

PATRICK MCALEE – “Extreme Flight”

Pronunciation: Mack-a-Lee

Hometown: St. Louis, MO (now based in Chicago, IL)

Aircraft: Modified Pitts S1 Biplane – “The Blue Demon”

BIO & BACKGROUND

- Started flying at age 5; inspired by father and uncle (both commercial pilots)
- As a child, helped build two award-winning biplanes with his father
- Attended EAA AirVenture at Oshkosh starting at age 5
- At age 12, decided to become a professional aviator
- At age 16, Patrick soloed a 1947 antique Cessna 140
- At age 17, Patrick flew solo to Oshkosh in the Cessna 140 after earning his pilot's license
- Earned commercial and multi-engine ratings at 18 (same day)
- Became a flight and instrument instructor at age 18
- At age 23, received A&P License and hired by Republic Airlines by the age of 24

EDUCATION & CAREER

- Received A&P license and joined Republic Airways as First Officer in 2007 at age 23
- Degree in Aviation Maintenance & Technology (University of Central Missouri)
- Hired by Republic Airways as First Officer in 2004
- Promoted to Captain within 2 years; became Captain on EMB-145 2006, then EMB-170/175 by 2013
- Trained at Tutima Academy of Aviation Safety (Sean D. Tucker)
- Began airshow aerobatics and competitions in 2006
- Top 10 placement in every national aerobatic championship competition and top 3 in newly every regional competition

THE AIRCRAFT – THE BLUE DEMON (PITTS S1)

- 230 HP Lycoming IO360 engine
- Custom Catto Propeller
- Sky Dynamics 4-into-1 exhaust system
- Weight: 850 lbs
- Carbon fiber panels and fabric body
- Chrome wrap designed by Vinyl Images and Design (St. Louis)

COMMUNITY & OUTREACH

- Promotes STEAM education through aviation-based Virtual Reality experiences
- Patrick and his wife Natalia published 'Extreme Flying Adventures' – an educational children's activity book (available on Amazon)

Fun Facts

- Earned his pilot's license before getting a driver's license
- First solo cross-country flight was to EAA AirVenture Oshkosh
- Gave plane rides to friends in exchange for car rides (didn't own a car until 18) Used a 'wash your plane to fly it' policy to gain flight time
- Logged time in nearly every aircraft he could get his hands on (over 100 aircraft)

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SOCIAL MEDIA

- Instagram: @ExtremeFlight
- Facebook: @ExtremeFlight45
- X (Twitter): @ExtremeFlight45
- YouTube: Patrick McAlee Airshows

Additional FACTS

- Mentored by airshow legends including Greg Koontz and Skip Stewart
- Became a Captain in his 20s and remained with the same airline for +20 years
- Flies a hand-built, customized Pitts S1 lighter and faster than most factory variants