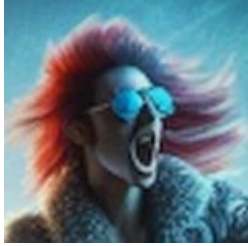


MICHAEL J LOFTON

# Flying Rocks



**Stories from the Air, Flying Some of the Biggest Rock N' Roll Stars of the World... From the zany to scary moments!**

**Ever wonder** how your favorite rock stars got from city to city during the golden age of arena tours? Climb aboard for Michael's personal memoir of arranging private flights for some of the **biggest names in music throughout the '70s, '80s, and '90s**. Yeah, we'll touch on the darker side of private aviation in rock history – those legendary artists we lost too soon – **but there's so much more to this story**.

This isn't your typical celebrity tell-all filled with gossip and drama, instead, Flying Rocks takes you **behind the scenes into the controlled chaos of coordinating private air travel** for rock's biggest tours. It's an insider's view of how we kept the show moving, literally, through the skies.

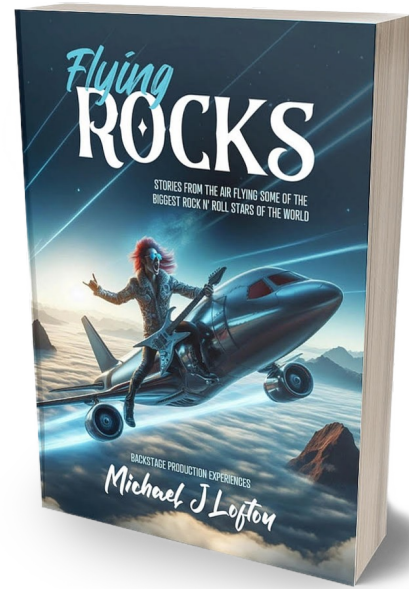
If you geek out over aircraft, have a passion for rock history, or just love hearing wild tales from backstage and 30,000 feet up, this book is for you. **Settle in for either a quick hop through some crazy stories or a full journey** through an era when rock and aviation created their own kind of magic. Fasten your seat-belts!

**Entertainers including...** Jimmy Buffett, Grateful Dead, Heart, Commodores, Rolling Stones, Van Halen, Guns N' Roses, Barry Manilow, Elvis, and more. Flying Rocks!



In the early 70s, Michael earned his A&P (Airframe and Powerplant) license, an IA (Inspectors Authorization), a CFI (Certified Flight Instructor) and Commercial Pilot's endorsement. Michael's earliest years of flying rock n' roll bands were from a basic office in a small mountain town in Southern California, called, Crestline. Within a couple of years, he had moved up the mountain to Big Bear City. With the assistance of local business investors, he started a Piper Aircraft Dealership at the local airport, while he continued to build his flying biz career. Subsequently moving to Colorado in the late '80s, he built private aircraft hangars in Durango CO and Los Alamos, NM.

Michael continued his flight consultations for major music entertainers for their private aircraft touring needs from 1977 until 2003. As of the first publication dated in his book, February 2025, Michael now lives in New England, on the border between New Hampshire/Maine, to be closer to his daughter and grandchildren. He maintains a side-business of providing digital new-age SEO content management services, while playing drums in a rock band, along with a bit of golf and competitive table tennis on the side.



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