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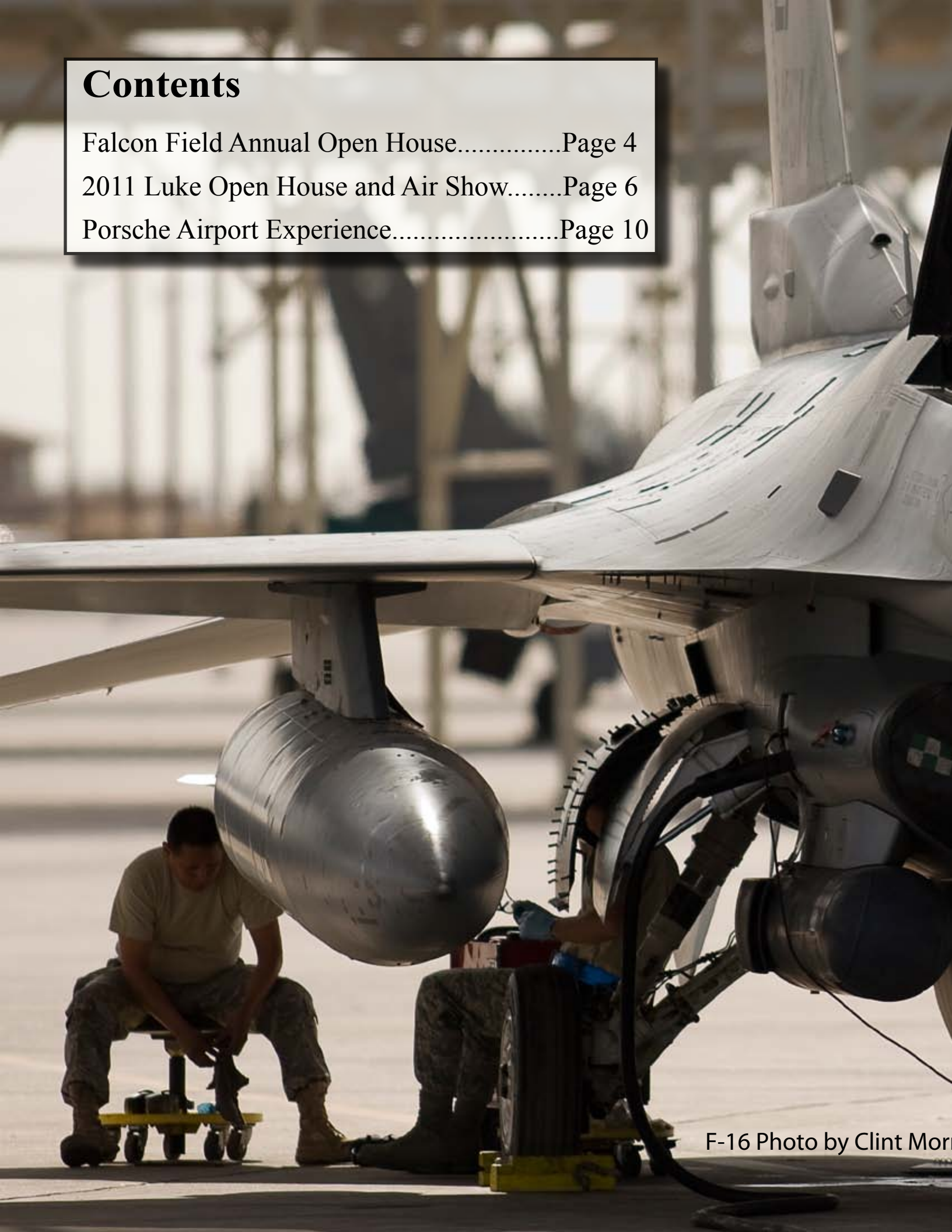
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# Mesa Falcon Field Holds 3rd Annual Open House



Mesa's Falcon Field Airport celebrated its 70th anniversary with an open house on Saturday, April 2nd. The celebration, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., featured a variety of transportation displays highlighting the vital role that the airport and surrounding businesses play in the city's economy and jobs growth.

Airport Director Corinne Nystrom said that for the third year in a row, the open house provided an opportunity to

showcase the importance of the airport as a community asset.

The event, which was free, included static aircraft displays consisting of helicopters, historic aircraft, experimental aircraft and other general-aviation planes. Falcon Field, which was developed to train pilots for America's eventual involvement in World War II, is now one of the busiest general-aviation airports in the nation.





Photos by Kim Stevens

Jim Timm, Arizona Pilots Association



# 2011 Luke AFB Open House and Air Show



Liz and Garrett Morris

“70 Years of Thunder” was celebrated at Luke Air Force Base on March 19th and 20th as the world’s largest F-16 fighter base presented its Open House and Air Show.

An estimate 200,000 people attended the event, which featured the Air Force signature demonstration team, the Thunderbirds. In all, more than 80 aircraft spanning more than a half-century flew or were on display from the P-40 to the F-22. Civilian aircraft performed as well.

Every two years, Luke has hosted open houses since the early 1950s in an effort to share its story and build positive community relations. Static displays include a B-52, F-16, C-130 and MiG-17.



Heritage Flight from top, F-22, P-40, A-10 and F-4.



F-4 Phantom

# 2011 Luke Open House and Air Show





Jean Bloom and Carl Lang with son Jackson

# *Porsche Aircraft Experience Lands in Scottsdale*



The Porsche Aircraft Experience returned to the Valley again this year landing at the Scottsdale airport on March 24th.

The event was held at the Air Commerce Center. Attendees had the opportunity to check out the latest in aircraft and fine driving machines.

Professional instructors from the Porsche Sport Driving School took drivers through a closed course on the ramp in front of the Air Commerce Center in full view of the many aircraft on display, which included Piaggio, Embraer, Cirrus, Gulfstream, Beechcraft, Eclipse, Cessna and American Champion Aircraft for those pilots who want to put some fun and adventure into their flying.



Photos by Kim Stevens





Lunch was catered in for attendees.



