

# WELCOME TO SKAGIT SKIES AIRSHOW

& COMMUNITY AVIATION FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, JUNE 28, 2025

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### AIRCRAFT, PERFORMERS, AND DEMONSTRATIONS:

*(NOT IN PERFORMANCE ORDER)*

**Undaunted:** Stephen “Christo” Christopher pilots the red and white side by side RV7 that he built ten years ago. Stephen has collected more than 2,500 hours flying across the country, with the Blackjack Squadron, in air shows with the West Coast Ravens, Lightning Formation, and at the Reno Air Races. Todd “Woody” Rudberg pilots the Orange RV8. Todd began flying with his dad as an infant in the late 1960s and grew up watching airshows with his family in the 1970s. Todd has logged more than 2500 hours in the RV8 alone.

**Melissa Burns:** Melissa is a professional aerobatic pilot, display skydiver and B.A.S.E. Jumper. In 2006, at 22 years old Melissa became the youngest female member of the United States Unlimited Aerobatic Team in history. Melissa was named the Fastest Woman in the World at the World Champion Wingsuit B.A.S.E. Jumping Race in Norway in 2015 and has participated in numerous Skydiving World Records.

**Smoke & Thunder Jet Car:** With a maximum speed of 450 mph, the Jet Car features a 10,000 horsepower Westinghouse jet engine. Hold on to your hats, plug your ears, and get ready to be amazed at the speed and power of this 26-foot long jet car driven by Air Force Veteran Bill Braack, as it goes from 0 to 400 mph in nine seconds.

**US Army Golden Knights Parachute Team:** The U.S. Army Parachute Team, known as the Golden Knights, is a demonstration and competition parachute team of the U.S. Army. The team consists of parachute teams, aircraft pilots, and those who handle jump logistics behind the scenes. The Golden Knights team excels under pressure performing for audiences at some of the largest festivals, airshows, and sporting events around the country.

**Commemorative Air Force, Rainier Squadron, Arlington WA:** CAF Rainier Squadron is here at Skagit Skies Airshow with their Stinson AT-19. The Stinson AT-19 was built in November 1944 as an AT-19-VW at the Stinson Aircraft factory in Wayne, Michigan. CAF is eager to share their Royal Navy Stinson Reliant (AT-19) and its rich aviation history with audiences throughout the PNW.

**1943 PBV-5A Catalina:** Once deployed as an anti-submarine patrol bomber, reconnaissance, and rescue aircraft in the North Sea, this 1943 PBV-5A Catalina served with the Royal Canadian Air Force’s 162nd Squadron out of Iceland. Today, she flies a new mission: education, preservation, and inspiration. Restored by the crew at Soaring by the Sea Foundation and powered by public support, she connects past and present with every takeoff.

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**US Navy Growler Team:** The Navy's EA-18G Growler Airshow Team is comprised of active-duty instructors assigned to Electronic Attack Squadron (VAQ) 129, located at Naval Air Station Whidbey Island. Through dynamic airshow performances the team highlights the aircraft's vital role in modern combat, while promoting public awareness and exposure to Naval Aviation and the importance of electronic warfare.

**Heritage Flight Museum:** History takes flight over the Skagit Valley at Heritage Flight Museum, founded by the late Major General William Anders. The museum features an unmatched collection of historical aircraft, vehicles, artifacts, photographs, and exhibits, including the P51 Mustang "Val-Halla" flying today.

**F8F Bearcat:** Considered the best performing piston fighter, the Bearcat replaced the F6F Hellcat and weighs almost 2,000 lbs. less than the Hellcat. The Bearcat was the second featured aircraft of the Blue Angels. The Erickson Aircraft Museum's Bearcat served with the Navy from 1948 to 1957 and was acquired by Erickson Aircraft Collection in September 2021.

**NAS Whidbey Island Search & Rescue:** The NAS Whidbey Island Search and Rescue team consists of three MH-60S helicopters, 10 pilots, 10 Rescue aircrewmembers and two SAR Medical Technicians (SMT's). This team is a one of a kind rescue unit, highly trained in both overwater and mountain rescue including helicopter rappel, hoist and mountain landing, and can conduct day or night operations.

**US Coast Guard Air Station Port Angeles:** USCG Air Station Port Angeles is responsible for conducting Search and Rescue, Law Enforcement/Homeland Security and Resource Protection activities in an area that includes the Strait of Juan De Fuca and the north western coast of Washington around the Olympic Peninsula and Puget Sound. The team will be demonstrating a MH-65 helicopter rescue.

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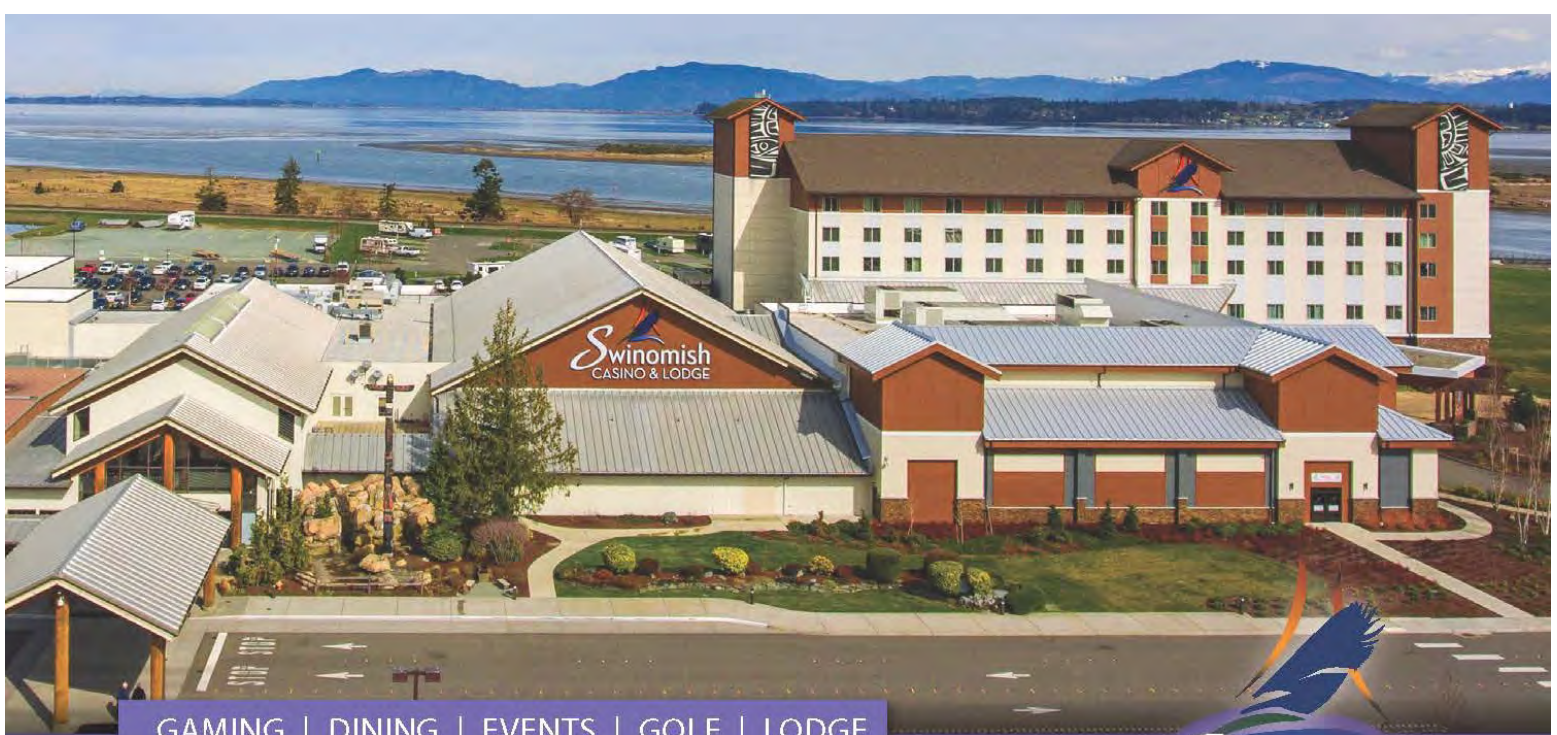
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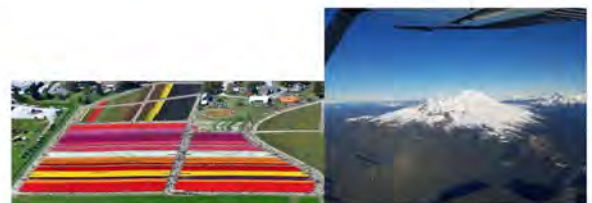
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