

GEICO Skytypers AIR SHOW TEAM 2018

SNJ-2
AIRCRAFT

AIRCRAFT INFO



SCHEDULE

Apr 21-22 • Vero Beach, FL
2018 Vero Beach Air Show

Apr 28-29 • Myrtle Beach, SC
Wings Over Myrtle Beach Air Show

May 5-6 • Fort Lauderdale, FL
Ford Lauderdale Air Show

May 12-13 • MacDill AFB, FL
Tampa Bay AirFest 2018

May 18-20 • Joint Base Langley Eustis, VA
Air Power Over Hampton Roads

May 26-27 • Jones Beach, NY
Bethpage Air Show at Jones Beach State Park

Jun 2-3 • NAS Patuxent River, MD
NAS Patuxent River Air Expo

Jun 9-10 • Quonset Point, RI
Rhode Island National Guard Open House Air Show

★ Jun 16-17 • Ocean City, MD
OC Air Show

Jul 14-15 • Westover ARB, MA
The Great New England Air and Space Show

Jul 25-29 • Oshkosh, WI
EAA Air Venture Oshkosh

★ Aug 23 • Atlantic City, NJ
2018 Atlantic City Airshow

Sep 22-23 • NAS Oceana, VA
2018 NAS Oceana Air Show

★ Oct 6-7 • Baltimore, MD
Maryland Fleet Week & Air Show Baltimore

Oct 27-28 • Jacksonville, FL
2018 NAS Jax Air Show

★ Miss GEICO vs. GEICO Skytypers Race

The SNJ by North American Aviation is a two-seat advanced trainer. This aircraft served as the classroom for most of the Allied pilots who flew during World War II. Called the T-6 Texan by the Army Air Corps, the Harvard by the RAF, and affectionately known as "the pilot-maker" by its crews, the SNJ was designed as a transition trainer between basic trainers and first-line tactical aircraft.

In all, the SNJ trained several hundred thousand pilots in 34 different countries. A total of 15,094 AT-6 variants were built. This remarkable and versatile aircraft was an evolution of North American Aviation's BC-1 basic combat trainer. The SNJ was designed by North American as a low-cost trainer with all the characteristics of a high-speed fighter. Although not as fast as a fighter, the SNJ was easy to maintain, repair, maneuver and handle. A pilot's airplane, it could roll, Immelmann loop, spin, snap, and vertical roll. It was designed to give the best possible training in all types of tactics, from ground strafing to bombardment to aerial dogfighting. The aircraft contained such versatile equipment as bomb racks, blind flying instrumentation, gun and standard cameras, fixed and flexible guns, and just about every other device that military pilots needed to operate.

The GEICO Skytypers Air Show Team operates the SNJ-2 version, which is the only model with the enlarged 180-gallon fuel tank. The extra fuel capacity allows the Skytypers to operate for more than four hours when conducting skytyping missions. In addition, the aircraft is eight inches shorter than the other variants, has a bigger, round rudder, and a non-steerable tail wheel. The fastest in the SNJ series, only 61 of this version were manufactured. Of the 61, there are only eleven of these airplanes remaining in the world, of which the GEICO Skytypers have six.

Dimensions - Wing Span: 42 feet 7 inches; Fuselage Length: 28 feet 11-7/8 inches

Weight - 4,954 lbs.

Seating - Tandem

Engine - Pratt & Whitney Wasp R-1340-36, 550-horsepower, air-cooled

Speed - 213 mph (TAS) at 6,000 feet; climb speed-140 mph; approach speed-110 mph; stall speed (clean)-74 mph

Crew - Two pilots, flown solo from the front cockpit only

Nicknames - Pilot Maker; Old Growler (USA)
Window Breaker (UK)
Mosquito (Korean War)
J-Bird (SNJ)

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