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**Steel beams from World Trade Center will be on display during
Tom Wood Automotive Group 2011 Indianapolis Air Show
*Beams will be permanent part of “Project 9/11 Indianapolis” memorial to be
constructed along White River Canal***

(Indianapolis, Ind.) – Two huge steel beams from New York City’s World Trade Center, a target of the deadly and historic terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001, will be on display during the [Tom Wood Automotive Group 2011 Indianapolis Air Show](#), May 13-15 at Indianapolis Regional Airport (formerly Mt. Comfort Airport).

The beams, one of which measures over 21-feet long and the other which measures over 18 feet, will soon be the focal point of “Project 9/11 Indianapolis,” a permanent memorial along the White River Canal dedicated to the thousands of people who lost their lives in the World Trade Center, Shanksville, Penn., and the Pentagon nearly 10 years ago. The memorial’s design will incorporate the times that the Twin Towers collapsed, as well as a passage from President George W. Bush’s address to the nation on the evening of Sept. 11th.

[Project 9/11 Indianapolis](#) has been spearheaded by Greg Hess, a firefighter and paramedic for the City of Indianapolis. Hess, a member of Task Force 1, one of the first FEMA search and rescue teams to arrive at “Ground Zero” on Sept. 11th, has accompanied the steel beams throughout their entire journey from New York to Indianapolis.

During that journey, the beams, draped with American flags, were also escorted by thousands of motorcyclists from all over the Midwest. At one point, between Richmond, Ind., and Indianapolis, over 11,000 motorcyclists were riding alongside the beams; the procession was over 47 miles in length – the largest organized motorcycle event in Indiana history.

According to Hess, Project 9/11 Indianapolis is being funded solely by donations. You can learn more about plans for the memorial by clicking [here](#).

Headlining the 2011 Indianapolis Air Show will be the [U.S. Navy's Blue Angels](#). One of the most sought-after jet teams in the world, the Blue Angels will showcase the skills possessed by these amazing naval aviators, flying F-18 Hornets in thrilling aerial routines.

Members of the general public can get tickets through the air show's website, www.indyairshow.com. They are also available for purchase at Central Indiana [Marsh](#) supermarkets and [United Package Liquors](#) stores.

Ticket prices for both the Saturday, May 14, and Sunday, May 15, performances are \$15 for adult admission and \$5 for children ages 6 to 12. If you buy your tickets through the [air show's website](#), though, you will pay just \$12 for an adult ticket, vs. \$15 at the gate, and \$4 for a child's. Better still – if you purchase your tickets at a [Marsh location](#), using your “Fresh Idea” card, you'll save another dollar off of the price of admission.

The Tom Wood Automotive Group 2011 Indianapolis Air Show kicks off with “Media Day” on Friday, May 13. Tickets for Media Day are \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids, and can only be purchased online at www.indyairshow.com or at the Indianapolis Air Show office at Indianapolis Regional Airport.

Visit www.indyairshow.com for more information as well as sponsorship and volunteer opportunities.

Please become a fan of the air show on Facebook at www.facebook.com/indyairshow and follow the show on Twitter at www.twitter.com/indyairshow.

Net proceeds from the event go to the Central Indiana Community Foundation (CICF). The Indianapolis Air Show has donated more than \$1.4 million through CICF to children's charities since the show's inception in 1997.

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