



# Celebrity Lecture Series

# Bailout: The Hazards of Flight Test

**June 16, 2018**  
**11 AM Lecture**



**Otto Waniczek**  
**B-1 Flight Test Engineer**

**July 21, 2018**  
**Lecture & Fly In**

Rob "Lips" Hertberg and Steve Barber from the Commemorative Air Force will share the story of the Battle of Darwin. Both rare



aircraft will be on display.



**B-1 Bomber Prototype**

The ultimate nightmare for any aircrew is, of course, the possibility of a crash. Fortunately, such events are extremely rare. For one class of airmen, however, this kind of event is a very real hazard of the profession. These are the test flight crewmen, whose jobs include finding out what shortcomings a new design may have, as well as flying their craft at the extreme limits of the airplane's capabilities. For them, the nightmare actually can come true. One such tragic event involved a prototype of the US Air Force B-1 Lancer. On 29 August 1984, a B-1, crewed by Maj. Richard Reynolds, Capt. Otto Waniczek, and Rockwell Test Pilot, Doug Benefield, crashed during a routine test flight. Only two of the crew members survived; sadly, pilot Benefield did not. One of the survivors, Flight Test Engineer Otto Waniczek, has agreed to recount for us the conditions, causes, and aftermath of that day, and to share some of the unique roles and capabilities of this very special aircraft. Join us, to hear his truly compelling story.

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