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# Press Release

## WK1 and WK2 Participate in Edwards Air Force Base "Flight Test Nation 2009" Airshow on October 17, 2009

**Mojave, CA, October 6, 2009:** Scaled Composites' White Knight One and WhiteKnightTwo aircraft will be making a rare public appearance at the Edwards Air Force Base "Flight Test Nation 2009" Air Show and Open house on October 17, 2009. The White Knight One, renowned for its role as the mothership for SpaceShipOne, the first civilian reusable suborbital spacecraft, is back in the air, this time as a high altitude aerodynamic test bed in support of the Air Force Research Lab and Northrop Grumman Corporation. The aircraft will be on static display during the airshow.

The airliner-sized WhiteKnightTwo – painted in the livery of Virgin Galactic and dubbed VMS Eve – was built under contract for Virgin Galactic and will serve as a high-altitude mothership -- not just for the commercial passenger-carrying SpaceShipTwo but also potentially for unmanned rockets carrying orbital satellites. This versatile aircraft is capable of flying the steep approach and landing profile of SpaceShipTwo and is designed to handle flight loads approaching those of a modern fighter aircraft while also being capable of flying "zero-G" parabolas to simulate the weightlessness of space for astronaut trainees, micro-gravity science experiments, and space instrument proving applications. VMS Eve will arrive at 11:00 am and perform a brief aerial display with a spaceship-style approach and landing, and then park adjacent to its sister ship for public display.

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