

SUMMER 2017

**"TO HELL WITH SAFETY.
ALL I WANT TO DO IS RACE."
-JAMES HUNT**

EN ROUTE

**ONE WHIRL
IS NOT ENOUGH**
(yes, 007's actual Astons)

By NICHOLAS FOULKES

— Old —
SCHOONER
GLAMOUR

Why vintage is best

By ALAN HARPER

PLUS

APP, APP AND AWAY: PRIVATE AVIATION IN THE DIGITAL AGE *by* KINVARA BALFOUR;
ATA GIRL: ANNETTE LYNTON MASON LEARNS HOW TO LAND A SPITFIRE *and* ANDREW MARTIN DRIVES A STEAM TRAIN;
the BEST SUVs for VIPS (as well as the rest of us); THE TEENAGER MAKING A SEISMIC IMPACT IN RALLYING;
plus our reviews of all things LAND, SEA and SKY—and much more, too

UP IN THE AIR

By Simon de Burton

FLOATS OF FANTASY

Enthusiasm for airship travel might have sunken like a lead balloon after the Hindenburg disaster of 1937, but the desirability of dirigibles is on

WINCH IT UP

British design genius Andrew Winch and his multi-talented team have recently pulled the wraps off plans for a luxurious interior for the Dornier Seastar seaplane. Harking back to the

range of paint options inside and out means the sky's the limit. No one wants a seaplane just like the one next door, do they?
winchdesign.com

GOURMET
AIR FARE

Boutique private aviation sales and charter company ConnectJets is ensuring passengers are catered for at the highest level by calling on the services of a food scientist and a wine expert to create menus which are healthy and tasty too.

Wilson has recommended foods which are specifically chosen to sit well with one at 40,000 feet.

The post-prandial coffee is also ethically sourced by Connect-Jets, whose founder and managing director, Gabriella Somerville, is one of few high-flying women in the private aviation biz. connectjets.com

GONE WITH THE WIND

If you find the thought of a private jet a little too flash, how about taking to the skies by paraglider? Top maker Parajet has released the Maverick Pro which, thanks to the extensive use of lightweight materials such as titanium and carbon, weighs in at a sassy 21.5 kilos.

A 10-day course should see you safely (and legally) airborne, after which you can explore the skies at will in the Maverick Pro, which costs £5,333. Parajet has also collaborated with celebrity daredevil Bear Grylls (top right) on a crash-landing survival equipment—the BG Adventurer package, for example, includes full training and all

glamorous era of flying-boat travel, Winch Design has chosen an Art

Deco theme for the makeover. Natural woods, deep-grained leather upholstery and polished metal details abound in the cabin, while a decking floor made from bleached teak not only looks the part but means well-heeled passengers can leap aboard with wet feet before taking off for the next remote cove.

Typical liveries seen on historic wooden tender boats inspired the exterior—but a

Following a heavy landing during a test flight last year, a prototype is due to fly again this summer ahead of the



old-fashioned.

The eight-seater P180 Avanti Evo flies higher and faster than any other aircraft in its sector thanks to ultra-efficient turboprop engines. The Evo is also said to be the most ecologically friendly in its field, being exceptionally quiet both inside and out, and up to 40 per cent more fuel-efficient than many of its rivals. You can have one in your hangar for a mere €5.5million. piaggiaerospace.it

