

Thumbnail Bio

Randy is fast becoming one of the industries' top air show performers. It's only taken him eleven years. Noted for his invention of the **HammerSlide** and **GroverOver** maneuvers, he has thrilled millions of fans in the Skybolt 300.

This former radio announcer, writer, and entertainer has a career rooted in aviation. Randy constructed the unique Skybolt 300 himself. With over 800 hours in the Skybolt, he demonstrates the art of precision aerobatics by forcing the big biplane to tumble out of control - knowing precisely when to recover.

Maneuvers once thought to be impossible in a Skybolt are now routine. The air show industry has also recognized Randy's Skybolt as; "Unquestionably the most eye-catching airplane on the show circuit today".

In 1996 Randy and wife Linda traded in their season tickets to the LA Symphony at the Hollywood Bowl for faster paced entertainment, watching pigs fly during tornado season in Oklahoma.

Originally from Virginia Beach, VA, Randy holds an Engineering Degree from North Carolina A&T State University. Along with wife Linda, Randy is based at Gundy's Airpark near Tulsa, OK. "Randy is quite the comedian around the house," says his wife Linda, "We try to keep him away from microphones and Karaoke bars." She is occasionally asked, "What's it like living with such a funny guy?" She replies, "It's like having a pit bull with no teeth – a lot of gum flapping – but serves no useful purpose". She goes on to add, "He's an engineer, but not bright enough to be a geek and his memory is too far gone for sports trivia, although he does fly the heck out of that Skybolt. Kids love to watch him fly."

Profiling the Skybolt 300

The Award winning Skybolt 300 is the only air show airplane flying that was built in the living room of a condominium. It was designed with eye-catching features that allow the air show fan to easily follow each maneuver.

The Skybolt 300 is a modern biplane design similar to the Pitts Special but is larger and more powerful. The two place Skybolt has a wing span 24 feet and is powered by a modified Lycoming engine producing over 300 horsepower. This combination of power and agility brings air show excitement like no other act - one wing or two.

To get the maximum performance during a show, the Skybolt is stripped of all unnecessary items - including the seat cushions.

The big colorful biplane is constructed of steel tubing and wood with a fabric covering. The Skybolt has won several top awards at air shows around the country and has been featured in numerous aviation magazines, posters, calendars, and advertising.