

THIS GUY'S THE LIMIT™

BOB BUCHIK

Since you are wondering, it's a Smith & Wessen K-38. Having been a police officer for over 21 years, Bob likes to say that while all the other guys had 4 inch long barrels, his was six. This particluar side arm was not standard issue from the department. It's extended barrel and "stag" handles were custom features selected by officer Buchik. In 1958, (the year President Eisenhower established NASA) Bob Buchik joined the police force in Des Plaines, Illinois and achieved the rank of Senior Patrolman before retirement in 1979.

Bob grew up on the northwest side of Chicago. At 15, in 1943, Bob started flying at Wilson Field, near Rosemont, for \$3.00 per hour. During the war, as a teenager, Bob worked on DC 4's, for Douglas Aircraft, at what is now Ohare International Airport. At 17, Bob joined the Army Air Corps, was trained as a aerial gunner, and spent two years in occupied Japan at the Pacific Air Command Headquarters.

After the war, Bob got involved in auto racing and spent many Saturday nights at Soldier Field where dirt track racing remained popular into the late 1950's. Today, he owns a painstakingly restored 1924 Model T Roadster which he keeps at his home in Timber Lake. One evening in 1952 he met a young woman he had not seen since high school and before the war. A year later, in 1953, Bob Buchik married Polly Hall. In 1956 the couple purchased their first



home in Des Plaines. It was a popular and affordable "shell" house which the couple trimmed, painted and completed themselves. Polly Buchik remains the focal point of Bob's life. Bob says that, during his career as a police officer, far too many curious and unusual incidents ocurred to re-tell in brief. But, if you are interested, ask him about the John Wayne Gacy report that crossed his desk one day. In 1973, Bob showed up at Galt where he earned his private pilot's license. He trained with instructor Ron Lynd, and like virtually every student on the field, logged many hours with Earl Pankonin in the right seat. By our calculation, Bob has visited Galt over 7,300 days and consumed more than 285 gallons of coffee. Bob Buchik is a senior member of the Galt family and a good friend of the airport. And, he owns N8193S, a Cessna 150, that can be yours, if. . . the price is right.

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