

THE PATRIOTS JET DEMONSTRATION TEAM

Sponsored by Fry's Electronics and Hot Line Construction, the Patriots L-39s electrify spectators with fast paced formation flying, choreographed four-ship diamond formation aerobatic maneuvers and their signature "Tail Slide" where the aircraft actually slides backwards toward the ground, something not performed by any other jet demonstration team. Performances highlighted by computerized red, white and blue smoke system are flown by lead pilot Dean "Wilbur" Wright, right wingman Rob "Stache" Hutchison, left wingman John "Boards" Posson and slot pilot Paul "Sticky" Strickland.



First debuting in 2003 as a two-ship team, the 2004 season saw the addition of a third aircraft creating even more fun and excitement at air shows. With the success of the 2005 season, the Patriots added a fourth jet for the 2006 season bringing the performance to an entirely new level.

The first of the Patriots Jet demonstration aircraft were purchased in 1999 with additional L-39 Jets purchased through 2002. The aircraft were disassembled and shipped via truck, rail and sea in a 40' container from Europe to the United States. After painstaking restoration by the Patriots team, the L-39 jets were modified for use on the air show circuit with upgraded avionics systems for navigation and communications, removal of excess weight for better air show performance, and the addition of a 30 gallon smoke oil system. For more information about the Patriots please go to www.patriotsjetteam.com.



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