

# Jurgis Kairys Unlimited Flights



# Profile

Jurgis Kairys was born in Krasnojarsk, Siberia, on May 6, 1952, his parents were excited by Soviets from Lithuania. Jurgis family were able to return to their home Berže village in 1959 Lithuania when Jurgis was 6 years old. His interest in flying was inspired when going to school he was watching birds, planes landing and taking off. Agriculture planes was located near his home, small boy Jurgis was trying to be near them and help. In 1973 Jurgis graduated Viborg Aviation Technic school. He became an airframe mechanic, after engineer and was able to start flying aerobatics at the Kaunas Aerobatic Flying Club in Lithuania. In 1984 graduated Academy Civil Aviation in Sankt Petersburg becoming engineer pilot. Engineering knowledge was essential in developing his pilot career. His talents and determination were obvious and he soon became a member of the elite National team.

The style of acrobatics we see today was developed over 30 years ago by Lithuanians Jurgis and Steponas Artishkevicius competing with each other and coaching each other in the Lithuanian and Soviet teams in the seventies. Jurgis engineering and piloting skills were recognized when he was asked to work test pilot for the Sukhoi Design Bureau in 1989 to develop the Sukhoi 26, 29 and 31. Completely new experimental aerobatic aircrafts started to dominate in the Unlimited Aerobatic World. Jurgis won six medals only in Freestyle World Aerobatic Championships 1-bronze, 3-silver, 2-gold. Jurgis two times 2000-2005 became World Grand Prix of Aerobatics overall champion. In 2003 Jurgis won first Red Bull Air race in Zeltveg, Austria. This legacy continues to this date with the Su31 winning again Silver medal 2009 WAC, in Silverstone, UK., bronze in 2011 in Foligno, Italy. Participated in hundreds of air shows in the World, always been looking for new future flight possibilities in Unlimited Freestyle Aerobatics, recently developed "JUKA" aircraft from MAI-90 project.

Jurgis has invented several aerobatic maneuvers: First to hover his aircraft like a helicopter. "Slide Pass" (1992), "Kairys Wheel" (1987), "Small Loop" (1992) and was the first to successfully perform the "Cobra" (1992) maneuver in a propeller driven aircraft in Farnborough aviation exhibition.

Jurgis loves and flies 2nd. War planes I-16 Ishak "Rata", I-153 "Chaika", La-9.

First in the World: did officially permitted under bridge flights: 1996 July 04 did under bridge flights in Kaunas, 1999 flew under 10 bridges in Vilnius, 2000 Sept. made World wide known upside down under bridge flight and show.

# Main Achievements I

- 1974 Started flying aerobatics, Aircraft Zlin 326A
- 1976 Member of Lithuanian Aerobatic Team
- 1977 Member of Soviet Aerobatic Team, until Lithuanian Independence in 1990
- 1979 First Gold medal in International Competition in Hungary
- 1981 First Gold medal in European Aerobatic Championship in Austria
- 1982 First Gold medal in World Aerobatic Championship in Austria  
Started the development of Aerobatic Aircraft SU-26 at Sukhoi Design Bureau
- 1984 For the first time competed in World Championship with an aircraft SU-26, Bekescsaba, Hungary
- 1988 Silver medal in WAC 4 min. Freestyle flying Su26, Bronze medal Overall, Red Dir, Canada
- 1990 Gold medal in WAC 4 min. Freestyle flying Su26, Iverdon, Switzerland  
Test pilot at Sukhoi Design Bureau (1990-1996)
- 1992 Third overall in World Aerobatic Championship, Le Havre, France  
First test flight of SU-31 Breitling Masters, Silver medal  
Demonstrated Jurgis originated worlds first Slip Hover pass, Cobra and Small Loops at Farnborough, UK
- 1993 Breitling Masters, 2 Gold, 1 Bronze medals, Su31
- 1994 Gold medal in WAC 4 min. Freestyle, Su31, Miskolc, Hungary  
Breitling Masters, 2 Gold, 2 Silver medals, Su31
- 1995 Breitling Masters, 2 Silver, 1 Bronze medals, Su31
- 1996 Silver medal in WAC 4 min. Freestyle, Su26, Oklahoma City, USA  
FAI WGPA 1 Gold medal, Su31,  
First in the World official permitted Under bridge flight in Kaunas, Lithuania, Su26

# Main Achievements 2

- 1998 FAI WORLD GRAND PRIX (WGPA), 1 Gold, 1 Bronze medals, Su31
- 1999 FAI WGPA, 2 Gold medals, Su31.  
Special Millennium permitted flight under 10 Bridges in the City of Vilnius, Lithuania
- 2000 FAI WGPA 1 Gold, 1 Silver medals, Overall series winner, Su31  
Worlds first ever officially permitted inverted under bridge flight in Su26, Kaunas, Lithuania,
- 2001 FAI WGPA Unable to compete due to damaged aircraft in Seoul airshow, South Korea  
(Lost blades of Worldwind propeller damaging the engine during the display flight).
- 2002 FAI WGPA, Winner , Su31, Motegi, Japan
- 2003 General modifications were made to "JUKA"  
Winner, first Red Bull Air Races, Su26, Zeltweg, Austria,
- 2004 FAI WGPA Al Ain, Emirates, Winner, flying "JUKA"  
First demonstration Flights in the Southern Hemisphere At Warbirds Over Wanaka
- 2005 FAI WORLD GRAND PRIX WINNER - 5TH SERIES, 2004-2005 at the FAI CENTURY AIR  
SHOW Lausanne, Switzerland .  
Jurgis Kairys becomes overall top placed pilot over 10 years of FAI World Grand Prix  
Competitions! Jurgis Kairys wins the prestigious 2005 Trofeo REGGIANI competition, Italy
- 2006 Jurgis wins the Al Ain Cup in solo aerobatics freestyle competition, Al Ain, UAE
- 2008 For the first time the competition is organised under the rules of "JK Formula" invented  
by Jurgis Kairys.
- 2009 FAI ELITE AEROBATIC FORMULA contest is organized in Mamaia, Romania,  
Silver medal in FAI World Aerobatic Freestyle Championship.
- 2011 FAI EAF contest organized by J,Kairys in Riga, Latvia, Bronze medal in Freestyle WAC in  
Foligno, Italy .
- 2012 Nominated by Lithuanian Social Security Labour Ministry – "Ambassador of Lithuanian Name".

# Achievements 3





# Under Bridge Flights



# Famous Cobra manoeuvre



# Stunning Formations





# Racing with fastest vehicles



# Spectacular Performances



# Summary

- Jurgis Kairys is one of the most famous aerobatic pilots in the world. His Flights are always super extreme but at the same time very safe.
- He has successfully competed and won five medals (2-gold, 3 -silver) in Freestyle World Aerobatic Championships, European Championships, won World Grand Prix competition series and first RedBull AirRace.
- He has organized such an impressive events as The Underbridge Flights in normal and inverted flight in Lithuania (first time officially in the world), World Elite Aerobatic Formula Competitions under the JK Formula rules, participated in hundreds of Airshows all around the World.

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