



FLIGHT RISK

DESIGN. BUILD. TEST.

**DEEP IN THE DESERT, AWAY
FROM THE COMFORTS OF MAN,
MAVERICKS RIP THROUGH THE
MOJAVE SKY.**

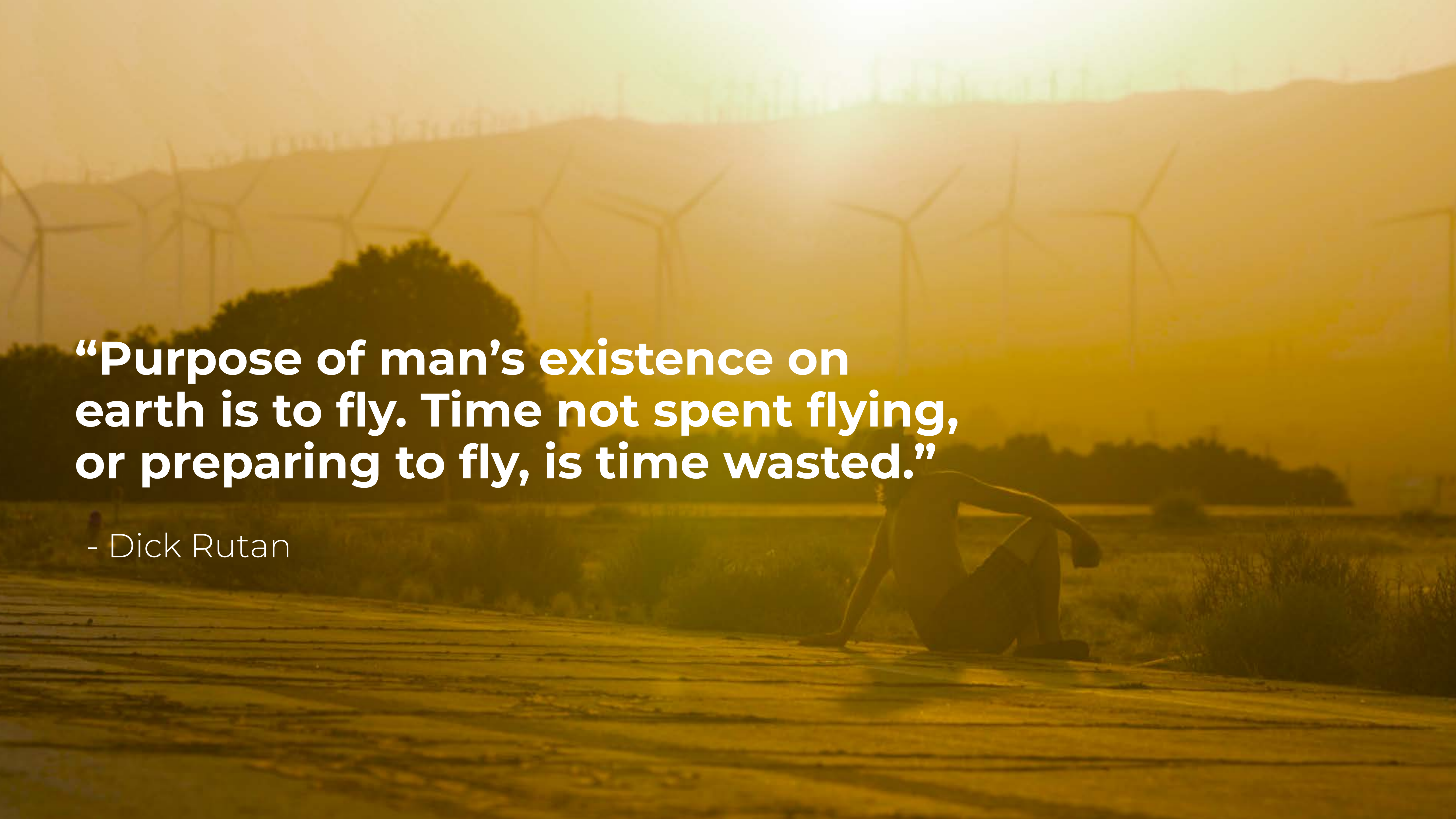
**OUT HERE, YOU'RE
WELCOME TO
BREAK THE SOUND
BARRIER...**



GO TO SPACE...



OR DIE TRYING.

A person is sitting on a wooden ramp or runway, looking out over a field of wind turbines. The scene is bathed in the warm, golden light of a sunset or sunrise, with the sun low on the horizon behind the turbines. The person is in the foreground, slightly to the right, sitting on the wooden planks. The background is filled with rows of wind turbines stretching into the distance.

“Purpose of man’s existence on earth is to fly. Time not spent flying, or preparing to fly, is time wasted.”

- Dick Rutan



THE SHOW

▶ This is a cinematic competition series about pilots obsessed with pushing the limits of aviation.

- ▶ Our **characters** are mad scientists, fringe mechanics, and dreamers obsessed with searching for the impossible.
- ▶ Our **backdrops** are stunning landscapes such as the Mojave Desert with a long history of aerospace innovation.
- ▶ Our **climax** is the Mojave Fly-In: an annual desert event that draws aviation enthusiasts and experimental pilots from all across the US.
- ▶ Their **goal** is to be crowned the Mojave Fly-In's number one aerospace engineer/pilot and take home the event's most coveted title of "Best Overall."
- ▶ Our **conflict** is rooted in the internal struggle to achieve greatness and the bitter rivalry of friends turned competitors.

Every April, pilots from around the world converge at the **Mojave Air and Space Port.**

They come from near and far to **push the limits of aviation.**

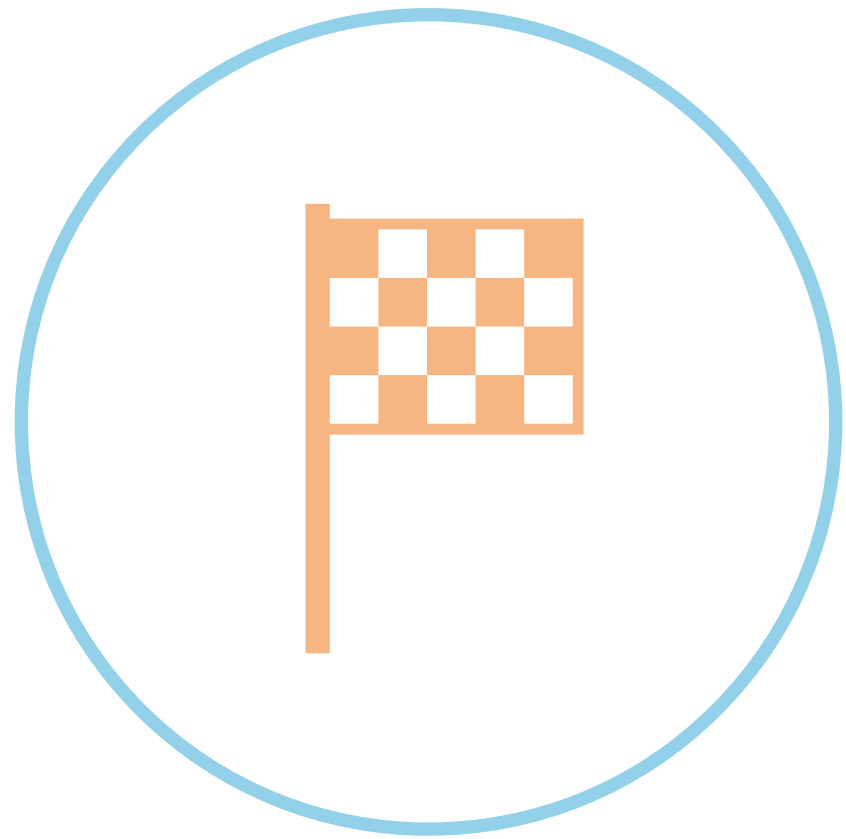


In order to qualify for the Mojave Fly-In,
pilots from around the country battle it out in
point-to-point air races.

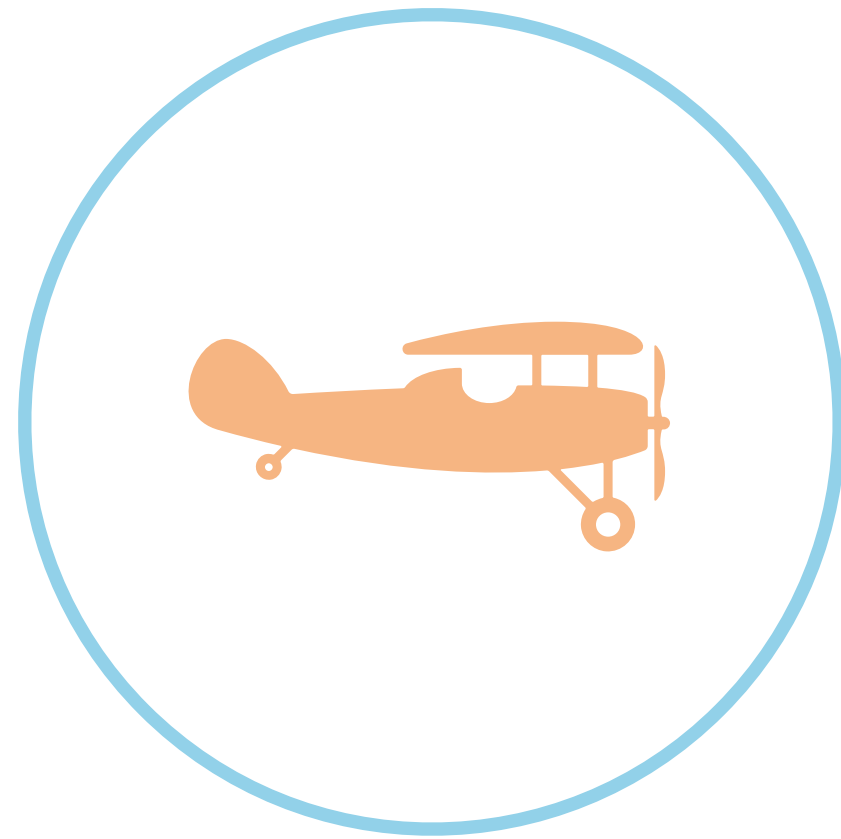
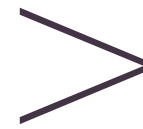


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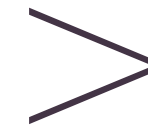
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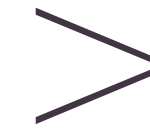
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AIR RACES



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PILOTS
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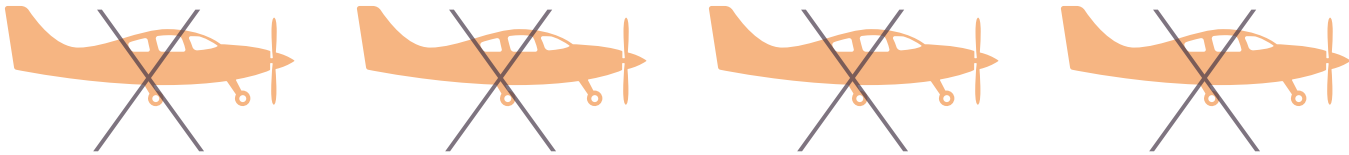


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MOJAVE FLY-IN
“BEST OVERALL”
WINNER

SEASON BREAKDOWN

▶ THE POINT-TO-POINT RACES

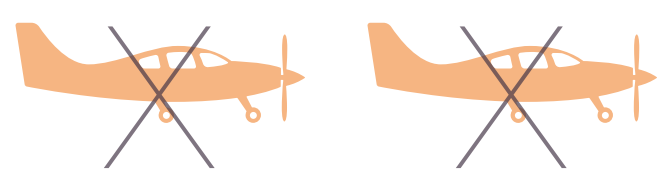
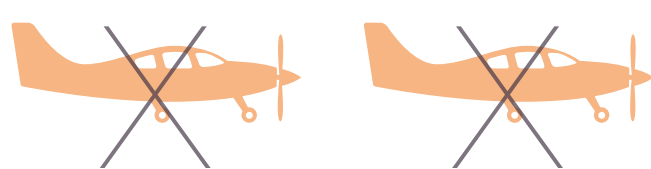
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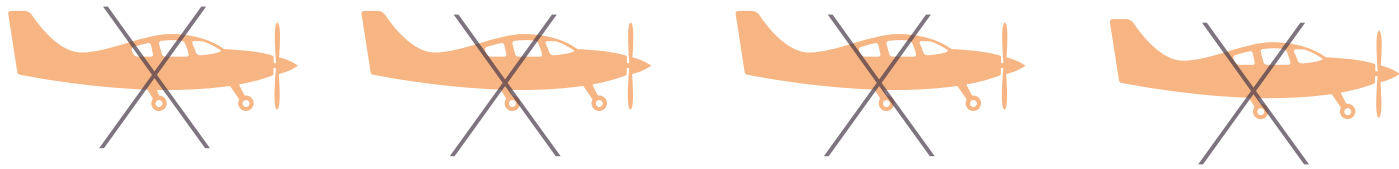
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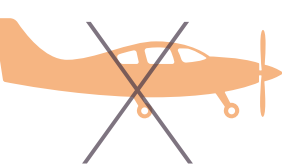
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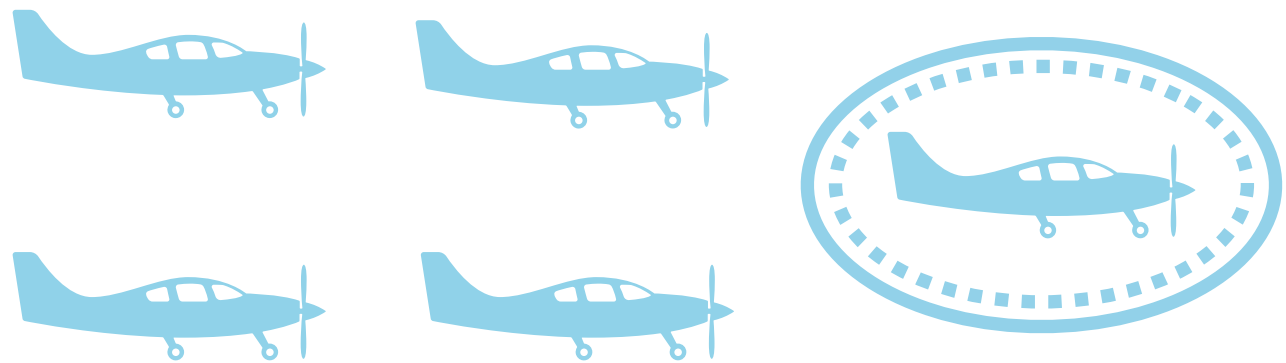
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EPISODE FIVE

EPISODE SIX: THE MOJAVE FLY-IN



5 FINALISTS → **1 WINNER**

▶ THE QUARTER-FINALS

POINT-TO-POINT AIR RACES

- ▶ Point-to-point races include an obstacle course and treasure hunt element on the ground and in the air.
- ▶ **5 pilots complete in each race in their respective planes.**
From high-end pilots to hobbyists — anyone can fly.
- ▶ Each race has completely different courses - setup between two cities with stunning natural backdrops.
- ▶ Each race starts and ends as a foot race where the pilots run to their planes and end as a foot race to the finish line.
- ▶ During the races, planes may be diverted off-course to land and pick up cargo, while at other times, they'll compete in “mini-contests” such as a “Time To Climb” test. Here, they attempt to altitude break records.
- ▶ Each race is a qualifying/elimination round. **The winner of each race qualifies to compete in a final, grueling race at the Mojave Fly-In.**



▶ THE FINAL

THE MOJAVE FLY-IN

WHAT IS IT?

- ▶ An annual two-day build-and-fly competition celebrating **unique** and **one-of-a-kind** aerospace development at the Mojave Air & Space Port in Mojave, CA.
- ▶ The event kicks off with the grounded portion where our finalists showcase their design and build to our panel of judges - a mix of aviation legends and leaders of the industry.
- ▶ Then, it's time to get the experimental planes airborne. This leads into the main event: **The Experimental Fly-in**. Here, the finalists of the point-to-point races go head-to-head — putting their planes to the test and their lives on the line for the final face-off.
- ▶ Our finalists are put through the toughest point-to-point race that begins and ends at the Mojave Space Port. Along the way, they're tasked with the most grueling diversions and mini-contests to date.

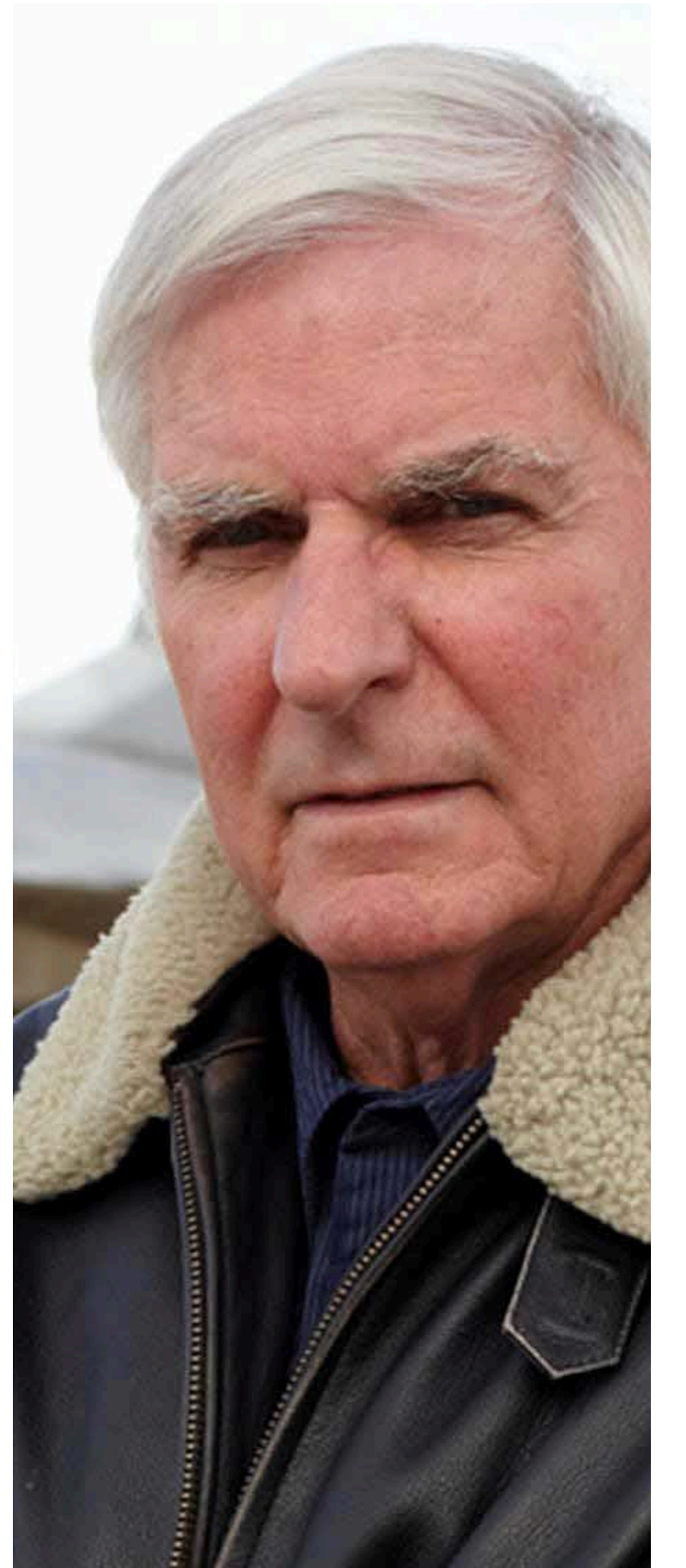
**The pilot who finishes first wins cold hard cash
and the coveted title of “Best Overall.”**





THE NARRATIVE

- **Personal narratives for our pilots are the backbone of this series.**
- Our pilots each have something at stake, something they need to achieve not only at the point-to-points but making it to final — the Mojave Fly-In.
- There is a “No Holds Barred” attitude in this Mojave desert community - you do what it takes to win. The competition between engineers and pilots drives them to innovate. It is an ethos and theme for the series, exploring what drives these men and women to attempt what’s never been done.
- We will also focus on technology and aerospace design. Interest in this topic is at an all-time high. SpaceX livestream launches draw millions of viewers and it’s important for the audience to understand some of the underlying science/engineering of their designs.
- **Lastly, the Mojave desert will be a focal character itself - the home base for our pilots and a stunning visual backdrop for our series.**



KEY PILOTS

ZACH REEDER

- A gifted engineer and a true test pilot with the mind of an astronaut.
- Learned to fly-in his back yard, where his flight-instructor father had a dirt airstrip and a collection of home-built airplanes.
- He is one the lead designers on what will be the largest airplane ever built. It is a commercial space launch aircraft that is being funded by Paul Allen, co-founder of Microsoft. Zach is in charge of designing the wings.
- He flies two very different airplanes, smaller in size, but massive in their legacy.
- He's had a longtime complicated rivalry with fellow Mojave test pilot Elliot Seguin. The two have been vying for the same jobs and positions for over a decade.



ELLIOT SEGUIN

- A born showman. He's boisterous, loves the spotlight, and has the skills to back it up.
- He is a gifted test pilot who possesses equal parts courage, skill, experience, and luck.
- Elliot worked for years at Scaled Composites, where he was vying to be one of the top test pilots but Zach Reeder beat him to it - adding to an already complicated rivalry between the two that has spanned decades.
- After being passed up for the job to design the world's largest airplane, given to rival Zach Reeder, Elliot left to work as a full-time freelance test pilot.
- After his falling out with Zach, Elliot teamed up with the highly sought-after all-star mechanic and aircraft designer Andy Chiavetta. Andy is Elliot's crew chief.
- Earlier this year, Elliot crashed an experimental design that he had been developing with for a secret client, narrowly escaping death. His wife was pregnant at the time. From the perspective of some of his peers, Elliot is out of control. For Elliot, that's just the cost of doing business and pushing the envelope.



LEXI DUPONT

- Lexi is a professional skier, adventurer and outdoor enthusiast from Sun Valley, Idaho.
- Growing up she pursued ski racing, qualifying and competing in the Junior Olympics.
- She's a member of Eddie Bauer's First Ascent team and the Global K2 Ski Team. As a professional big mountain skier, she has been spotlighted in multiple international ski films, such as Warren Miller's Wintervention and Tracing Skylines.
- Her ancestry is steeped in aviation history. Her grandfather, Alexis Felix duPont, whom she is named after, was the first pilot to land a plane in New Guinea. Several of her aunts, along with Amelia Earhart, were members in the first female team to fly across America in the Women's Air Derby. Another family member was the first to fly a plane down the Amazon River for a medical mission.
- As Lexi embarks on a new path as a pilot, she plans to retrace in flight some of the historic journeys that her family members completed.



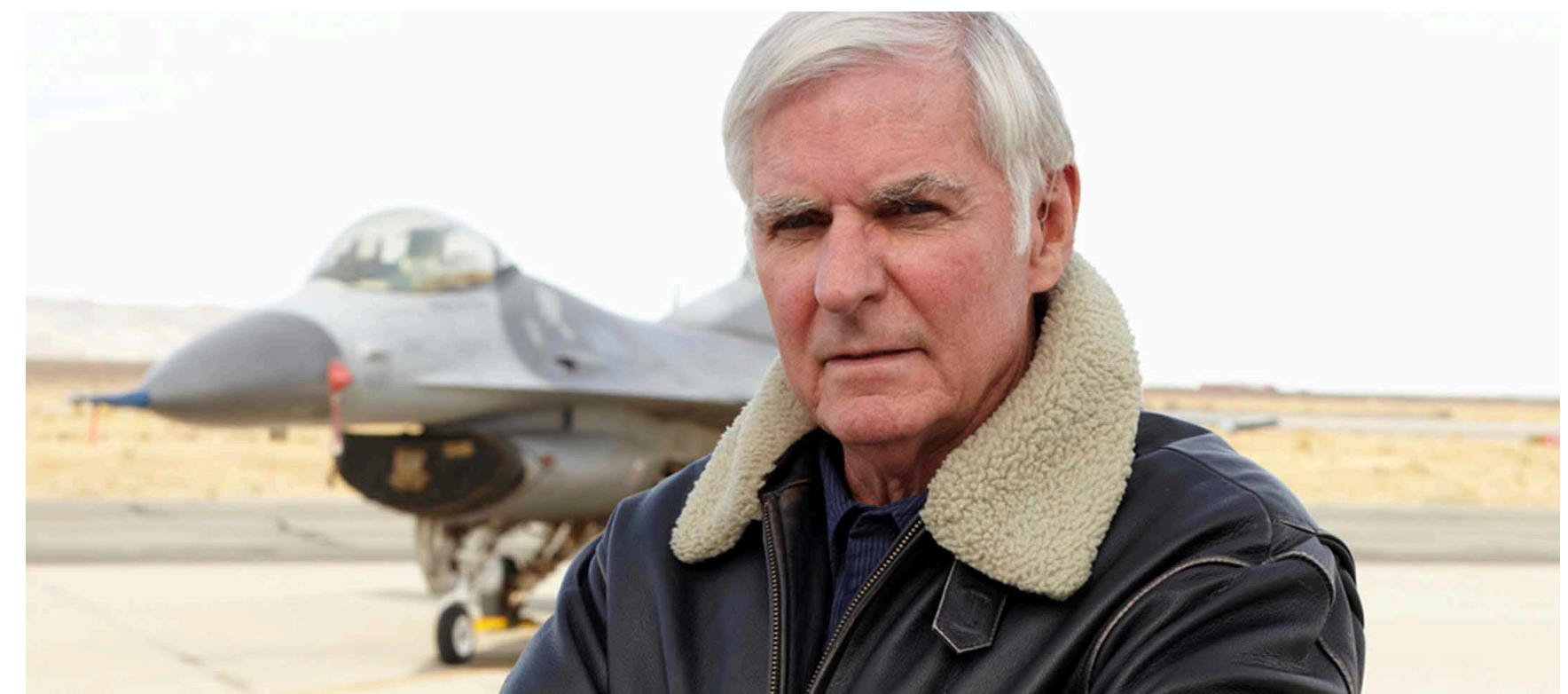
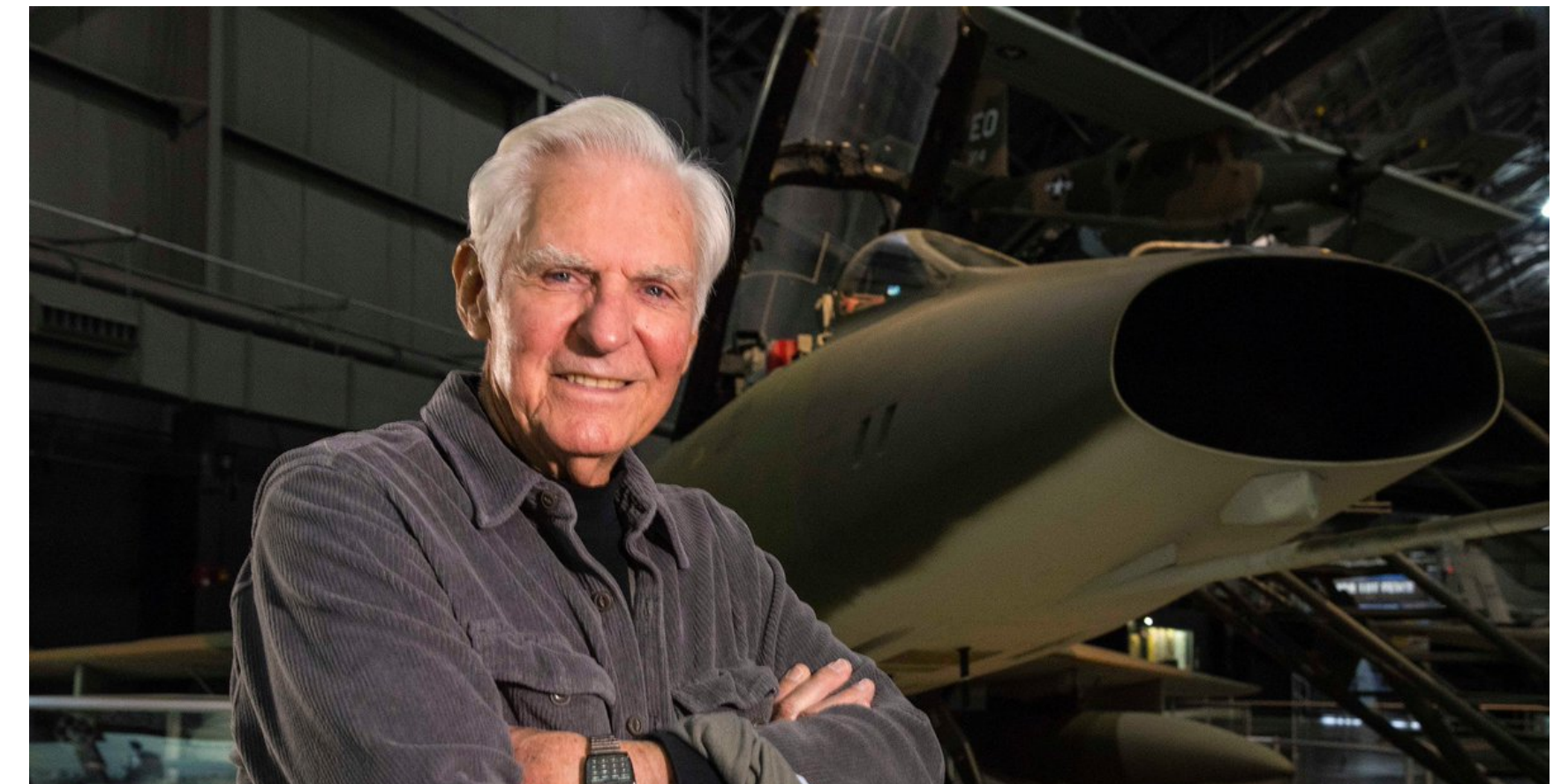
ANDY CHIAVETTA

- ▶ A legendary mechanic in both the world of Formula One Air Racing and the experimental aviation world.
- ▶ He is eclectic, reclusive, and a mad genius.
- ▶ He works for three days straight during race season, makes no mistakes, takes a 20-minute nap in his pop-up tent, and then does it again. If he cracks and forgets to replace a bolt, it could mean the end of his career. But Andy does not crack.
- ▶ Everybody wants Andy to work on their plane, and money is usually no object - they just want to be the fastest, and Andy is the guy who can make it happen.
- ▶ Andy often works as Elliot's crew-chief and lead mechanic. This is a steep job for Andy as the pilot must trust to mechanic to provide them with a machine that can be taken to the limit, and the mechanic must trust the pilot not to crash a once-in-a-lifetime design.
- ▶ Andy has been at Elliot's side for all of his major record attempts, as well as his races at the Reno Air Races. But, as the spotlight continues to follow Elliot, their relationship becomes more and more complex.



DICK RUTAN

- ▶ He is the brother of Burt Rutan, the godfather of modern experimental aviation. The two started Scaled Composites, which has grown into the most advanced experimental aviation enterprise of all time.
- ▶ He flew F-104's in Vietnam – a jet fighter so dangerous and so hard to fly that it practically took more lives than enemy aircraft did.
- ▶ He was the first to fly non-stop, unrefueled around the world, in an airplane that he and his brother built.
- ▶ He's seen the greatest pilots of all time at their prime, and he's seen a lot of guys turn into smoking holes in the desert. He is one of the greats, and he knows it.
- ▶ When he says that Mojave is the last bastion of cowboy aviation, he is the living embodiment of that spirit.



MICHAEL GOLD

- A classically trained pianist from a family of musicians and artists. He studied jazz piano at California Institute of the Arts, joined a band and toured the country. But, he pivoted his career and it wasn't long before he was in the sky.
- Given an older plane to repair, he got it flying and started flying advertising banners. He saved up enough to buy the plane and rent a hanger...which doubled as his apartment.
- He was given a shot to try out for one of the most respected Alaskan air taxi services - Talkeetna Air Taxi. He's now one of the rising stars of the Alaskan bush pilot scene, flying into glaciers and remote locations daily.
- Michael is a regular at the Mojave Fly-in and close friends with Elliot, Zach and Andy. He will serve as an objective, knowledgeable insider who can guide out audience through the nuances of aviation and the layers of relationships between all the pilots.





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