

## High-flying fun in Nampa: the airshow this weekend



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Get ready to ooh and aah: The Thunder Over Nampa airshow is back just in time for Father's Day.

A benefit for the Idaho Meth Project, Thunder Over Nampa takes over the Nampa Municipal Airport for two days Saturday and Sunday, June 14 and 15.

The event promises a dazzling display of aerobatics and flybys featuring four veteran stunt pilots.

Greg Poe, an award-winning stunt pilot who has made multiple national television appearances, will be flying his Fagen MX-2 stunt plane, which is powered by ethanol fuel.

Micron CEO Steve Appleton, an avid stunt pilot, will be in a Hawker Hunter, a jet fighter originating in the British Royal Air Force and used in combat during the 1950s and 1960s.

Pilots Mike Wiscus and Bob Finer will be flying Pitts Special aerobatic biplanes.

The air above Nampa Municipal Airport also will be filled with skydivers and radio-controlled aircraft.

In addition to the death-defying stunts taking place in the sky, airshow visitors will have plenty to peep at on the ground.

Helicopters and military and civilian planes will be featured in static displays, while motorcycle stunts riders will get some air of their own.

Food and product vendors also will be on hand. Parking is available at the airport and the Idaho Center, where a free shuttle will take people to the show. (Organizers expect 20,000 people to attend throughout the weekend.)

Proceeds from Thunder Over Nampa will go toward the Idaho Meth Project, a prevention and public awareness campaign started to combat the rise of methamphetamine use in the state.