



It was Dave Leddy who first spotted the request for volunteers on the notice board, and on the day the Bashers turned up, to give seriously ill children and their parents a great day out. Generously John Wrayton had brought 2 ponies with the helpers (necessary in the circumstances), to look after the horses and the Children.

Dick grabbed the insurance certificate which had just arrived on the fax and promptly faxed it to Meridian TV. Thus it was that G-BASH became the most famous AA5 in the world for 1 minute on primetime TV. You see G-BASH was now camera plane for the day, what a coup, and what a surprise for the Bashers to find their aeroplane on Meridian TV that very evening!



Minicam shot inside G-BASH

Bash flew first with 5 year old Victoria Pratt and her father in the back. The TV cameraman had clamped a minicam, equipped with a fish eye lens, to the Bash Dash so a super shot of Victoria on her Dads knee was obtained. Victoria it seemed was very impressed by the Pig Farms and the cars, which she likened to insects when, viewed from the air. Replying to Victorias fathers question, one Basher (Yes Dave Leddy) was heard to comment that he navigates back into the circuit from the pig farms since they are the most prominent features on the route.

A second flight was then made with Chelsea Jones and her brother in the back, with the TV cameraman (complete with huge broadcast Quality TV camera) squeezed into the front seat.



Chelsea Jones looking pensively at the trains

But TV aside it was the Children who were centre stage and who were so lovely on this very special day. The sadness of their conditions was completely forgotten as they thrilled to sight of the world from an aeroplane. It was at times hard to decide who was enjoying themselves the most, the pilots or the kids. In

fact the parents often seemed the most scared! But then perhaps that is just how it should be when the Starlight foundation set out to take the Children's and the Parent's minds off their problems. It was a great privilege for the Bashers to help out with such a special event, and an experience that Bash News is unlikely to forget.



Dave Skerchly gets a precious kiss from Victoria



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