

**PRESS RELEASE:**  
**Famous Jet Trainer Heads Overseas to Join New Airshow!**  
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**Courtesy Aircraft Sales is pleased to supply an example of America's best jet trainer!**





***Preparations are underway for shipment!***

**April 2023:** Courtesy Aircraft of Rockford, IL announced a Canadair T-33 is heading down under to participate in the Australian Pacific Airshow held on the Gold Coast in Queensland this August.

### **About the Pacific Airshow**

Pacific Airshow is Redefining The Airshow Experience again – now on the Gold Coast!

Pacific Airshow Gold Coast will be a three-day weekend event featuring heart-pumping aerobatic demonstrations by the world's finest aviators, VIP meet and greet events, social parties, and so much more. Featuring the best civilian performers and military aviators from around the globe, Pacific Airshow Gold Coast is set to be the largest Airshow event to ever take place in Australia.

This is not just another Airshow, it's a global spectacle-scale celebration of mateship, patriotism, family, friends and awe-inspiring feats of aviation meshed with the enticing thrill of sports, entertainment, art and technology.

Pacific Airshow is set to take to the skies over Gold Coast annually with the inaugural event occurring 18-20 August 2023 with future dates to be announced.

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### **About the Canadair T-33**

The T-33 was the most widely used jet trainer in the world. A two-seat version of the USAF's first jet fighter, the F-80 Shooting Star, the T-33 continues to serve in various armed forces today.

The T-33 is a F-80 with a lengthened fuselage to make room for the second tandem seat. It entered service during the 1950s, and the US Navy also acquired the type and had it modified for blue-water operation as the TV-2. It was the USAF's first jet trainer. It soon was dubbed the 'T-Bird' and was being produced under license in both Japan and Canada. In Japan, Kawasaki built 210 of these trainers. In Canada, the T-33 was designated the *CL-30 Silver Star* and the Allison turbojets of the original were replaced with Canadian built Rolls-Royce Nene 10 engines. The type still serves as a trainer for both countries. Limited numbers were also produced for export, some being modified to carry light armament. While only 1,718 P-80 Shooting Stars were built, nearly 7,000 T-33s saw active service around the world.

Until recently, the T-33 continued to serve in Canada as a target tug and general utility aircraft, having been re-designated the *CT-133*. Additional examples are still in active military service in Japan and several other nations. About 50 are in the hands of warbird operators, mostly in the United States.

### **About Courtesy Aircraft**

#### **QUALITY WARBIRD & CIVILIAN AIRCRAFT SALES SINCE 1957**

Courtesy Aircraft, Inc. was founded in 1957, by D.M. Clark, as a new Cessna aircraft dealer, and grew through the 60's to include Piper and Champion (Citabria) dealerships. In addition, Courtesy Aircraft, Inc. was active in the sales of select used aircraft. It was in the success of the used aircraft market that pointed the way to the firm's current position as a world leader in quality warbird and civilian aircraft sales. In the early 70's, due to the knowledge and enthusiasm of the founder's son, Mark Clark, today an accomplished pilot and A&P mechanic, Courtesy Aircraft, Inc. found itself heavily involved in sales of a new market - Warbirds.

This market consisted primarily of World War II and Korean era ex-military trainers, fighters, and bombers such as the T-6/SNJ Texans, P-51 Mustangs, and B-25 Mitchells.

Courtesy Aircraft continues to provide customers with unique military aircraft across the globe!

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