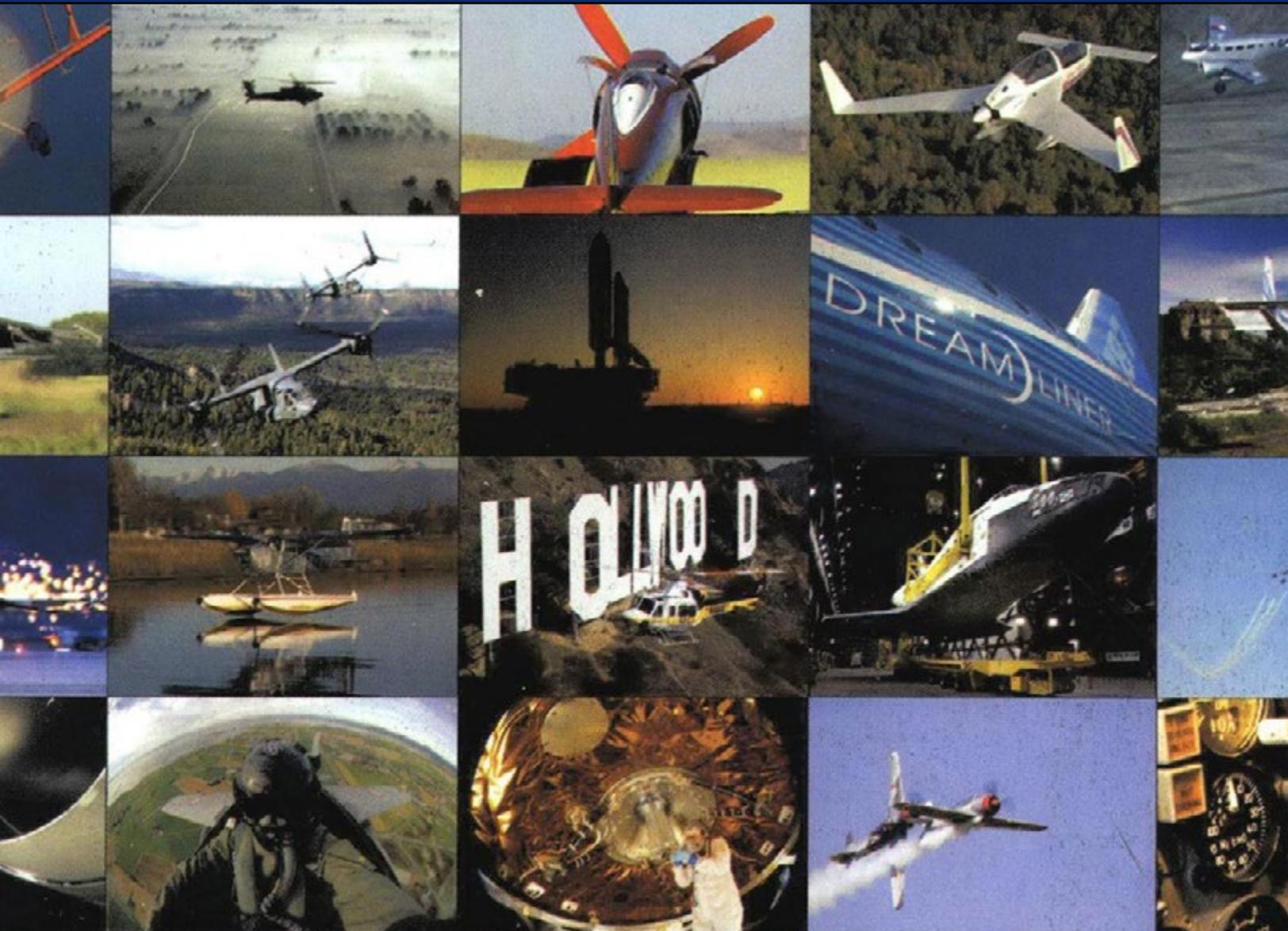


# SPECIAL TOPIC: 10 Years of Photo Winners & Editor Picks





**SPACE** First Place

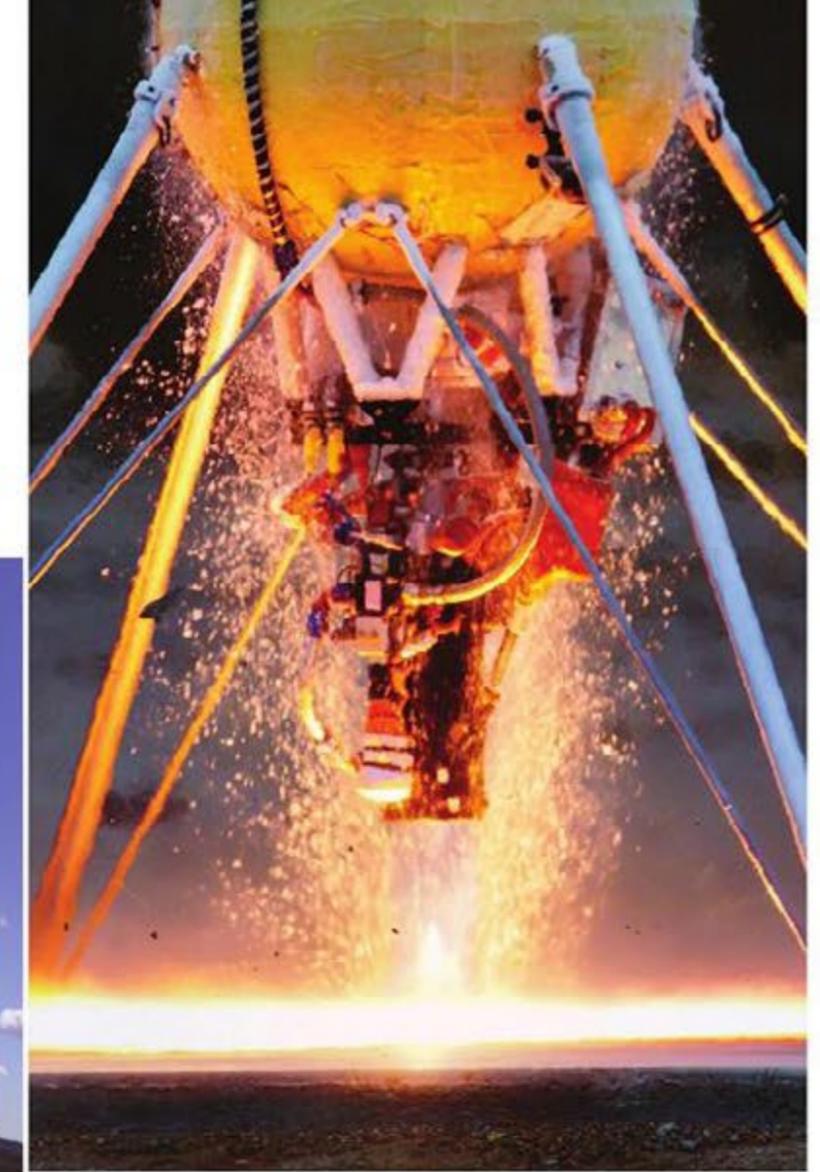
**Jared Haworth**  
Raleigh, North Carolina

*The roar of the Delta IV Heavy's three RS-68A engines sends birds flying away from Space Launch Complex 37B at Cape Canaveral.*

**SPACE** Third Place

**Marina Lystseva**  
Moscow

*A Soyuz 2.1a was the first vehicle launched from the new Vostochny Cosmodrome in Russia. The launch took place on April 28.*



**SPACE** Second Place

**Matthew Kuhns**  
Santa Clarita, California

*Masten's Xodiac entry, descent and landing (EDL) vertical-takeoff/vertical-landing vehicle is launched from Mojave, California.*



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**EDITORS' Picks**

**1. Amit Agronov**  
Beer Sheva, Israel  
*Israeli air force F-15 climbs in afterburner at Hatzirim Airbase in the south of Israel.*

**2. Andrew Jowett**  
Port Huron, Michigan  
*An abandoned U.S. Navy Douglas Super DC-3 on Solheimasandur Beach in Iceland.*

**3. Miguel Suarez**  
Gijon, Spain  
*This Russian Mi-35 helicopter has a vaguely alien look to it.*

**4. Matthew Kuhns**  
Santa Clarita, California  
*Masten's Xodiac EDL vertical-takeoff/vertical-landing vehicle is launched into a blue sky at Mojave, California.*



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**5. Jared Haworth**  
Raleigh, North Carolina  
*SpaceX's Falcon 9 rocket topped by a Dragon spacecraft launches from Cape Canaveral on the eighth mission to resupply the International Space Station. The mission was conducted under NASA's commercial cargo contract.*

**6. Stuart Sanders**  
Nanaimo, British Columbia  
*An Air Canada Boeing 777 soars high over Vancouver Island, British Columbia, with the atmospheric conditions creating spectacular effects in its contrails.*

**7. Martin de Ruyter**  
Nelson, New Zealand  
*Rachel Fricson holds Evie Fricson as a Nelson Marlborough Rescue Helicopter lifts off during an open day at the rescue helicopter base at Nelson Airport.*



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**8. Stephane Corvaja**  
Paris  
*A Proton launcher carrying the European Space Agency's ExoMars mission rolls out from the fueling station to Pad 200 on March 11 at Baikonur, Kazakhstan.*

**9. Alain Ernoult**  
St. Remy l'Honore, France  
*A French air force Rafale from the Hunting Tiger Silver Coast squadron launches anti-missile flares during a training mission.*

**10. Cory Kittle**  
Eagle River, Alaska  
*Kittle uses the water of a beautiful glacial river to slow his Cub down to land on a short gravel bar.*



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## BEST OF THE BEST

**Evan Peers**

San Carlos, California

Gene Soucy performs a nighttime pyrotechnic routine in his Showcat Grumman biplane at the 2014 EAA Airventure Oshkosh (Wisconsin.). The fireworks create a visual display of wing vortex.

# GENERAL FIRST PLACE

**Tyson Rininger**

Monterey, California

Three Lockheed Electras fly a tight formation over Lake Michigan. They were flown by David Marco, Les Whitelsey and Peter Ramm during EAA Airventure 2014.



# SECOND PLACE

**Ricardo von Puttkammer**

New York, New York

Stunt aircraft flown by Skip Stewart and Melissa Pemberton cross in front of "wall of fire" at EAA Airventure 2014.



# THIRD PLACE **Ognyan Stefanov** Sofia, Bulgaria

A solitary hot air balloon floats above Cappadocia in the Central Anatolia region of Turkey.

## DEFENSE FIRST PLACE

**Avichai Socher**

Givat Shmuel, Israel

An Israel Air Force Boeing AH-64A Apache, at an IAF pilot graduation ceremony and air show at Hazerim AFB, appears to be engulfed in flames. Actually, a wind shift blew smoke from the flares, creating the illusion.



**COMMERCIAL  
FIRST PLACE**

**Jason Pineau**

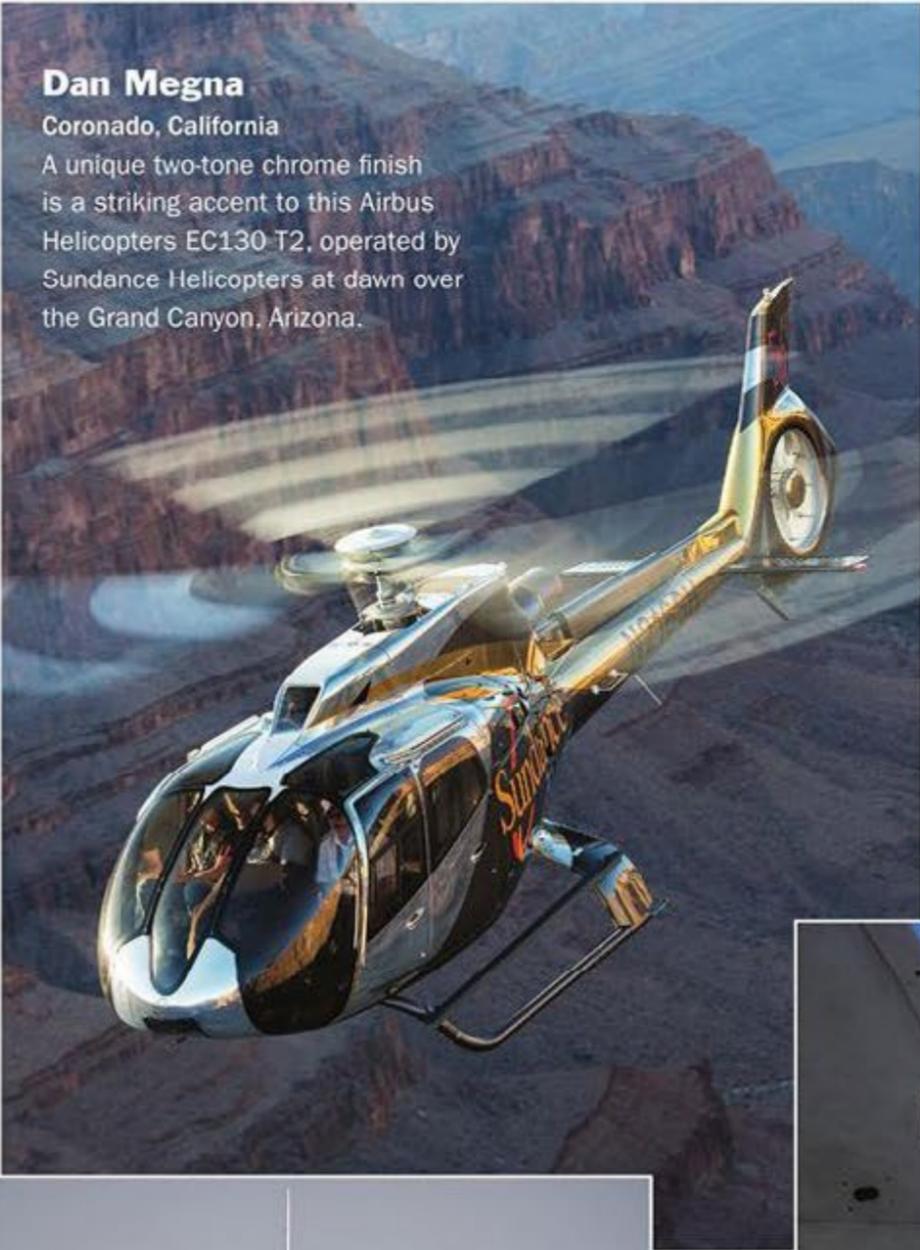
Yellowknife, Northwest Territories  
A Summit Air Twin Otter approaches  
for landing near Yellowknife.



**Dan Megna**

Coronado, California

A unique two-tone chrome finish is a striking accent to this Airbus Helicopters EC130 T2, operated by Sundance Helicopters at dawn over the Grand Canyon, Arizona.



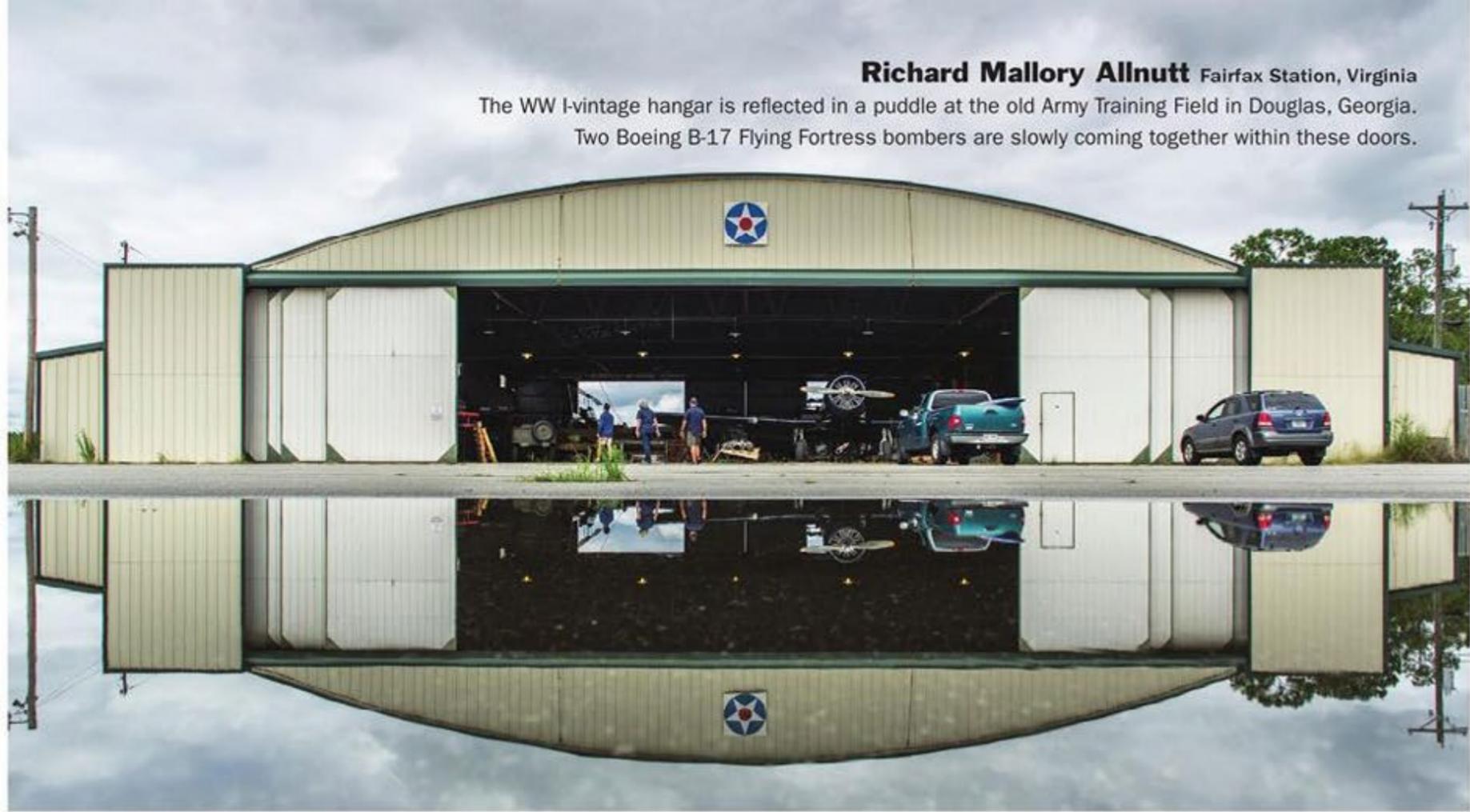
**Rich Cooper**

Aldershot, England

Airbus shows off its commercial prowess during a thrilling airliner display.

**Richard Mallory Allnutt** Fairfax Station, Virginia

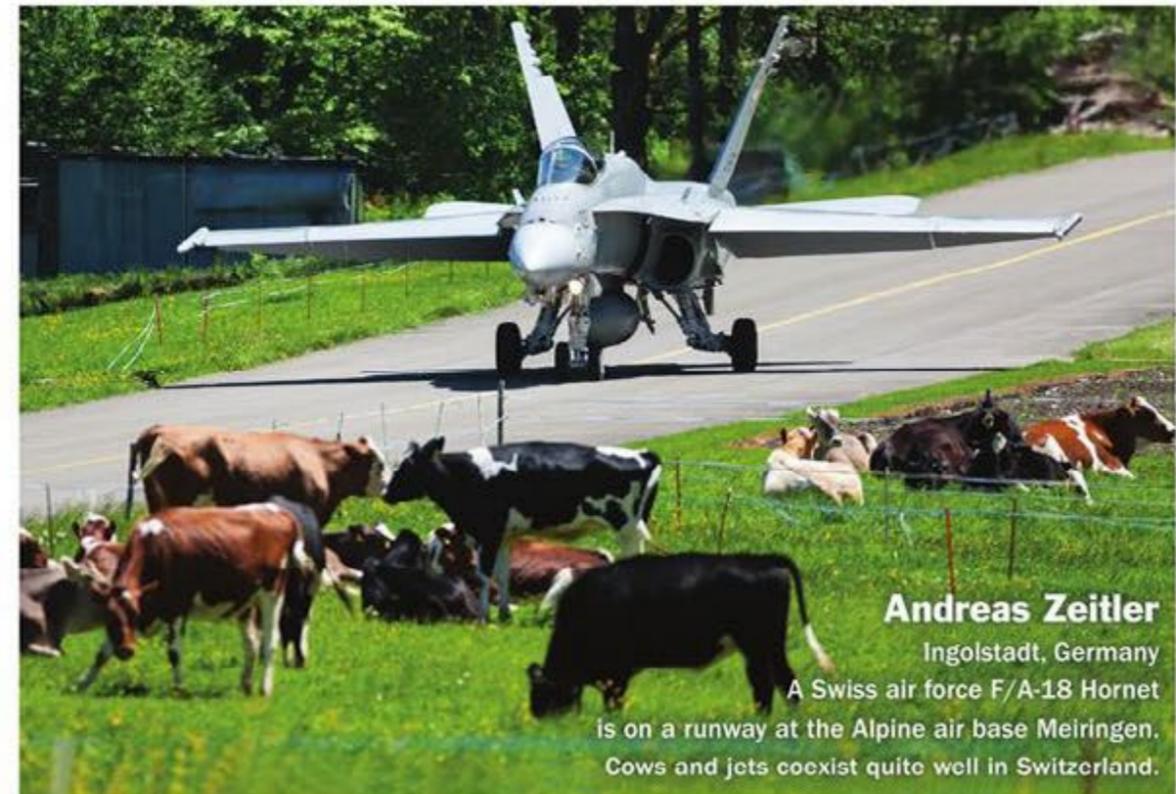
The WW I-vintage hangar is reflected in a puddle at the old Army Training Field in Douglas, Georgia. Two Boeing B-17 Flying Fortress bombers are slowly coming together within these doors.



**Evan Peers**

San Carlos, California

These U.S. Army Golden Knights parachutists seem to be having tremendous fun demonstrating their skill and precision as they depart from the jump plane.



**Andreas Zeitler**

Ingolstadt, Germany

A Swiss air force F/A-18 Hornet is on a runway at the Alpine air base Meiringen. Cows and jets coexist quite well in Switzerland.

# EDITOR'S PICKS



**Mark Garfinkel** Winthrop, Massachusetts  
United Airlines Flight 106, a Boeing 767-400, flying from Newark, New Jersey, to Munich, passes over Boston at 33,000 ft. and 580 mph.



**Ognyan Stefanov**  
Sofia, Bulgaria  
This is the view from a Bulgarian air force C-27J Spartan cockpit during a night approach to Sofia Airport.



**Matthew Short**  
Lancaster, California  
Passing the time with a little inflight shopping.



**Johnson Barros**  
Brasilia, Brazil  
A Boeing KC-130 refuels a Dassault Mirage 2000 over Natal, Brazil.



**Richard Mallory Allnutt**  
Fairfax Station, Virginia  
Slumbering airliners sit out in the sweltering Arizona heat during a sandstorm last March at the Marana (Arizona) Air Park.

**JEREMY HUMPHREYS**

*Olney, Texas*

Aerobatic pilot goes vertical at Wittman Field, Oshkosh, Wis., at the Air Maneuvers Challenge.



**ANGELO BUFALINO**

*Highlands Ranch, Colo.*

St. Elmo's Fire while deviating around thunderstorms at 37,000 ft.

**ROBERT FASSINO**

*Hudson, Wis.*

Sunrise approach to Minneapolis/St. Paul International Airport.

# FIRST PLACE GENERAL



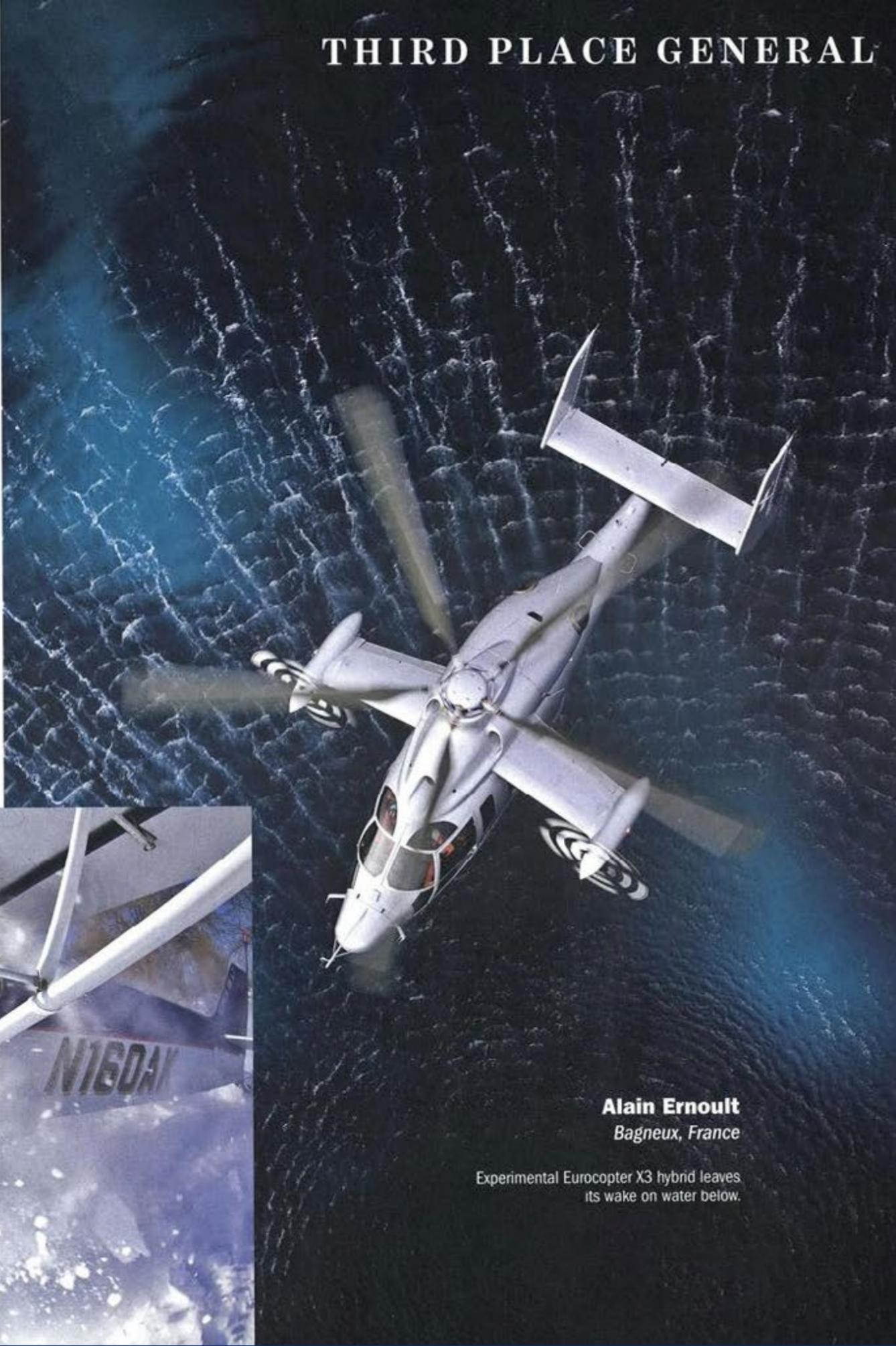
**Rod Reilly**  
Suwanee, Ga.  
Stefan Hokof paints the name Twilight Tear on P-51D N251L at EAA AirVenture 2011.

# SECOND PLACE GENERAL

**Jim Koepnick**  
Oshkosh, Wis.  
Amy Gesch takes off in her Dakota Cub on skis.



# THIRD PLACE GENERAL



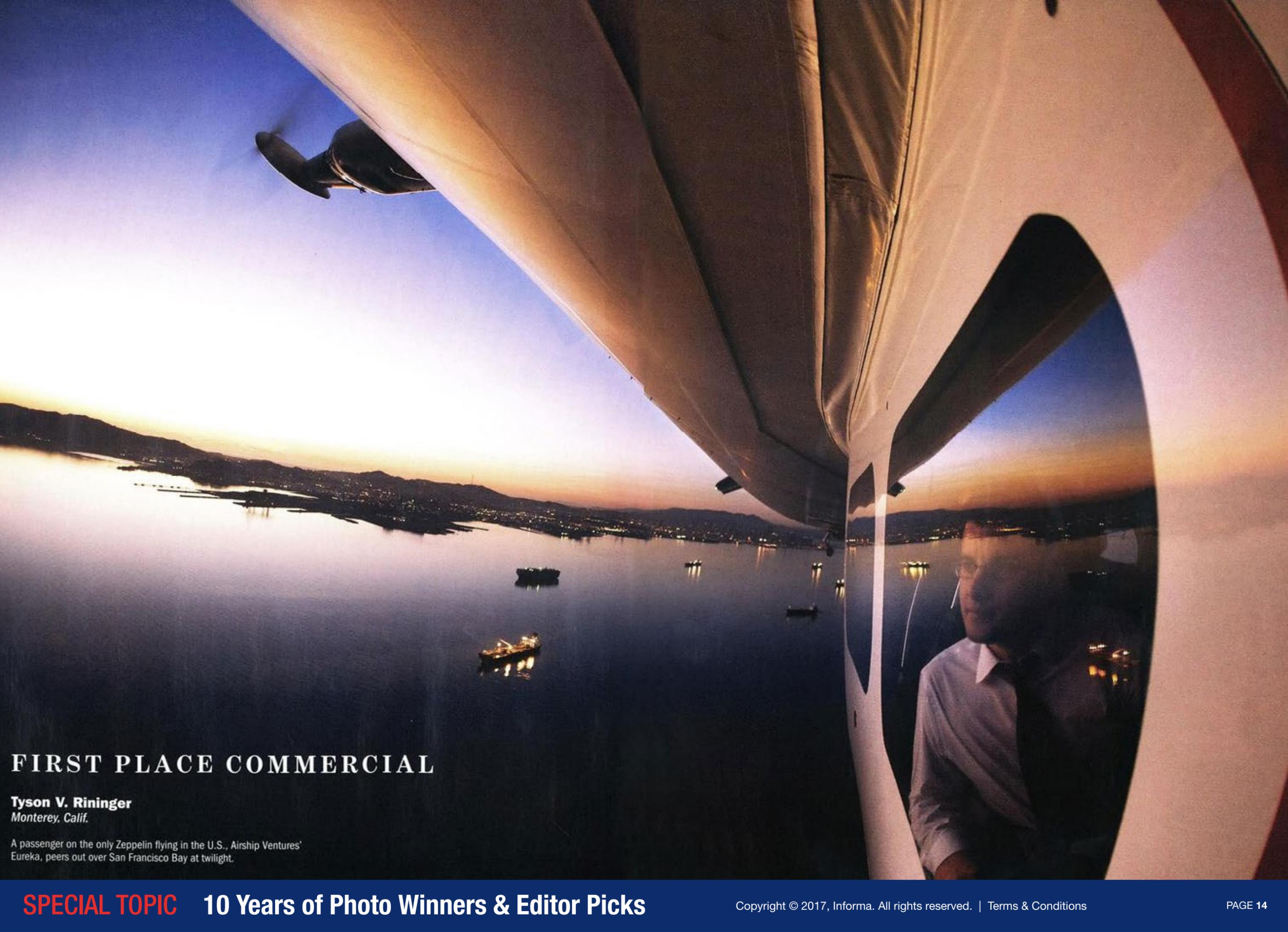
**Alain Ernoult**  
Bagneux, France  
Experimental Eurocopter X3 hybrid leaves its wake on water below.

# FIRST PLACE GENERAL



**Alain Ernoult**  
*Bagneux, France*

A Red Bull air race aircraft soars above the Douro River in Porto, Portugal.



## FIRST PLACE COMMERCIAL

**Tyson V. Rininger**  
*Monterey, Calif.*

A passenger on the only Zeppelin flying in the U.S., Airship Ventures' Eureka, peers out over San Francisco Bay at twilight.

# FIRST PLACE MILITARY



**Alain Ernout**  
Bagneux, France

French navy skydivers form a half-circle over the Mediterranean Sea, near Toulon. The Eurocopter EC155 is in stationary mode.

**PHOTOGRAPHY HONORABLE MENTION**

**MAJ. DERRICK STAMOS**

*RAF Mildenhall, U.K.*

Contact! Eight-thousand feet over the Baltic Sea, an MH-53M's refueling probe hits home in the drogue of an MC-130P.



**JAMES HASELTINE**

*Omaha, Neb.*

A C-130 from the 139th Air Wing in St. Joseph, Mo., releases flares over a range in Kansas during an evening training mission.

**TED CARLSON**

*Mission Viejo, Calif.*

Four U.S. Marine Corps VMFA(AW)-121 "Green Knights" F/A-18D Hornets participate in a flight breakup over the California desert.

