



PROPOSAL TO HOST  
**THE 33RD FAI WORLD  
AEROBATIC CHAMPIONSHIPS**  
IN BATAVIA, NEW YORK

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# Overview

Our goal is to deliver on the elements contained within this bid to provide a world level competition that meets CIVA requirements and excels in hospitality for an overall expectation-exceeding experience for competitors and attendees in August of 2026 at KGVQ Genesee County Airport in Batavia, New York

- Experienced team of event organizers
  - Shad Coulson - 2 consecutive years producing U.S. Nationals
  - Pete & Doreen Zeliff - 2 consecutive years producing Wings Over Batavia
- Proven location
  - FSDO support for box / waived airspace
  - Ports of Entry / Commercial Flights
- Abundant amenities
  - 20,800 sq ft of total hangar space, facilities, fuel, smoke oil, hotels, restaurants
- Supportive local community
  - Local government backing for the event



# Contest Site Overview

Genesee County Airport - Batavia, New York (KGVQ)

Field elevation of 913.5 ft. / 278.4 m

CTAF: 122.7 AWOS: 127.525 (585-343-6369)

Runway 10 / 28 - 5499 x 100 ft. / 1676 x 30 m, paved asphalt

Non-towered airfield surrounded by mostly farmland

Has been used for two consecutive years as the site of Wings Over Batavia airshow

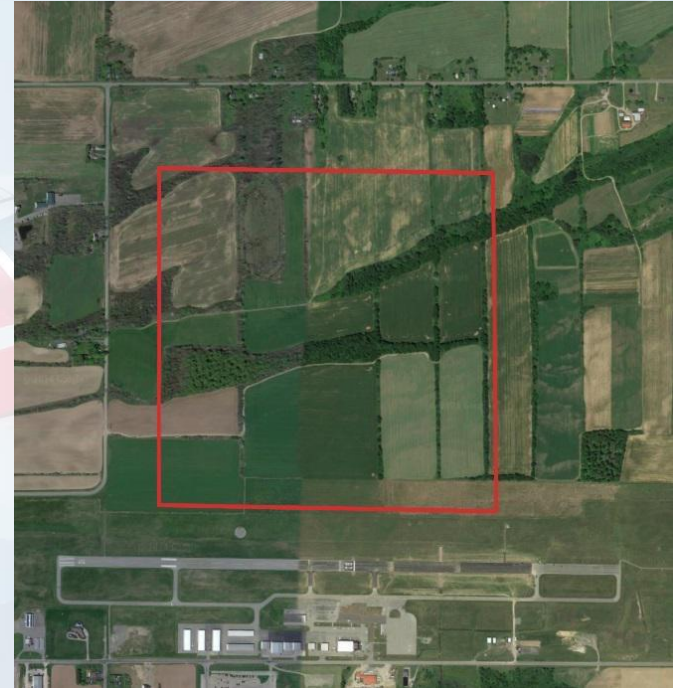
Air conditioned spaces, restrooms, mechanic on site

Fuel available on site - truck, self-serve, 8,000 gal tank

Fully accessible box (no issues accessing wind direction arrows)

Aerobatic Box Heights

- Floor - 1,241 ft. / 378.26 m
- Ceiling - 4,413 ft. / 1,345.08 m



# Hangar Accommodations

20,800 sq ft / 1,932.38 sq m of hangar space available for use both for planes and hospitality

- Hangar 1 - 4,900 sq ft / 455.23 sq m
  - Strictly aircraft
- Hangar 2 - 4,900 sq ft / 455.23 sq m
  - Strictly aircraft
- Hangar 3 - 11,000 sq ft / 1,021.93 sq m
  - Hospitality
  - Aircraft Overflow
  - Office Space / Admin
- Hangar 4 - 3,600 sq ft / 334.45 sq m
  - Strictly aircraft
  - Office Space



# Judges Station Overview

## East and West judges stations

- In flattened fields
- Vehicular access
- Portable restrooms / hydration / snacks on location

## South Judges station

- In front of the FBO on pavement
- Restrooms / hydration / snacks on location

## North judges station

- Not expected to be needed, sun will always be at judges
- Has been approved by landowners as an accessible location (if needed)



# Judges & Contest Officials

The following official positions will be required to attend:

- 3 members from the International Jury
- 1 Chief Judge
- 2 Assistants to the Chief Judge
- 7 Judges and 1 additional backup judge
- 7 Assistant judges and and 1 additional backup assistant judge

*The members assigned to these positions are to be determined.*



# Practice Airfields

Bethany Airpark (8NK4) - Private, can get approval

- Runway 9/27: Turf, 2800' x 75' (853 x 23 m)
- 5 NM South of GVQ

Geneseo (D52)

- Runway 5/23: Turf, 5000' x 90' (1524 x 27 m)
- 20 NM South East of GVQ

LeRoy (5G0)

- Runway 10/28: Asphalt, 3854' x 60' (1175 x 18 m)
- 11 NM East of GVQ

Perry-Warsaw (01G)

- Runway 10/28: 3429' x 60' (1045 x 18 m)
- 18 NM South of GVQ





# Commercial Airports & Shipping Ports

## **KBUF - Buffalo International Airport**

- Buffalo, New York, USA
- 40 Minute drive to contest site

## **KROC - Frederick Douglass Greater Rochester International Airport**

- Rochester, New York, USA
- 40 Minute drive to contest site

## **KIAG - Niagara Falls International Airport**

- Niagara Falls, New York, USA
- 1 Hour drive to contest site

## **YYZ - Toronto Pearson International**

- Toronto, Ontario, Canada
- 3 hour drive to contest site
- 1 border crossing

## **Port of New York and New Jersey , USA**

- Shipping (water) port with multiple terminals
- Commercial flights in the vicinity from KJFK, KLGA, KEWR
- 6 hour drive to contest site

## **Ports America Chesapeake - Baltimore, Maryland, USA**

- Shipping (water) Port with multiple terminals
- Commercial flights in the vicinity from KBWI

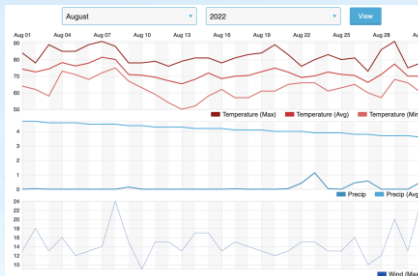
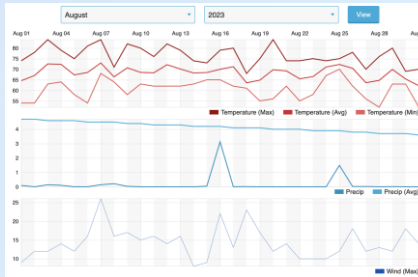
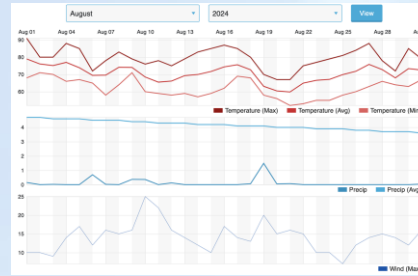


# Historical Weather

Historical weather reports indicate favorable flying conditions during the proposed practice and contest period. The average historical temperature over the last three years is 70.3 F with an average wind speed of 7 mph, and average precipitation of .13 inches making the proposed contest period ideal.

## Wind Speed Measurement

- Wind speed measuring equipment in the form of airplanes or balloons will be utilized to take measurements at both 300 m and 600 m



## Summary

Temperature (°F)	Max	Average	Min	
Max Temperature	91	79.55	67	
Aug Temperature	79	70.6	59.83	
Min Temperature	71	61.87	52	
Dew Point (°F)	Max	Average	Min	
Dew Point	73	61.15	48	
Precipitation (in)	Max	Average	Min	Sum
Precipitation	1.48	0.11	0.00	3.44
Snowdepth	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Wind (mph)	Max	Average	Min	
Wind	25	7.18	0	
Gust Wind	43	2.13	0	
Sea Level Pressure (in)	Max	Average	Min	
Sea Level Pressure	29.7	29.42	29.05	

## Summary

Temperature (°F)	Max	Average	Min	
Max Temperature	84	75.55	68	
Aug Temperature	72.87	68.33	62.16	
Min Temperature	70	60.42	52	
Dew Point (°F)	Max	Average	Min	
Dew Point	71	59.71	45	
Precipitation (in)	Max	Average	Min	Sum
Precipitation	3.13	0.18	0.00	5.43
Snowdepth	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Wind (mph)	Max	Average	Min	
Wind	26	7.34	0	
Gust Wind	41	2.41	0	
Sea Level Pressure (in)	Max	Average	Min	
Sea Level Pressure	29.65	29.33	28.99	

## Summary

Temperature (°F)	Max	Average	Min	
Max Temperature	91	82	73	
Aug Temperature	81.42	72.1	65.38	
Min Temperature	75	62.61	50	
Dew Point (°F)	Max	Average	Min	
Dew Point	73	61.31	41	
Precipitation (in)	Max	Average	Min	Sum
Precipitation	1.14	0.11	0.00	3.37
Snowdepth	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Wind (mph)	Max	Average	Min	
Wind	24	7.34	0	
Gust Wind	37	2.07	0	
Sea Level Pressure (in)	Max	Average	Min	
Sea Level Pressure	29.6	29.4	29.14	



# Safety & Security Plan

The official practice and contest period will take place on a gated airport property. The gate will be accessible via gate card, which will be administered or accessible via contest organizers.

During the contest period, there will be first aid and someone trained in CPR available on site. Ambulance and medical services are accessible with a typical response time of 10 minutes via a 911 phone call. Med-evac helicopter services (through Mercy Flight - critical care) are available.

## Hospitals and Medical Care Centers:

- United Memorial Medical Center (5 minute drive)
- Strong Memorial Hospital (35 minute drive)
- Rochester General Hospital (45 minute drive)
- Buffalo General Hospital (45 minute drive)



# Flight Procedures, Programs, & Aircraft

Non-Towered Airport. Contest will be NOTAMed. Local Officials and Airport operators are in support of the event. All flight operations will be coordinated via two-way radio.

Proposed programs to be flown are as follows:

**Program 1:** Free Known

**Program 2 through 4:** Free Unknowns

**Programme 5:** 4 - Minute Freestyle

Contestant liaisons will support in the sourcing of aircraft for those that do not wish to bring their own. Our competitor liaisons will work directly with competitors and teams that need access to aircraft to help source an aircraft and to provide guidance on obtaining a temporary U.S. license (validation) to operate the aircraft.

For those that wish to have their planes shipped or air-freighted, we can recommend the following Broker for consultation who has specific experience with shipping aerobatic aircraft:

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# Proposed Schedule of Events

## Proposed Unofficial Practice Days

- Before August 18th

## Proposed Official Practice Days - On Site

- Tentatively August 18th - August 21st

## Proposed Opening Ceremonies

- August 22th in the evening

## Proposed Contest Flying

- August 22th - August 31st

## Proposed Closing Ceremonies

- August 31th in the evening after the completion of the 4-minute free

*These dates may change as we plan and coordinate with the Wings Over Batavia Airshow occurring on September 5 - 6*



# Hospitality & Experience

## Hotels

- Teams will be hosted at one of the following hotels within a 5 minute drive to the airfield: Hampton Inn, Fairfield Inn, Holiday Inn, Batavia Downs (multiple hotels within 1.5 miles of contest site)
- Hotels offer continental breakfast and have laundry on site

## Meals & Dining

- Breakfast will be provided at the hotel
- Hydration and snacks will be available throughout the contest period on site
- Lunch will be provided on site
- Dinner will be provided either on site or at an event location

## Transportation

- Vans will be available to and from the airport twice daily / morning and evening
- Transportation will be provided outside of van service as needed between hotel and airport as well as events for all Competitors / Team Members

## Shelter & Dedicated Team Villages

- Dedicated team spaces will be provided to all participating Teams either as an athlete village in the hangar or with dedicated independent tenting

## Wifi On Site



# Live Stream, Social, & Communications



We're proposing to live stream the contest, which our team has experience executing previously. The benefit to this being:

- Commercialization of the sport
- Benefits the local economy
- Watch access for friends and family of competitors
- Additional sponsorship opportunities that will aid in improving the contest experience
- Content will remain accessible online after the contest has ended

Contest updates and content will be regularly posted to both social media and on the main page of the contest website during the contest period.

All contest communications will be conducted via WhatsApp.



# Fee Proposal

Proposed fees include hotel (unless stated), transportation, meals (breakfast at hotel, lunch and dinner on site), fuel, smoke oil. \$350 USD (\$300 CHF) Sanctioning fee is included in the listed competitors entry fees to be passed through to CIVA.

	Before February 22, 2026	February 22 - July , 2026	After July 31, 2026
<b>Competitor (Single Room)</b>	\$3,600	\$3,800	\$4,000
<b>Competitor (Shared Room)</b>	\$3,000	\$3,200	\$3,400
<b>Competitor (No Room)</b>	\$2,400	\$2,600	\$2,800
<b>Other Team Member (Single Room)</b>	\$2,800	\$3,000	\$3,200
<b>Other Team Member (Shared Room)</b>	\$2,200	\$2,400	\$2,600
<b>Other Team Member (No Room)</b>	\$1,600	\$1,800	\$2,000





# Thank You From Our Team:

Shad Coulson - Contest Director (Produced U.S. Nationals previous two years)

Rob Holland - Consultant (National and World level competitor, Airshow Pilot)

John Smutny - Government Relations (FSDO/FAA)

Pete Zeliff - Local / Gov't / Hospitality

Doreen Hillard-Zeliff - Local / Gov't / Hospitality

Jennifer Vukovic - Planner / On-Site Competitor Liaison

Monique Hartmann - Communications / Competitor Liaison

