

DAN BUCHANAN



**"Dan is not only a showman...
he is an inspiration to people
who wish to live their dreams."**

*-- Dave Weiman, Founder & Former Publisher,
WORLD AIRSHOW NEWS.*

**When asked why he flies, Dan's
usual smiling response is,**

***"I have to fly...
I can't walk!"***

Dan is also a Federally and State licensed pyrotechnician trained by Hollywood experts. He installs, wires and sequences all of the special effects on the fabric wing himself. Can you blame him?

***DAN HAS RECEIVED 3 SHOWMANSHIP AWARD HONORS
FROM AIRSHOW ORGANIZATIONS:***

"The Art Scholl Award for Showmanship"

"The Bill Barber Award for Showmanship"

"The ICAS Special Achievement Award"

Dan was a New England home builder and flat-track motorcycle racer, and enjoyed the thrill of flying off mountain tops, when in 1981, he paralyzed his legs trying to land in stormy weather. Losing his ability to walk, he returned to college to pursue a career in mechanical engineering and worked in Silicon Valley, CA

Despite his handicap, Dan returned to flying within six months, and since then his tenacity and adventurous spirit has allowed him to accrue more than 2,800 hours of flight time in hang gliders and sailplanes. His recreational flights are typically 3-6 hours long thermal soaring as high as 18,000 feet over the western mountains.

After his first air show performance at Medford, OR in 1989, his appearances increased each year, and now he shares his thrill of flight with millions of people around the world during his annual 25+ city Airshow tour driving 45,000+ miles each summer. Performing principally across North America, his international venues have included Australia (8 times), Thailand, El Salvador, The United Arab Emirates, Canada, and Mexico.

