

K-factor Nats News

Well, it's official. We are going to host the 2017 Precision Aerobatic Nationals at Blytheville, Arkansas. We have an enthusiastic community that has gone above and beyond to make this event occur in Blytheville. We have an exceptional flying site. Blytheville is immediately accessed from Interstate 55 an hour north of Memphis. The motels are very nice and there are plenty of good restaurants.

It will be from Tuesday July 25 thru July 29. The pilots meeting and opening ceremony will be the 25th. This year will be slightly different in that we are going to include Sportsman. They will not receive the same awards as all other classes but they will fly for 3 days. The purpose of the class has been as an intro to pattern and will be treated as such. Intermediate and advanced will fly 3 days. Masters will fly 3 days then have a finals. FAI will fly 2 days prelims, 1 day semis, and 1 day finals. The details of all that will be made available with your packet.

It is very important to book your motel as soon as possible. Here a list of motels and I strongly recommend you make reservations immediately. They are booked up quickly due to business.

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| 1. Holiday Inn- | 870-763-5800 | 114.95+tx |
| 2. Hampton Inn | 870 763 5220 | 114.95+tx |
| 3. Comfort Inn | 870 763 0900 | 104.50+tx |
| 4. Quality Inn | 870 763 7081 | 72.00+tx |

These are not all the motels. You can look up others on the internet.

Your entry fee will be higher, but it does include both a welcome dinner and the banquet meal, so the net result is actually a better value. Blytheville is hosting the picnic dinner. NSRCA is a sponsor of the Nats as well so all NSRCA members will get a membership discount off the entry fee.

We hope to have the ability to have all the practice sites available on the air base. We are also working on making 50amp hookups available for RVs. These will be available for a fee.

It is very important for you to book your motel ASAP. It is also important for you to register for the Nats soon as well.

This is an exciting time. We hope to include other activities as well. We are going to a city that is enthusiastic to have us. They have rolled out the red carpet. We plan to make this an event that you will remember for years to come.

Mike Harrison