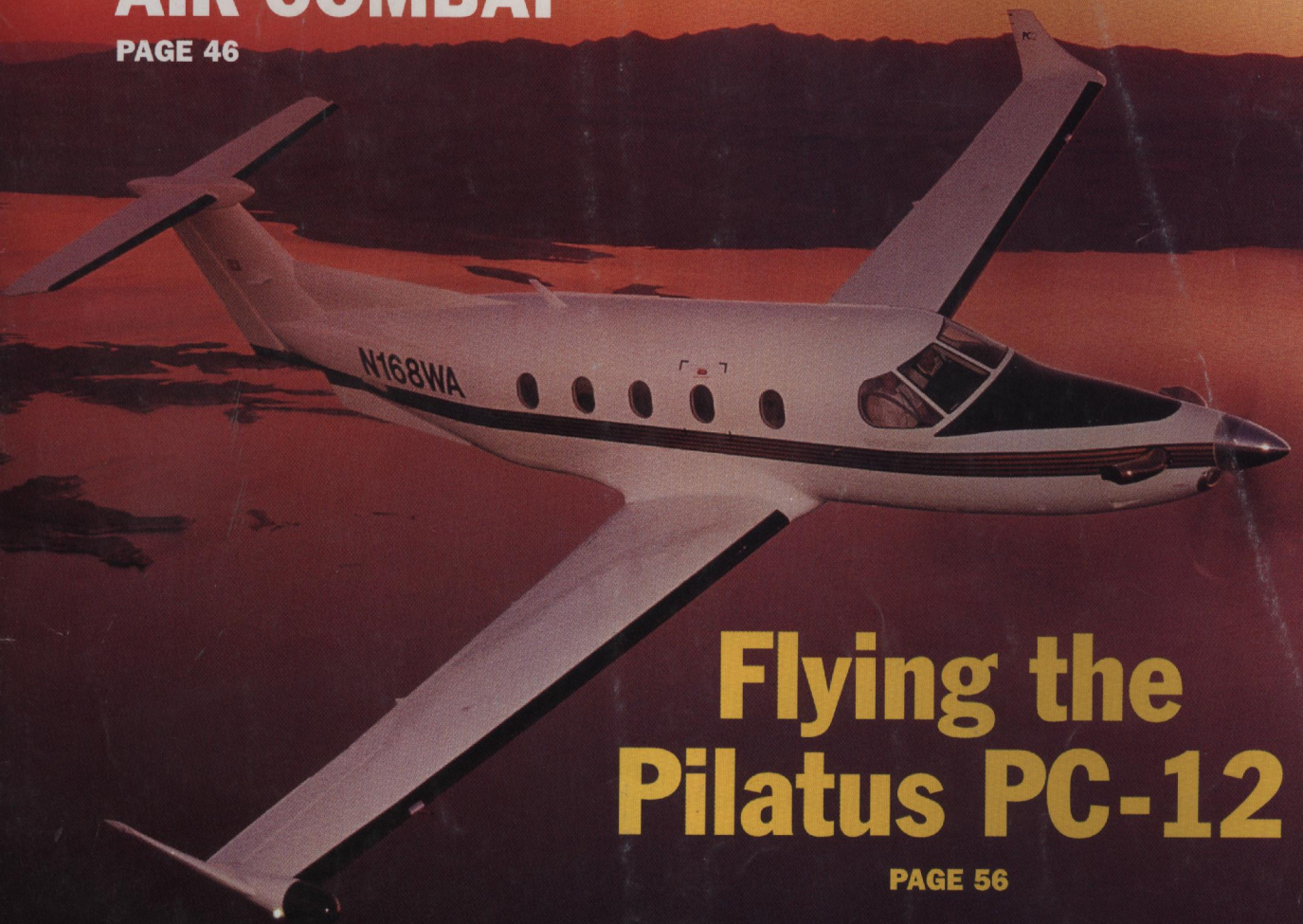


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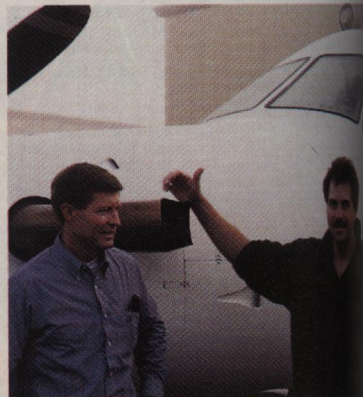
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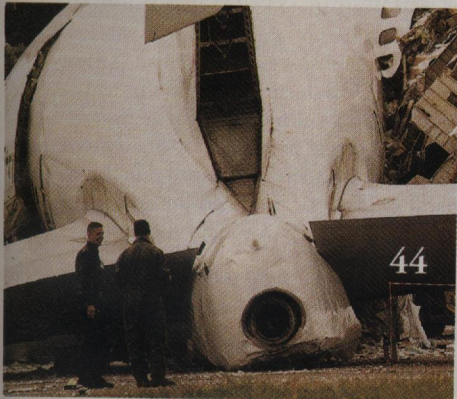
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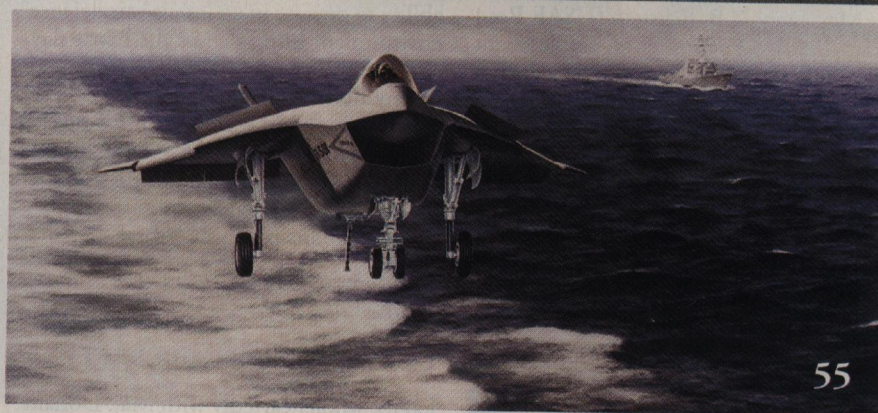
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SimCom International's PC-12 program coordinator, Thomas J. Evans (right), and Rocky Mountain Bureau Chief William B. Scott prepare for a flight in a Pilatus PC-12. Scott completed the seven-day PC-12 ground and flight training program at SimCom's Orlando, Fla., headquarters, and then flew a heavyweight version of the aircraft in Colorado for a high-altitude performance evaluation. His pilot report begins on p. 56.





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