

Have You Met Luke Carrico



Carrico's Top Three

Art Scholl

Worn out old VHS tapes of Scholl in his Chipmunk that Carrico still has

Twin Tigers Aerobatic Team

Honored to have been a part of a truly innovative team

Republic of Korea Air Force Black Eagles

Striving for aerial artistry with a unique and constantly evolving act



One blue Hornet was all it took to get him hooked, it's as simple as that. Luke Carrico was an easy sell in that regard, but he's worked much of his life to prove he's got what it takes. Of course, when you are young it often doesn't take much to spike your interest, but when you relentlessly pursue that same dream for years, that says it all.

Growing up in Evansville, Indiana, for Carrico, that first "show" visited him in the form of a flyover of his house. Done deal, sold. Quickly his bedroom walls were covered in air show memorabilia and by the age of 13, he contacted his local air show, asking how he could get involved. Not just to simply be a helping hand, Carrico wanted to get a glimpse behind the curtain and see how the magic was made.

A year later, Carrico grabbed his first announcing gig assisting some non-aviation announcers with the details and specifics

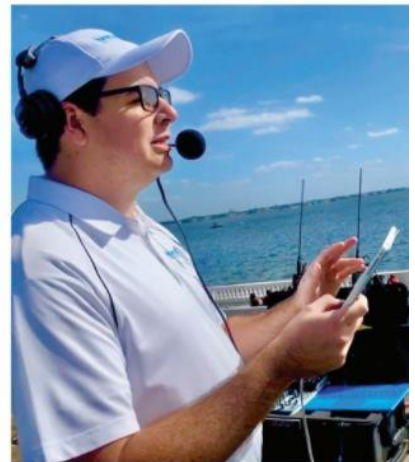


that often heighten an audience's understanding of the magic they are seeing unfold in front of them. "Your announcer can make or break your air show," stated Carrico definitively. Since then, he's been building the foundation of what will likely be a long career.

Attending his first ICAS Convention in 2015, Carrico came as an event organizer. The following year he was there as an exhibitor. "Being the new guy on the block was fascinating," he noted. Working his way into the industry by announcing for

some individual acts, including Billy Werth and the Twin Tigers, Carrico has begun to build his reputation within the industry and had booked a slate of 20 air shows in 2020, until the pandemic ravaged the industry. Looking forward to 2021, Carrico predicts the industry "will come back very strong."

Carrico's enthusiasm for aviation, and his experience with air shows brought him to a pilot's license in high school, and he continues to grow his knowledge and his list of ratings today. He is a true success story of the



inspiration air shows can bring to those the industry touches.

"When the crowd is having a good time, and the production value is high, it's good to know everyone is being entertained," he stated. "It's all about the spectator experience at the end of the day," he continued. As both an announcer, and a continued air show organizer, Carrico's excitement toward this industry continues to be unwavering from that eight-year-old version of himself. ✈️