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Veteran St. Louis Helicopter Pilot "Takes Flight" with New Aerial Photography Business

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ST. LOUIS, MO, October 30, 2012 – Charlie Duchek, an experienced professional helicopter pilot and serial entrepreneur in St. Louis, is pleased to announce his latest venture in the aviation industry: SkyPix-St. Louis

Aerial Photography. SkyPix is ready to serve the aerial photo and video needs of clients throughout the entire St. Louis Metro & surrounding areas, including the Metro East. SkyPix is also available for custom shoots across Eastern/Central Missouri (including Lake of the Ozarks) and Southern Illinois.

Chief Pilot and SkyPix owner Charlie Duchek has over 20 years of experience in aerial photography, including flying for many of the best and most professional photographers and videographers in the world. He has flown videographers from organizations like PBS and photo-journalists from all over the country and Europe who sought him out specifically for their national or international projects.

SkyPix distinguishes itself from other aerial photography companies in the St. Louis area for several reasons. Unlike other aerial photographers using smaller 2-seat helicopters, "SkyPix St. Louis flies the Robinson model R44 helicopter, among the safest and most reliable helicopters ever produced," explained Charlie Duchek, Chief Pilot and Owner of SkyPix, LLC. "The R44 can handle up to 4 individuals: the pilot plus up to 3 passengers, depending on weight and fuel load." As a result, SkyPix can accommodate homeowners or business owners who wish to ride along for the photo flight.

Furthermore, SkyPix-St. Louis offers clients unbeatable flexibility. While SkyPix typically recommends using its own experienced pro aerial photographer, the company also welcomes customers to take their own pictures - or bring along a photographer of their own choosing. SkyPix also provides helicopter services for professional photographers and videographers working on assignment.

To complement its public launch, SkyPix is also proud to unveil its new website, www.SkyPixStl.com. The site is filled with slideshows of example aerial photos from the SkyPix portfolio. Potential clients looking for aerial photography or videography services in the St. Louis metro area can now browse a wide range of photo samples from SkyPix, illustrating some of their capabilities. Samples include beautiful aerial photos of familiar St. Louis area landmarks such as Busch Stadium, Chaifetz Arena, Edward Jones Dome, Savvis Center & Peabody Opera House, the St. Louis Zoo, Missouri Botanical Gardens and the Forest Park Jewel Box, as well as local homes and businesses.

The SkyPix website also features new content dedicated to various industry segments including Residential, Commercial, Construction, Agriculture, Legal, Insurance, Real Estate, and Hospitals, as well as Churches & Schools. Plus, SkyPixSTL.com offers interactive forms for prospective customers to Request an Estimate or Order a Custom Photo Shoot online.

See your property from a whole new perspective! Contact SkyPix today to reserve your aerial photo or aerial video flight, and allow them to show you why SkyPix is the best aerial photography company in the St. Louis region.

[About SkyPix-St. Louis](#)

SkyPix provides professional helicopter aerial photography and videography in the St. Louis metropolitan area. SkyPix serves all types of properties, including homes, businesses, farmland and construction sites. Plus, SkyPix was started by one of the most experienced helicopter pilots in the country; Owner & Chief Pilot Charlie Duchek has more than 20 years of experience in aerial photo work. And SkyPix's main photographer, Steve Schulte, is an experienced pro who specializes in aerial shots. For more information, please visit www.SkyPixStl.com.

[About Charlie Duchek](#)

Charlie Duchek is the Chief Pilot and Owner of SkyPix St. Louis. A lifelong aviation enthusiast, Charlie has been flying helicopters for over 25 years. In that time, he has logged more than 6,100 hours of helicopter flight time in various aircraft, including nearly 1000 hours in the Robinson R44- the same make and model SkyPix uses for its aerial photo and video missions.

With hundreds of hours of aerial photography experience in his 6,000+ total hours of helicopter flight time, Charlie started SkyPix to serve the St. Louis aerial photo and video market. Prior to SkyPix, he founded Midwest Helicopter, based at Spirit of St. Louis Airport (SUS) in Chesterfield, in 1994. After 18 years in business, he sold the flight training operation to new ownership in early 2012.

About Steve Schulte

Steve Schulte, the SkyPix St. Louis professional photographer, specializes in airborne photo and video services. Steve has 14 years experience behind the lens shooting everything from boats, planes, helicopters and commercial/residential properties from the air. His interest in aerial photography grew from his career as a certified A&P, I/A, and corporate aircraft mechanic.

Steve started Steve Schulte Photography LLC in 2004 and has provided photography services to clients such as Bombardier Aircraft, Sea Ray Yachts and Coca-Cola. He has been a volunteer photographer for the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) helping to cover the annual Oshkosh Airventure Airshow for the past 8 years. In 2011 Steve landed his biggest assignment working in partnership with LightSpeedMedia; Steve was chosen out of a handful of photographers to photograph the last NASA Space Shuttle launch from atop the Vertical Assembly Building (VAB) for the San Diego Air and Space Museum. For more information about Steve, please visit his website at www.steveschulte.com.

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