

BEST PRACTICES FOR EVENT ORGANIZERS *

Here is some material compiled by the International Council of Air Shows (ICAS) from air show organizers and air show performers that might be of interest. These suggestions can lessen the anxiety of both the event organizer and performers leading to a safer air show environment.

The information below is simply suggestions for the event organizer. Dr. D. has found that most event organizers have the air show situation well in hand and need no outside prodding.

Logistics: Fuel, and Smoke oil need to be at the aircraft well before performance time. Smoke oil should be supplied with a pump and suitable hose to cleanly and safely deliver it. Drinking water should be readily available on the flight line. Toilet facilities should be available near the flight line. If contracted a suitable hangar is ready when the performer arrives. If contracted the rental car should be easily available on the performers arrival.

Pre-Show Briefing: The briefing should be focused on safety. Be sure all presented material is clearly understood by all the attendants. All possible conflicts should be resolved before the briefing ends.

Crash Fire Rescue (CFR): Insure that CFR personnel learn the ingress/egress procedures of all performing aircraft. Ensure that the CFR vehicles have an unrestricted immediate access to the show box and runways. There is a tendency for CFR personnel to be lulled into the spirit of the air show and start viewing it as a spectator rather than essential working personnel and might not be immediately available if a emergency arises.

Performers Vehicles On The Ramp: Performers need easy access to their cars for tools, and equipment. Also for air conditioning and shade in hot weather.

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