



# BAMF



# XPIE

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**A**llow me to introduce two of the most badass motherfuckers on the planet- Barry Holubeck and Benni Kalin. I'm pretty sure we are all familiar with proximity flying, you know, where the wingsuit pilot flies just a few feet from a ginormous cliff, skims trees, etc? Now, they are taking it a bit further and adding a speedwing to the mix and then a couple of docks. Sure. Why not?

Not sure if you noticed the thumbnail pics on the latest TonySuits Apache Rebel ad, but the shots are pretty spectacular. It shows those two

BAMFs doing something truly amazing: eXtreme Proximity Flying.

- It involves:
  - 1 Speedwing (Swing Spitfire), a highly aggressive speed rider wing
  - 1 Wingsuit (TonySuits Apache Rebel)
  - 1 Cliff (of the Swiss variety)
  - 2 BAMFs (Barry Holubeck and Beni Kalin)
- Why is this so spectacular? It involves BASE jumping, speedflying, wingsuiting, proximity flying—oh, and by the way, then they get together and fly a few formations!
- In reality, it can no longer be called BASE XRW; they are past the point of flying relative, they are

now flying formations. Actual docks, grips and dive plans. Did I mention they only have about 10-15 seconds worth of working time, before the wingsuit has to deploy his 'chute at about 500'? Yeah, they have to do all that so both of them can land safely. No biggie.

This emerging discipline is definitely something to take note of. Yes, I said discipline. It is not a stunt. It is not a fluke. And it is not two crazy people who have just been lucky. It is true, this discipline is not for everyone. These are two individuals who have planned, prepped and executed about 20 successful dives, and are still working to push past their own limitations.