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Description

This issue of the National Smokejumper Association (NSA) Smokejumper Magazine contains the following articles: Interview with Pioneer Smokejumper—Jim Alexander (Jim Budenholzer), First Actual Fire Jump (Rufus Robinson), Second Fire Jump (Earl Cooley), Thoughts on Changing the System (John Culbertson), Mike Adams remembered, Smokejumper Involved in Biggest Upset in Collegiate Sports History (Chuck Sheley), Milford Preston remembered, Remember Smokejumpers Who Died in Laos (Fred Donner), Bob Schlaflfi (pilot) remembered, Willi Unsoeld (Bob Moffitt), Profiles Albert Gray and Rich Grandalski. Smokejumper Magazine continues Static Line, which was the original title of the NSA quarterly magazine.

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Now a smokejumper in his sixteenth season, he is based in Winthrop, WA, at the North Cascades Smokejumper Base, the "birthplace of smokejumping." JULIAN SMITH received a Banff Mountain Book Award and a Lowell Thomas Travel Journalism Award for Crossing the Heart of Africa: An Odyssey of Love and Adventure. Smokejumpers are specially trained wildland firefighters who provide an initial attack response on remote wildland fires. They are inserted at the site of the fire by parachute. In addition to performing the initial attack on wildfires, they may also provide leadership for extended attacks on wildland fires. Shortly after smokejumpers touch ground, they are supplied by parachute with food, water, and firefighting tools, making them self-sufficient for 48 hours. Smokejumpers are usually on duty from Smokejumper is part of Megazarak's personal strike force. An intelligence analyst, Smokejumper has a meticulous eye for detail. He is so single-minded, he's unable to think outside of his current mission objective. His partner Dreadwind calls him a geek. Even his fellow Decepticons find him frustrating to relate to. Relatively unarmed and unpopular, he relies on Dreadwind to watch his back when he's wrapped up in his work.