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Navy, city cooperating to make Sea 'n Sky a hit

As many as 100,000 may attend show

By Leah Linscott of the News-Times staff

tion and the city of Oak Harbor joined forces this year to make the annual airshow at the base a major com-

The 1990 Sea 'n Sky Fest, which takes place Aug. 4 and 5 with events at Ault Field at NAS Whidbey and in downtown Oak Harbor, is made possible by the hard work, planning and dedication of organizers. "The planning for the fest started,

for the community, earlier this year and we've spent thousands of hours planning out all the events," said Linda Wright, the executive director of the Greater Oak Harbor Chamber of

trying to make this work, including everyone from the Oak Harbor Police Department to the local businesses," Wright said.

"This event is very special because there has been total participation from the community," Wright said. "For the first time the Navy and the town are cooperating hand in hand and it's been a wonderful experience."

Mary Ann Heiserman, community relations spokesperson at NAS Whidbey, said coordinators started planning for the airshow in November 1989. "Several of us went to an air show

seminar in Las Vegas and signed almost all our civilian aircraft con-tracts then," Heiserman said. "We went to the seminars to learn how to



During last year's air show at Whidbey Island Naval Air Station, visitors enjoy the air display while resting in the cool grass. This

and basically how to run a better air

show.
"I think this one will turn out great," she said.

All entertainment on the base, in-cluding bands, food and the commer-cial aircraft demonstrations during the air show, is provided by the NAS Morale, Welfare and Recreation

Department.

Community events, including a dance, 10-K run and a pancake breakfast, are sponsored by the Greater Oak Harbor Chamber of

"The core idea behind making the air show a community event developed last year when we started planning this year's show, said Tom Linscott, MWR director. "The

thought was, "wouldn't it be nice to have total community involvement."
"Overall, I think the program will enhance the military's involvement in the community," he said.
Wright said former NAS Whidbey base commander Barry Sehlin first came to her with the idea of making the sair shows a community event.

the air show a community event almost two years ago. "We tried to get Coupeville and Anacortes involved as well, but un-

Anacortes involved as well, but un-fortunately they weren't interested," Wright said. "But, NAS Whidbey and the city of Oak Harbor were and there was the concept for the fest." Despite other weekend events that will be happening on Aug. 4 and 5, Wright said she doesn't think it will effect attendance at the fest.

year's program is being offered on two days for the first time. Sea'n Sky is Aug. 4 and 5.

"Regardless of when you choose to do something in the summer, there is always something going on, but we only have three months of good weather we can plan events during, you just have to do it," Wright said. We're hoping to get between 80,000 and 100,000 people attending the Sea in Sky Eest this soor, issue it'll be sea the

Sky Fest this year since it'll be on the weekend instead of the middle of the week. One thing for sure, it's going to be quite an event," said Cmdr. Jack Zawisza, the airshow's military coordinator. Other events going on in the Puget

Sound area during the Sea 'n Sky Fest are Sea-Fair in Seattle, the clos-ing ceremony for the Goodwill Games and the Anacortes Arts and

agreed planning the event has been frustrating at times, but they also agreed it's been a lot of fun.

"There's a lot more involved in planning the air show than anybody thinks," Heiserman said. "This air show was planned in addition to everybody's normal job, it's been a lot of fun but it's certainly that us. lot of fun, but it's certainly kept us

lot of fun, but it's certainly kept us busy."
"I'm looking forward to next year's fest," Wright said. "I think it'll take at least one time coor-dinating the show so we can figure out what to do to make it better for

next year.
"And I most definetly think this will become a yearly event," she

NAS Whidbey putting out welcome mat for its civilian air show guests

By Leah Linscott of the News-Times staff

Signs along the road to the Whidbey Island Naval Air Station do more than give traffic instructions, they welcome home husbands, fathers, boyfriends and friends from their work at sea and in the air

At this year's Sea 'n Sky Fest, some of those men will get a chance to show their families and friends just what it is they do "at work".

NAS Whidbey's 1722nd Combat Control Squadron parachuting team kick off the air show's opening ceremony doing a mock rescue demonstration with the search and rescue team.

NAS Whidbey Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron 129 and Medium Attack Squadron 128 will show how the A-6E Intruder and EA-6B Prowler work together to do mockbombings and an in-flight refueling at 500 feet.

NAS Whidbey is the heart of the west coast training and operation center for the two important carrierbased aircraft, the A-6E Intruder at tack bomber and the EA-6B Prowler tactical jammer. A local favorite, the A-1 Skyraider,

which was flown in the major motion picture "Flight of the Intruder" by Whidbey's own Medium Attack Squadron 165, will perform in the air

Squadron 165, will perform in the air show. Mischa Hausserman will fly the Skyraider.

Traveling at airspeeds more than 600 m.p.h., Capt. John Crook will fly the FA-18 Hornet under "G" Forces from zero to nearly eight times the force of gravity. force of gravity

Crook is a Heber City, Utah native currently serving a tour as an instructor pilot in the F-18 based out of

The FA-18 is a strike-fighter



Air show guests enter NAS Whidbey through one of the security gates. Four will be open this year

designed to perform both fighter and attack roles for the Navy and the

Other high performance demonstrations include the F-14 Tomcat, flown by Lt. Mike "Bouvs" Bouvier and Lt. Dave "Animal"

The F-14 Tomcat is designed to attack and destroy multiple airborne targets in all weather conditions and

Lt. John Canny and Lt. Gary Peter son from VA-128 will fly the A-6E at tack bomber during the air show. The team will show the public what the squadron does during normal flying including low fly-bys imulated bombing and an aerial re-

Other military performances include the A-10 Thunderbolt II, flown by the 12th Air Force A-10

Demonstration Team from the 355th Tactical Fighter Training Wing at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base in Tucson, Ariz. Four officers and seven noncom-

missioned officers make up this year's team. The team leader and demonstration pilot is Capt. Gregg Montijo. Team narrators are cap-tains Glenn Ball, Mark Pendley and

tains Glenn Ball, Mark Pendley and John Morgan.

The maintenance team is led by Master Sgt. Lee Reed, technical sergeants Mike Porter and Gilbert Mata; staff sergeants Scott Bradshaw, Doug Andrews and Malcom Nordaby and Sgt. Dave Sepulveda.

While attending the air show, also be sure to check out the displays of the A-6E Intruder, EA-6B Prowler, FA-18 Hornet, F-14 Tomcat and a variety of modern and vintage civilian aircraft.

Four gates at base will be open to the public to ease congestion

To make your trek to the Sea 'n Sky Fest easier, Whidbey Island Naval Air Station will have four gates open to the public for access to Ault Field, the site of the

Also, be sure to watch for directional signs to the Sea 'n Sky Fest. Allow plenty of time to arrive as traffic can be slow.

The gate schedule is:

North Gate:

open 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. for inbound traffic only.
Charles Porter Gate:

open 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. for inbound traffic only.

open 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. for outbound traffic only.

Ault Field Main Gate:

— open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. — both directions. Hospital Gate—

open 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. for in-bound traffic only.
 open 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. for out-bound traffic only.

KJTT AM 1110, the local radio

station, will broadcast traffic advisory information.

Parking is available at the Seaplane Base with free shuttle service to the air show and returning throughout the day. The shuttle departs every 15 minutes from the Saaplane Base. the Seaplane Base.

RV overnight parking will be available Friday and Saturday night at the Seaplane Base. Space is limited and will be given on a first come, first serve basis.

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Ray-Ban biplanes to fly in formation

Ray-Ban Gold, the Canadian aerobatic team, demonstrates preci-sion formation flying in their black-and-gold painted S-2B twin seat

The team flies Pitts Special S-2B twin-seat biplanes in a three-plane formation. Cruising speed of the aircraft is 180 mph.

The three-member team was founded by the team's left wing pilot Bill Cowan in 1972. Cowan is now in his 19th air show season.

George Kirbyson is the lead pilot and Al Hauff is right wing pilot. All three are former Royal Canadian Air

The Ray-Ban Gold Aerobatic Team is Canada's only all-civilian aerobatic team and the pilots fly for-mation aerobatics and air shows as a

The team will perform Saturday and Sunday at 11:20 a.m.

FACT FILE

Ray-Ban Gold

✓ Planes: Pitts Special S-2B twin-seat biplanes

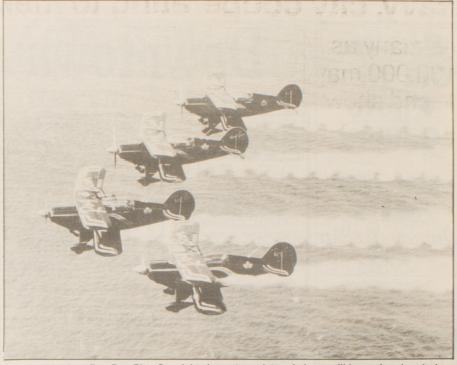
✓ Engines: Lycomings, 260-horsepower

✓ Speed: Cruising speed

✓ Lead pilot: George Kirbyson, Langley, B.C.

✓ Left wing: Bill Cowan, White Rock, B.C.

✓ Right wing: Al Hauff



Three of the four Ray-Ban Pitts Special twin-seaters pictured above will be performing during

more planned in Oak Harbor Street fair, dance and

By Leah Linscott

hile Whidbey Island Naval Air Station will be the hub of activity during the Sea 'n Sky Fest on Aug. 4 and 5, visitors will also find plenty to do in Oak Harbor.

"We're expecting to see about 50,000 people a day coming into town

for the show," said Jim Sieboldt, Sea

Aside from the wild air show aerobatics at NAS Whidbey, the Greater Oak Harbor Chamber of Commerce and local organizers organized a street fair, a dance, a pancake breakfast, 2K—10K runs and a 4K walk.

Residents and visitors can start Saturday and Sunday off with a pan-cake breakfast on the Seaplane Base across from the Navy Exchange where a tent will be set up. Breakfast

are available in advance at the chamber office. All proceeds go to the Red Cross and the chamber of

the Navy Exchange at the Seaplane Base. The course is a flat, scenic loop following the bay, through Oak Har-bor and back to the historic Seaplane

First place winners of the 10K will

10K. Other top place finishers in each division will win a medal or ribbon.

The street fair Saturday and Sun-day on West Pioneer Way in downtown Oak Harbor will provide a melange of Oak Harbor's craft enthusiasts displaying their goods.

Joyce Lippus, chairwoman of marketing for the Downtown Development Council, said the street fair will include 20 booths with a variety of crafts, baskets and "all

orts of neat things". Lippus also said West Pioneer Way

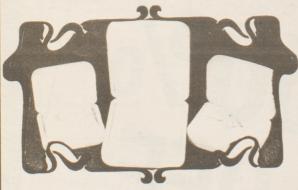
11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday. Although no longer a place to skate, the Roller Barn is the place if you want to kick up your heels and dance Saturday night away. A live band, Timberline Express,

will play a "nice mix of '50s, '60s and country music," said Linda Wright, executive director of the greater Oak Harbor chamber.

The free dance is from 8 p.m.

Saturday till 1 a.m. Soft-drinks, beer wine and snacks will be available.

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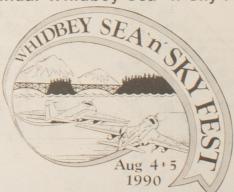
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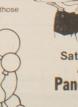


In addition to NAS Whidbey Air Show this weekend there will be numerous events scheduled for your enjoyment.



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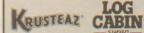
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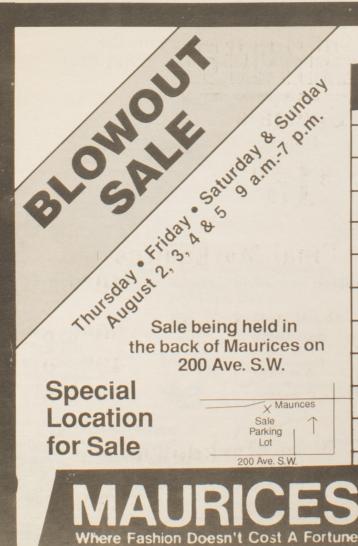
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The Skylark team members are, from left to right, Rich Benbrook, Dan Gudgel and Alan Arakelian.

Skylarks will glide through base show

The Skylark North Glider Aerobatic Team has an unusual way of transporting their gear. Rather than disassemble the glider

Rather than disassemble the glider and transport it by trailer to each air show, the team loads its gear into the back of the towplane, hooks up the Grob G-102 glider and flies to the show on aero tow.

Spectators will witness this process close-up as the towplane and glider circle around to execute a low pass along the flight line.

Spectators will also see how far the sport of soaring has advanced since 1853 when Sir George Cayley built

and flew the world's first human-carrying glider.
Pilot Alan Arakelian and his co-pilot Rich Benbrook performance in-cludes an aerial ballet choreograph-ed to music.

The Skylark North Aerobatic Team will perform at 1:10 p.m. Saturday and

Sunday.

The team performs loops, rolls, cuban eights, wingovers and inverted flight. A specially-designed smoke system is used to trace these maneuvers in the sky.

The pilots are from the Skylark North Glider Flight School in Tehachapi, Calif.

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Air Show Saturday & Sunday, August 4 & 5

11:00 a.m. - 1722nd CCS Parachute Team - Opening Ceremonies

11:10 a.m. - Chutin' Stars/Ray Ban Gold - Women's Parachute/Formation Performance

11:20 a.m. - Ray Ban Gold - Formation Aerobatic Team

11:40 a.m. - F-18 - Demonstration

11:55 a.m. - Franklin "Zar" - Twin Engine Aerostar Aerobatic Performance

12:10 p.m. - Fouga-505 - Aerobatic Jet Team

12:25 p.m. - SH-3D Search and Rescue Demonstration

12:40 p.m. - Franklin "Waco" - Aerobatic Performance

 $12:55 \text{ p.m.} - A-6/EA-6 Demonstration}$

1:10 p.m. — A-6/A-1/1722nd CCS/SH-3 Simulated Insertion/Mock Bombing Demonstration

1:25 p.m. - Chutin' Stars

1:35 p.m. — Franklin "Waco" — Wingwalker Aerobatics

2:00 p.m. - A-10 Demonstration

2:15 p.m. - Skylark North - Glider Aerobatics

2:30 p.m. - J. M. Wigens "Cyclone" - Aerobatic Performance

2:45 p.m. - Coors Silver Bullets - Jet Formation Team

3:00 p.m. — F-14 Demonstration

FACT FILE

EA-6B Prowler

✓ Length: 59 feet 8

✓ Wing span: 53 feet

✓ Height: 16 feet 3

inches

✓ Weight: Take-off max 60,400 lbs.; Empty, 26,868.

✓ Speed: 520 knots at sea level with 6 pods

✓ Ceiling: 34,400 feet

✓ Crew: Four





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A-6E Intruder

✓ Length: 54-feet 8 inches long

✓ Wing span: 53 feet

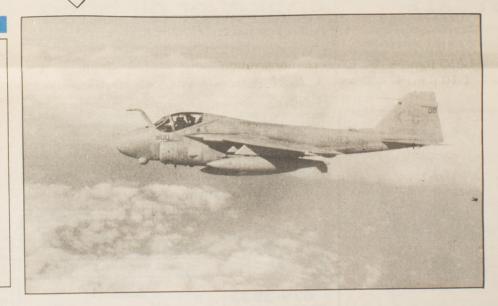
✓ Height: 15 feet 6

✓ Weight: Take-off max, 60,400 lbs.; Empty, 28,000

✓ Speed: 563 knots

✓ Ceiling: 40,600 feet-

✓ Crew: Two



Air Show Performers

- The Coors Light Silver Bullets
- Ray Ban Gold Aerobatic Team
- Skylark North Glider
- Jim Franklin and ZAR
- Wingwalker Johnny Kazian
- Golden Age AerobaticsJ. Mike Wigens
- A-6 Intruder

- EA-6B Prowler
- F-14 Tomcat
- SH-3D Helicopter and the SAR Team
- Chutin' Stars
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An F-14A Tomcat, like the one pictured above, will demonstrate its capabilities for air show guests.

estroyer to entertain crowds

4A Tomcat will soar over air base

The F-14A Tomcat's mission is to and destroy multiple airborne in all weather conditions and

But spectators at the first annual Sea 'n Sky Fest will watch the fighter plane fly for their enjoyment 3 p.m., Saturday and Sunday.

Saturday and Sunday.

Flying the plane during the base air show are Lt. Mike "Bouvs" Bouvier and Lt. Dave "Animal" Jennings from Fighter Squadron 124.

Bouvier is one of only two qualified

F-14A air show demonstration pilots on the west coast and is also an in-structor with VA-124.

Previously, Bouvier was assigned with the "Screaming Eagles" of Fighter Squadron 51 and has more than 1,300 flight hours in the F-14A Tomcat.

Jennings is also an instructor with Jennings is also an instructor with VA-124. His previous assignment was with the "Bounty Hunters" of Fighter Squadron 2. He has morethan 1,400 in the Tomcat.

The F-14A can track up to 24 targets at the same time. The Tomcat is armed with air intercent

cat is armed with air intercept missiles, rockets and bombs. F-14A's provided air cover for the joint strike on Libyan terrorist-related targets in 1986.

FACT FILE

F-14A Tomcat

✓ Length: 62-feet

✓ Wing span: 64.1 feet unswept and 38 feet swept

✓ Height: 16 feet

✓ Weight: Take-off max, 69,800 lbs.; Empty, 41,500

✓ Speed: Mach 2-plus

/ Ceiling: 50,000 feet-

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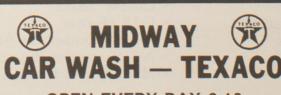
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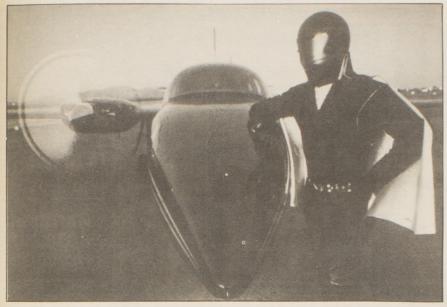
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In his 'Zar' attire, pilot Jim Franklin stands next to his starship 'Pride.

Jim Franklin as 'Zar' taking to the air in starship 'Pride'

hether it's in his shiny blackand-silver starship "Pride", or in his
Waco biplane, Jim Franklin is sure to
delight and entrance audience
members young and old.
Through vertical rolls or tumbling
his Waco biplane tail over nose with a
wingwalker perched on the center of
his plane, Franklin's aeronautical
ballet oozes excitment.
As Zar, the gallant knight,
Franklin flies "Pride", a Ted Smith
Aerostar.

business machine, a device to move executives around without wasting their time or messing up their hair. It

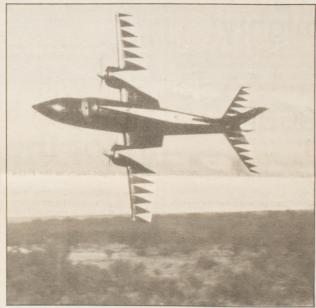
their time or messing up their hair. It cruises at 265 mph and has a top speed of 300 mph.

For the purists there is Franklin's Waco act, a superb stunt flying display in a stocky old biplane that reeks nostalgia. He performs his intricate and exciting aerobatic routine at an altitude most pilots associate with two-seconds before touch down. Wingwalker extraordinaire, Johnny Kazian, will perform a modern-day wingwalk routine with Franklin and the Waco Mystery Ship. Franklin and the Waco Mystery Ship' will perform at 11:35 p.m. Franklin will perform at 2.37 p.m. Franklin will perform as ZAR, the Galactic Knight, at 2:50 p.m. All performances will take place at the same times on Saturday and Sunday.





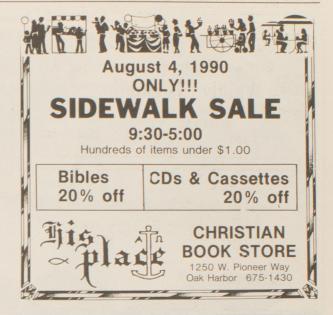
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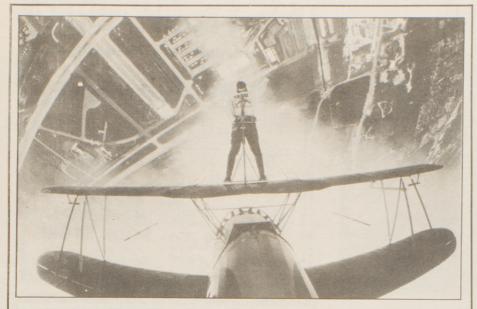


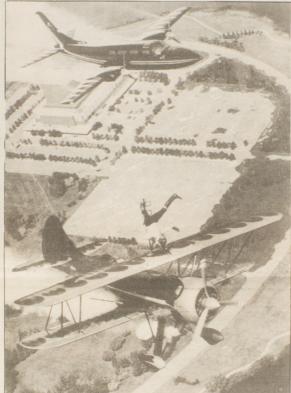












High 'n mighty!

Johnny Kazian, pictured above and at left performing stunts on the wings of airplanes, will be performing a modern-day wingwalk routine with Jim Franklin and Franklin's 'Waco Mystery Ship' at 11'55 a.m. Saturday and Sunday.



The all-women parachute team Chutin' Stars will be dropping in for NAS Whidbey's weekend air show. The team, which performs across the country and internationally, will float from the sky under hot-pink and purple parachutes.

Chutin' stars drop in for the air show

The Chutin' Stars Women's Parachute Team will take your breath away as they perform their "sky ballet" under hot pink and pur-

Debbie Willett, Kathleen Orlando, Dawn Menard, Janine Marcacci and Janet Hood are the dynamic women who make up the Chutin' Stars team.

Each have earned the "Professional Exhibition Rating", a recognition of their skills and accomplishments in the skydiving

Since 1984 the team has delighted air show and special event audiences in the United States and internationally.

internationally.

In February 1990, the team jumped into a history making soccer game between the U.S. and the Soviet Union, carrying the American Flag into the Stanford Stadium for the game kick off.

The Chutin' Stars Women's Parachute Team will perform both at 11:10 a.m. and 12:40 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.



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Silver Bullets to shine in sky above Whidbey

World's smallest planes dazzle and amaze air show spectators

The Coors Light Silver Jets, are the smallest man-carrying jets in the world, according to the Guiness Book

Only 12-feet long and less than four feet high at the cockpit, the Silver Bullet weighs less than 450 lbs. — less

Builet weighs less than 450 lbs. — less than the average motercycle.

The Silver Bullets zoom straight up, straight down, inverted and even slide backward as the jet executes a high-performance air show routine.

While reaching speeds of 300 mph

or performing a 16-point roll, the pilots narrate their performance from the cockpit for the audience to

hear.

Bob Bishop, Tom Jones and Dave Hoover are the daring masters of the Silver Bullets that perform an astounding display of aerial artistry that leaves the audience breathless.

Bishop created the first Silver Bullet jet with the help of his wife Mary Ellen and 11,672 Coor Light beer cans worth of aluminum.

The Silver Bullets will perform Saturday and Sunday at 2:20 p.m.



The Coors Light Silver Bullet team shown in action.



Coors Light Silver Bullet jet team pilots Dave Hoover and Bob Bishop pose next to one of the mini-jets.

FACT FILE

Silver Bullet

✓ Length: 12 feet

✓ Wing span: 17 feet

✓ Height: 4 feet at the cockpit

✓ Weight: Gross, 860 lbs.; Empty 432 lbs.

✓ Speed: Max speed 250 knots, minimum 58 knots

✓ Ceiling: 26,400 feet

✓ Range: 25 nautical

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