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F-22 Raptor Dazzles Dayton Crowds

Dayton, Ohio – A debut of the world’s most advance fighter aircraft, the U.S. Air Force F-22 Raptor, and an all-star lineup drew big crowds at the 2008 Vectren Dayton Air Show presented by Kroger. An estimated 76,000 spectators viewed the 34th annual show held at Dayton International Airport, a higher number than show officials expected.

“We are thrilled with the turnout at this year’s show,” stated Michael Emoff, Chairman of the United States Air & Trade show Board of Trustees producers of the show. “I want to thank the fans and volunteers for their support of this community event. Their dedication enables our non-profit organization to successfully produce the show each year.”

In addition to the Raptor, the show featured 2008 National Aviation Hall of Fame Inductee Sean D. Tucker, the Starfighters Jet Demonstration Team, U.S. Navy, U.S. Army and many other popular aerial and ground attractions. On Friday SOAR and Special Wish programs hosted over 1,500 children.

Planning is well underway for the 2009 show tentatively scheduled for July 18th and 19th. Organizers plan to continue the Dayton tradition of producing one of the nation’s most prestigious air shows.

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Founded in 1975, the Vectren Dayton Air Show presented by Kroger is one of the country’s premier air shows. The event showcases military jet demonstrations, world-class aerobatic champions and entertainment for the whole family celebrating Dayton’s rich aviation heritage as home of the Wright Brothers and Wright-Patterson Air Force Base.

America’s Greatest Air Show...Dayton’s Premier Summer Event