

his second Mooney (first being a M20C), a 1988 M20K/252, from home plate near New York City. We consider ourselves lucky to have Jimmy on board as a regular contributor.

There is no question **Doug Ritter** is considered to be *the survival and emergency authority* when it comes to aviation or maritime emergencies. Besides being a research journalist for The AVIATION CONSUMER, AVIATION SAFETY, CODE 1, IFR, PRACTICAL SAILOR, AOPA PILOT, and POWERBOAT REPORTS, Doug is perhaps best known for his huge "nonprofit" web site: www.equipped.com which he calls "Equipped to Survive." Perhaps Doug's main claim to fame is his heads down total objectivity when reviewing emergency and survival equipment, as well as his evaluations of various equipment and human elements when testing and evaluating same. Doug is known for jumping in hostile open water head first when conducting evaluations on life vests and rafts etc. We feel his objective evaluations on ditching and emergency landings etc. are first-rate and we consider ourselves fortunate to be able to reproduce much of his research data here in our regular column "WHEN ALL ELSE FAILS." We urge you to heed his advice and investigate his huge web site often.

As an accomplished naval aviator, MOA Contributor Aviation Attorney **Robert Perry Smith** flew carrier operations in numerous single-engine aircraft ranging from F4U Corsair to A4 Skyhawks and accumulated nearly 7,500 hrs. in doing so. Bob was a Flight Operations Instructor at United Air Lines in DC-6 and B-727's. He also

flew in General Aviation air cargo, charter and flight instruction. Bob has been a practicing Aviation lawyer since 1976, presently only doing defense work in FAA enforcement actions. Uniquely, he is an Adjunct faculty member of the Aerospace Department at Metro State College, Denver, teaching "Aviation Law and Risk Management." Widely recognized and respected as an authority in DOT/FAA Administrative Law, Bob will help edit our regular column "FROM THE LEGAL EAGLE." We think you will be surprised at some of his remarks and expert advice on how to deal with the "not always there to help you Feds." Perhaps you will best heed his advice if you ever get a request to call the tower or center after you land.

Few Mooney magazines or articles would be complete without Mooney Guru **Coy G. Jacob** having something to do with them. For nearly 15 years he has been a regular contributor for various magazines like AVIATION CONSUMER, MAPA LOG, LIGHT PLANE MAINTENANCE, and PRIVATE PILOT. Coy has been around Mooneys since college and for longer than he cares to admit. While accumulating some 4,500 hrs., mostly in Mooneys, he also holds several official NAA/FAI World Speed Records in his personal Turbo M20K. Coy has either founded or been involved in several "Mooney speciality" organizations such as: (the former) St. Louis based Mod Squad, Mod Works, and now his Venice, FL. based Coy Jacob's Mod Squad/Mooney Mart Complex. He holds numerous Mooney STC's and is well known among Mooniacs as the author of a well-received primer on Mooney aircraft "THE BACKWARDS TALES." He also

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