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Like the flier from Mississippi, who completed his first flight in his own Bearhawk the same day as Erb.

"This summer will be the first time I get to see him face to face," Erb said, even though they've been friends for five years.

Erb's Bearhawk won't be the only Valley "homebuilt" making its debut at Oshkosh this year.

WhiteKnightTwo, the carrier aircraft designed and built by Scaled Composites for the Virgin Galactic spaceline, will have its first showing for the general public during the week's event.

The massive, twin-fuselage aircraft is scheduled to take off from Mojave Air and Space Port today and spend the week at the show.

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The chase apparently began on Soledad Canyon Road at Crown Valley Road and reached the stopping point at Sierra Highway and Angeles Forest Highway.

Aided by a report from a witness who pursued the pickup truck, the CHP was able to get the truck's make and license number.

"Somebody had the courage to follow the truck, and gave us the plate number," Lackey said.

The pickup truck, Alonzo said, "had a damaged drive-side (rear view) mirror, and a scuff mark to the rear."

Ruiz, Lackey said, remains in critical condition at Holy Cross Hospital in the San Fernando Valley.

Alonzo said Gleich related that

Before departing on Saturday, Virgin Galactic and the Scaled flight crew will be host to six children from the Make-A-Wish Foundation for a special tour of WhiteKnightTwo.

The visitors will receive pilot bags, donated by the Mojave Air and Space Port and stuffed with a Scaled T-shirt, SpaceShipOne ballcap, photos, a WhiteKnightTwo patch and Scaled flight test patch, said Trish Mills, Scaled Composites vice-president and corporate secretary.

Also included in the bag is a letter from Doug Shane and a lithograph of SpaceShipOne that was actually flown to space aboard the spacecraft on its Sept. 29, 2004, flight, she said.

Scaled founder Burt Rutan, one of the stars of the homebuilt airplane galaxy, is also scheduled to speak at several forums throughout the week, as will his brother, record-setting pilot Dick Rutan.

A number of Dryden employees

he tried to pass the blue car, but that the driver of the blue car kept accelerating, and trying to get his attention. Gleich, who is listed as self-employed, was returning home from a day of work on Thursday evening when the clash with Ruiz occurred.

"We will formally (recommend) charges within the next 48 hours," Lackey said. "There is a great likelihood of this going to trial."

In the event that Ruiz does not survive, charges automatically would be enhanced from assault with a deadly weapon, Lackey said.

"We are grateful we had help from the public," said Lackey, who is also a Palmdale city councilman. "It's this partnership with the public that enables us to protect citizens."

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will participate in speakers forums, with topics including the history of the high desert flight test center, environmental science operations using unmanned aircraft and the center's recently-retired and highly modified F-15 research aircraft.

The 50th anniversary of the historic X-15 rocket plane program will be commemorated, not only by Dryden's external affairs manager Cam Martin, but also with a nighttime showing of the 1961 Charles Bronson film "X-15."

Martin's presentation will touch on how the effects of the X-15 program continue to be felt today, with the hypersonic flight test data collected in the 1960s finding use in developing high-speed flight test programs in the 1990s.

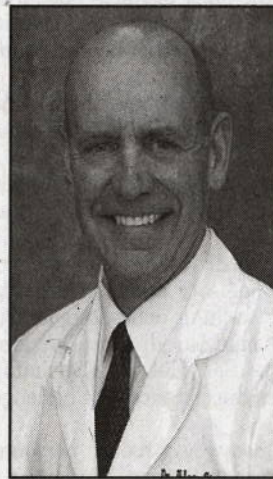
A frequent speaker at AirVenture, Martin enjoys the opportunity to share Dryden's story there.

"The Oshkosh audience is a very well-informed audience," he said.

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