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Jet engine powered Peterbuilt Semi

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USPA NEWS - "Flame On...!" Shockwave blows through Quonset, RI at the 2015 RI National Guard Air Show on Saturday May 30th. With thousands of spectators gazing upon this Hulkish Peterbuilt Semi its driver fired up the engines sending flames out the top and rear pipes inspiring the entire crowd as it sped by.

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How hot is your truck? At an air show most in attendance either are performing in flight or gazing upon the airborne crafts these masters are wielding. Today my attention was grabbed when this Hulkish semi-truck entered the arena. This world record jet-powered Peterbuilt Semi generates 36,000 horsepower holds the fastest speed of 376 MPH. This truck sports three Pratt & Whitney J34-48 jets, which were taken from U.S. Navy trainer jets called T-2 Buckeye´s. This vehicle holds 190 gallons of fuel. As if all this was not enough, Shockwave´s flashy paint work speaks of hotness but, when those engines are fired up and flames come spewing out its pipes you start feeling a heat wave.

Entertaining viewers Shockwave slowly passes by the spectators. For the first few minutes flashes of flames barrel out its pipes followed by smoke and waves of heat. Before the audience had a chance to calm, the driver revs up Shockwave's engines to blasts an air-pocket explosively into everyone's ears. That got our attention! At the end of Shockwave's pass the truck entered an outer runway this time to display monster speed. With a master of ceremony count down the again revs in preparation for take off. On the count of three Shockwave blasted off! About half way down, parachutes come sailing out the back to slow this Bohemian down to a safe crawl. A quick wave by the driver completed another successful run that impressed audiences.

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