATION RALLY

Once again, a general aviation Air Rally will be staged in conjunction with the Australian International Airshow.

It is a unique opportunity to meet and mix with fellow aviators from all parts of the country and to become part of one of the largest gatherings of aviation enthusiasts in Australia.

The General Aviation Air Rally will begin at the Golburn Valley Aeroclub on Saturday 7 March 2009, and then take a leisurely tour around Victoria visiting wineries, restaurants and other points of interest. The Rally will descend into Avalon on Wednesday 11 March.

On Thursday 12 March, the traditional 'Around the Bay Air Regatta' will again be staged, with exciting prizes awarded for those pilots and crews who can successfully complete the observation questionnaire.

For further information regarding the General Aviation Air Rally please contact Murray Feddersen on 0418 469041 or email mfeddersen@amda.com.au

