



Czech-Mate Jet Team

Aircraft – L-39C Albatros
Flight Lead – Michael Terfehr
Right Wing – Ron Staley
Left Wing – Charlie
Vandenbossche
Slot – Scott Gusakov
Airshow Debut - 2019



The Czech-Mate Jet Team is made up of four experienced warbird pilots flying close formations in the Aero L-39C Albatros. The team made their airshow debut in Gaylord, Michigan in 2019 and primarily perform in the Midwest. The team's aircraft are based in Michigan, and the pilots are members of the Classic Jet Aircraft Association and the Red Star Pilots Association.

The Czech-Mate team's performance is split up into two sections. In the first act, all four L-39s are led through the show box by 45 North Airshows' Michael Terfehr in a series of formations including diamond, echelon, and trail including a signature trail to diamond pass performed in front of the crowd. The second portion of the demonstration allows Terfehr and Vandenbossche to show off the capabilities of the most prolific private jet warbird in the world as they put the L-39 through its paces in the low altitude aerobatic flight regime. During this solo portion of the performance, the pilots are subject to forces up to 6 G's and frequently fly upside down at speeds in excess of 200 knots as low as 250 feet above the ground!