

# Scott

AIRSHOWS



History  
& Mission



Dave Scott  
Aerobatic Pilot, Instructor, Author

Dave Scott is a rapidly rising aerobatic champion and airshow pilot who has dedicated his entire life to innovative aviation pursuits....

## History & Mission

Dave Scott grew up in Oshkosh, WI, home of the *Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA)* and the world's largest sport aviation convention and airshow. His father took him to his first EAA airshow when he was 1 year old. By the age of 10 he was riding his bike to the airport twice a day to watch landings, and as a teenager he volunteered during EAA to earn access to a front row seat to watch the airshow. It was during this time that Dave vowed to one day become an elite aerobatic pilot.

At the age of 9 Dave began actively flying radio control models with his father at the local R/C flying club. Ever mindful of one day flying full-scale aerobatics, he always tried to fly his models in a manner that mirrored his favorite full-scale performers. It didn't take long before his determination and attention to detail also made him a highly sought after flight instructor in his club. As his skills and reputation grew as a model flyer and instructor, people began offering to pay him to instruct on a scheduled basis, thus motivating him to keep improving his instruction techniques.

### First-of-its-kind Flight School

Encouraged by the increasing effectiveness of his teaching methods and the growing demand for structured training, Dave was convinced by his father and others to provide professional R/C flight training on a full-time basis and opened *1st U.S. R/C Flight School*.

Over the next two decades, Dave consolidated his system of accelerated flight training and expanded the business to cover all model airplane and helicopter skill levels. Along the way the school produced several national aerobatic champions and earned a reputation for unparalleled efficiency achieved through superior planning and tailoring the training to the individual needs of its students. Consequently, 1st U.S. R/C Flight School draws pilots from all over North America and classes are typically booked a year in advance.

In addition to training over 1700 R/C pilots, Dave has written numerous flight training manuals and regularly writes training articles for R/C airplane and helicopter magazines. Altogether, he's set the standard for professional R/C flight training and is recognized as the world leader in his field. As a result, 30+ companies have recognized the value of having their products associated with the flight school's unprecedented achievements and currently sponsor Dave's school.

## **Full-scale Competition**

Dave's career success made it possible for him to start pursuing his full-scale goals in 2004. The day after earning his pilot's license, he rented a full-scale aerobatic aircraft and began practicing using the techniques he developed training competition R/C pilots.

The combination of already knowing how to fly the maneuvers with models and understanding the value of planning to increase practice effectiveness gave him a distinct advantage. Hence, one month after getting his pilot's license, Dave entered his first aerobatic contest and won his category by an unprecedented margin over 20 other far more experienced pilots. He also won the prestigious *Highest Points Percentage* trophy awarded to the pilot who comes closest to achieving perfection at the contest.

Dave has since gone on to win the majority of contests he's entered, including the Mid America Championship and gold and silver medals at the US Nationals. He currently flies a high performance biplane that he custom built to compete at the Advanced level and fly airshows.

## **Airshow Flying**

Building on all his years watching the world's best airshow pilots perform at Oshkosh, Dave has developed an airshow routine unlike any other featuring a blend of continuous action, crisp precision and constant variety aimed at keeping spectators riveted on the performance. The mix of challenging maneuvers flown with rhythmic precision even inspired fellow pilots to coin the phrase "rhythmically crisp" to describe his distinctive flying style.

Yet the most engaging aspect of Dave's performance is the accompanying positive story about the kid who grew up in Oshkosh dreaming of following in the footsteps of the airshow pilots he watched perform during EAA. How he then created 1st U.S. R/C Flight School and later used the innovative techniques he developed teaching R/C pilots to become a champion full-scale aerobatic pilot; and ultimately how the airshow routine they are watching is living proof that through focus and determination dreams can come true!

## **Moving Forward**

Dave has successfully implemented his airshow methodology and established the important notoriety that comes from multiple competition wins. To continue his march toward becoming one of the premier performers in America, Dave is seeking to partner with a title sponsor who will fund his efforts in return for Scott Airshows promoting the sponsor's interests to the attractive airshow and pilot demographics....

According to the International Council of Air Shows (ICAS), airshows are the second most popular spectator sport in North America after baseball. Over 26 million people attend more than 400 airshows annually, and during the past decade airshows drew nearly twice the attendance of NFL football. Studies show that airshows draw men and women of all ages, and more than 70 percent of adult patrons attended or graduated college. Accordingly, a significant segment of those who attend airshows, including most of the 600,000 pilots in the U.S., have considerable purchasing power.

Altogether, Dave's dedication and track-record of innovative achievements are proof that his airshow and competition career moving forward will continue to be distinctive and thereby enable him to effectively increase his sponsor's exposure at airshows, media events, via logos on his airplane, etc..

Thank you for taking the time to consider teaming with Scott Airshows.



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