

# Steve O'Berg, O'Berg Air Shows

## Pitts S-2B



**Based in Kansas City at the Midwest National Air Center in Mosby, MO between Liberty and Excelsior Springs**

Steve's first memory of flying was sitting in his brothers' lap while his dad flew them around Oklahoma City on Christmas Day. As a kid growing up in Kansas, he remembers going to several air shows then later, living under the traffic pattern at a small airport and always looking up at the airplanes flying over, and running outside every time he heard a crop duster working the fields. Yet somehow he never imagined he could someday be flying those airplanes until a family member finally planted the seed, that if he wanted to, he too could fly. It was a late start compared to others but since then he has accumulated over 11,000 hours of flight time.

Steve has been actively flying since 1983 after enlisting in the U.S Army. He soon joined the base flying club and started working on his private pilot's license. Some of his first training flights were in a Super Decathlon, practicing basic aerobatics before he even had his Private Pilot's license. That set the aerobatic hook. However, Steve's airplane flying took a backseat to helicopter flying when he was accepted into the U.S. Army's Rotary Wing Flight School.

Steve's career in the Army spanned 23 years by the time he retired in 2007. While in the Army he flew OH-58's, UH-1's, UH-60 Blackhawks, the C-12 King Air 200, and the C-23 Shorts-330. He retired with over 4,000 hours of military flight time including over 400 combat hours in Iraq.

Steve eventually got back into flying airplanes after a friend asked him to help him out at his skydiving club flying their jump plane. Instead, he first started skydiving and has about 150 sport skydives, including 3 BASE jumps. Steve says he's not a real BASE jumper however since he only completed jumps off of a Building (B), Antenna (A), and a bridge (S-Span) but NOT Earth (E) so technically, he is only a "Bas(s)" jumper 😊.

Steve's extensive civilian flying background includes over 7,000 hours flying everything from J-3 Cubs for fun, Boeing helicopters in Alaska doing Heli-Logging, being a Commuter Airline pilot and a lot of things in between.

His FAA Licenses include Airline Transport Pilot, Multi-Engine Airplane, and Rotary Wing Instrument Flight Instructor certificates.

Steve holds a Level 3 Statement of Aerobatic Competency from the FAA.

The air show flying and the rides he gives before and after the show have been among the most rewarding in his career. To date he has given rides in his Pitts to men and women, boys and girls from ages 93+ to as young as six years old.

He is a member of the International Council of Air Shows (ICAS), Aircraft Owner and Pilots Association (AOPA), Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA), International Aerobatic Club (IAC), American Legion and the NRA.

Steve is currently flying a Cessna Citation XLS for a very large, fractional jet company. It's boring flying most of the time but....., it pays the bills.

### Airplane

Pitts S-2B

The Pitts is the most recognized, Factory Built, FAA Certified, Aerobatic Airplane in the World!

7UP has a 540 Cubic Inch Lycoming Engine. The engine is mildly modified to increase its output from the stock 260 HP up to about 300 HP. It also has a custom MT Propeller replacing the original 2 bladed propeller for increased performance and awesome "sound effects"

### Routine

Steve's routine is an exciting mix of maneuvers including gyroscopic maneuvers, snap rolls, vertical rolls, double hammerheads and more.

### Rides

Steve offers aerobatic rides in the Pitts starting at [REDACTED] Go see him at his plane after his performance or contact him at:

Call or text: [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

FaceBook: [REDACTED]

YouTube: [REDACTED]

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