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BROOKS ANNOUNCES NEW FLIGHT DEMONSTRATION AT ROCHESTER INTERNATIONAL AIRSHOW

World's only civilian-owned F/A 2 Sea Harrier jet to perform both days

Monroe County Executive **Maggie Brooks** today announced that the only civilian-owned Harrier jump jet in the world, otherwise known as an F/A 2 Sea Harrier, will be flying in the Kwik Fill Rochester International Airshow on both August 16th and 17th, 2014. The Harrier will be flown by former Marine Corps aviator and graduate of the USAF Test Pilot School, Lt. Col Art Nalls USMC (retired).

"Adding these thrilling demonstrations from the F/A 2 Sea Harrier to the already edge-of-your-seat headline performances by the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds will certainly mean even more family-friendly fun and excitement at this year's Airshow," said County Executive **Maggie Brooks**. "I thank the Greater Rochester International Airport and Airshow promoter PEC Management for working together to build upon the success of our airshow year after year by securing some truly top-notch and unique acts."

Retired United States Marine Corps Lt. Col Nalls purchased his Sea Harrier from the Royal Navy in Great Britain in 2006 and spent over 2 years restoring it before starting on the airshow circuit. He and his fellow aviator, Joe Anderson, also a retired Marine Corps test pilot, are the only two pilots authorized by the FAA to fly this unique airplane. The F/A 2 Sea Harrier can reach speeds in excess of 700 mph, in addition to the Harrier hover and flying side-ways and backwards.

"This is a tremendous addition to the 2014 Kwik Fill Rochester International Airshow," according to Dave Cooper, the Airshow Coordinator. "At the Airshow in 2002, we were privileged to host the AV8B Harrier from the Marine Corps, and it was a huge hit with the crowd. But this is a rare treat to have Lt. Col Nalls join us for the show because he only does a limited number of Airshows each year and we look forward to hosting him this year."

For airshow ticket information, program details, pictures and video visit www.kwikfillairshow.com

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