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DEVELOPING A BETTER QUADCOPTERS SLOW ENHANCEMENT

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What's up?

Hi. Thank you for your continuing support and encouragement. As I have said many times I only create videos when I have something that inspires me and where I feel have a story to tell. I am slowly building footage since I lost my computer. Hopefully you have seen my latest video - Removing Ones Self From The Equation on my YouTube channel. I can tell you there are more videos to come but I need to be excited by the content. You will be the first to know when I deliver my next one. In the meantime

As an avid supporter I wanted to give you an insight into what I am currently doing and give you a heads up about some of my exciting projects and movements over the next couple of months.

“Don't worry about failures, worry about the chances you miss when you don't even try.”

Product developments

Over the last 2 years I have been involved in numerous quadcopter related projects. Businesses employ me as a consultant to help them deliver a more efficient product. The Alien frame, for example, is today the standard by which many frames are measured against. I was lucky enough to have a hand in its early development. I also was involved in the development of Vortex frame which has also been a huge success. My involvement with ImpulseRC and ImmersionRC continues. Both companies have engaged me to help develop new concepts such as the Vortex 150 (recently released). Keep an eye out for a new product from ImpulseRC.

I spent a couple of weeks in USA some months ago working closely with Teal Drones on tuning their Sports Drone. The Teal company is developing some pretty innovative products based around the Apple iPhone. Keep an eye out for new developments here.

I have forged very close links with Flyduino the manufacturer of KISS flight controller boards and other quadcopter firmware related products. I am about to confirm a project with them on another exciting new innovative product.

Part of my interest is to do some product/component comparisons. Most of these show that manufacturers (and pilots and media) spin lots of hype because I have found only small differences between comparison components.

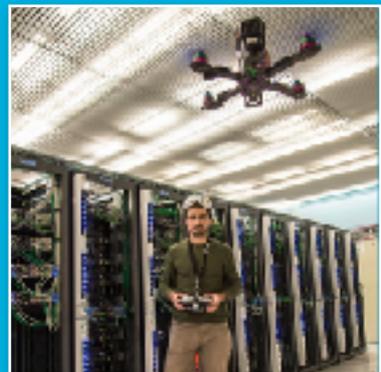
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Recent events

I spent some time in China earlier this year where I shot a video for Rotor Riot to show how motors are made. I returned to China specifically on another trip to create 4 videos of my flying in some cool locations including the Great Wall of China. Check them out on the Rotor Riot YouTube channel.

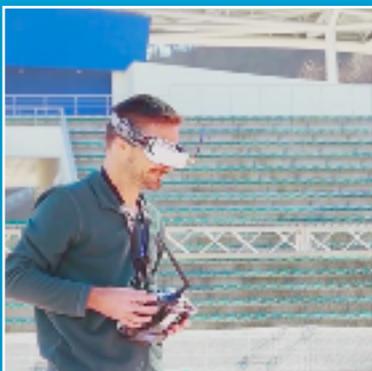
In May I competed in DCL racing where the course was through the Champs Ellise in Paris. Members of my team included Tommy (Ummagawd) and Sean Taylor (Nyt fury) plus JulieFPV. I arrived at this event without a quad and had to build and tune a prototype which put me under pressure but the final product performed really well. Unfortunately interference from the buildings and transport infrastructure played havoc with our radio that caused our quads to fall out of the sky as we competed in the heats. Things got worse because on my way home from Paris I had all my computer gear stolen.

Speak less than you know; have more than you show.



“When one door closes, another opens; but we often look so long and so regretfully upon the closed door that we do not see the one which has opened for us.”

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“Find out what you like doing best and then get someone to pay you for doing it.”

“Take risks: if you win, you will be happy; if you lose, you will be wise.”

Future events

After almost 2 years of traveling and living out of a suitcase I decided to have a long breather and take a break from Rotor Riot. Many people thought I had disappeared from the show but I can assure you this is not the case. I am not employed by Rotor Riot but intend to continue filming and working on projects they might have for me. It was during this break that I had the pleasure of staying for a few days on Moreton Island where I captured amazing footage of whales and dolphins.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=27LwiYOVCPO>

I have just returned from Canberra where I talked to the Department of Defence about the possible applications of nimble racing quadcopters (and their limitations). Tomorrow I fly to Ukraine again (visited Chernobyl a couple of years ago) to do some filming for Rotor Riot and help publicise the Ukrainian Drone Nationals. The Ukrainians have some epic ideas for filming which I am a bit “worried” about. We shall see. After that I fly to Reno, Nevada, USA to attend a MultiGP Drone Racing meet and do some research on a project for ImmersionRC while I am there. On return to Europe I aim to fly the Swiss alps if I have time. Next it will be to attend Expodronica in Barcelona where I will be a guest speaker at their conference and a celebrity demonstrator, pilot advocate and possible commentator at their racing segment. I also hope to create some content for Rotor Riot at this high profile event.

And so it looks like I will be home for the rest of the year. This will give me time to complete the research projects I am involved in, specifically my new frame and the new KISS FC. I just got word that my trip to South Korea to speak and demonstrate at the 2017 World Drone Conference is not going to eventuate. This is the second year of the conference and it seems that the organisers are reluctant to push drone racing as a sport any more. I was asked to talk specifically about racing and quadcoptering from a pilots viewpoint last year and I appealed to organisers to be a little more sympathetic to pilot welfare. I felt that pilots who compete in drone sports get the bad end of the stick in terms of treatment and certainly do not share enough in the financial profits that these events generate. The Memorandum of Understanding was signed but little has been done since about standardising pilot welfare.

Throttle Control - video created over 2 years ago - spurring the quad racing scene and making media aware of what quads can do:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IAzrGuOqB0g>

HawaiiBalls - video was created 2 years ago - one of the first cliff diving down a water fall and a race quad flying so far out over the ocean:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MpAlohkKt94>