



Airboy was a World War II war comic, part Allied propaganda against Axis powers, part super- hero action fantasy. Sadly, unmanned robotics are a reality in the air today.

Drones: Closer Than We Thought

On August 14, 2010, a tiny item from Associated Press appeared, buried in the St. Paul Pioneer Press, Local News section: the Wisconsin National Guard plans to build an \$8 million drone base at Volk Field. Designs are expected to be finished by October; construction could begin at the end of this year. The RQ-7 Shadow 200, an unmanned surveillance drone equipped with camera and radio frequency, already took off from Wisconsin's Volk Field and was tested in the air for ten minutes.

According to multiple news sources including militarynews.com and the New York Times, on August 25, the U.S. Navy admitted that it lost control of a helicopter drone during a test flight earlier in the month. It flew more than 30 minutes uncontrolled and entered Washington, D.C. restricted air space.

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