

Randy Harris/ Skybolt 300 Bio & Trivia

Randy is one of the air show industries' top performers. 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 combine those experiences and a lengthy career rooted in aviation into a spectacle of stratospheric proportions. Everyone in the audience looks up to him during his performance. (*Ed – did we mention humorist?*) Being the consummate DIY guy, Randy constructed the award-winning Skybolt 300 himself. Twenty five years ago he set about to make the airplane the most colorful, all-American example of personal ingenuity. And every year he tweaks it just a bit more.

Randy's goal is to utilize the air show business as a backdrop to inspire individuals to be passionate about something in their life. Being passionate about flying has enabled Randy to enjoy a life full of adventures and challenges. He also wants to encourage more young people to have an interest STEM (Science, Technology Engineering and Math).

Originally from Virginia Beach, VA, Randy holds a Mechanical Engineering Degree from North Carolina A&T State University and manages a small aerospace company. Along with wife Linda, they are based at the historical Gundy's Airpark near Tulsa, OK. Randy has over 20 years and 200 venues of experience on the air show circuit. He performs in a number of large and small shows each year throughout North America.

The Award winning Skybolt 300 is a purpose-built biplane. It's the only one flying that was built in the living room of a condominium. The Skybolt 300 is similar in design to the diminutive Pitts Special, but is much larger and more powerful. The two place biplane has a wing span 24 ft. 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 airplane is constructed of many different materials, mostly steel tubing and wood, with a fabric covering. The Skybolt has won several top awards at air shows in the US and has been featured in numerous aviation magazines, posters, calendars, and advertising. It has also been used as the certification platform for CamGuard, an oil additive. The Skybolt is the first homebuilt (E-AB) airplane to be used for FAA certification testing and was the first FAA test program performed exclusively at air shows around the country.

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