



FLYING ACES

There's nothing like flying upside down in an open cockpit biplane to make you feel alive! Be part of the action at this classic air show featuring stunt flying daredevils as they take to the skies. This colorful and lively artwork is great as a giclée canvas reprint in a child's room and also makes for one of our most popular children's puzzles.

1. Wilbur and Orville Wright flew and controlled the first powered airplane on December 17, 1903 in North Carolina. The first flight lasted 12 seconds, covering 120 feet.
2. Biplanes were the most popular way to fly because it was easier to maneuver and more structurally sound than other planes.
3. The biplane was not only used for transport, but also for military training during both WWI and WWII.
4. The first major international air show happened in Remis, France in 1909 where 500,000 people attended.
5. Early on, when airshows became popular, people enjoyed the tricks and height attempts of the pilots. But, what really excited the onlookers was the fast pace races.
6. Lincoln Beachey was the most famous early stunt flyer where he flew more shows in 1911-1912 than any other pilot in the US.
7. Ormer Locklear was 26 when he performed the most daring stunts of any wingwalker.
8. Wingwalking is the act of moving on the wing of an airplane during flight, started in the 1920's after WWI.
9. The first sixteen cadets reported into the first flight school, the Schools of Military Aeronautics of the US, on May 21, 1917.
10. Barnstormers were WWI veteran pilots in the 1920's who hopped from town to town, performing daring stunts and giving rides to anyone for an affordable price. They would land in the nicest field they could find, often with a barn near by.