



Tim Wright is a Richmond-based journalist whose aerospace assignments have taken him across the globe. Holding only a private pilot license, Wright has stick time in aircraft ranging from powered parachutes, ultralights and gliders; Cessnas, Stearmans and Air Tractors; military trainers, light attack turboprops and jet fighters. In Africa, with a very tense copilot sitting in the right seat, Wright held the left seat of a C-130 for six hours as it shuttled back and forth between Kenya and southern Sudan to make United Nations food drops during Sudan's civil war.

A writer and photographer, Wright's credits can be found in the magazines of AOPA and EAA, the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, *Time*, *US News and World Report*, and many other national publications in the U.S. and overseas.

A regular contributor to *Smithsonian Air & Space* magazine since 1995, Wright has developed some of the magazine's best-known stories. He was one of the first aerospace journalists to report on China's emerging world of general aviation. He investigated a Boeing 727 stolen in Africa, and learned that retired airliners can simply vanish unnoticed. He reported on the 100th anniversary of the Wright Brothers' flight, the first drone pilot sentenced to jail, and light attack aircraft being evaluated by the U.S. military. Wright also wrote a weekly column for *Air & Space* on unmanned aircraft. His column explored drones small enough to fit in your hand to ones big enough to carry kill lasers for North Korean ICBM's.

One of Wright's more involved projects was photographing the attempted recovery of the *Kee Bird*, a cold-war-era B-29 spy plane which belly landed on a frozen lake in northern Greenland in 1947. As part of a recovery expedition, Wright spent months living in a tent amid subzero temperatures and 70-mph snow whiteouts. He also endured multiple in-flight emergencies while flying back and forth to the location. Wright appears in *B-29 Frozen in Time*, the PBS documentary about the effort, but not even his mother could pick him out.

Now the holder of a Part 107 Certificate (UAV pilot), Wright's drone videography has already appeared in multiple award-winning PBS documentaries, in the pages of the *Washington Post* and elsewhere.