

Air Rage
by
Simon Wiedemann

© 2018

Road rage: A phenomenon that arises out of the stress and dangers of driving. But is driving really that dangerous? Not compared to flying hyper-sonic jet fighters, it isn't. Imagine what air rage for military pilots must be like. Like normal fury times a hundred. Where am I going with this? Well, imagine how much chaos would ensue if you fixed missiles and machine guns on cars. Obviously that would be insanity, but when it comes to the planes, there isn't even a word for how crazy that is. Yet, armed planes are completely accepted. Surely it's only a matter of time before a pilot goes apes**t and starts shooting everything up. It's quite possible that kind of stuff has happened, before. This is just a theory of mine, but the blitz on London may have started out when a rogue German pilot who was flying a spy plane he illegally loaded with bombs, let loose. I'm just suggesting he snapped, basically. The idea of mass civilian bombing then caught on.

However... There is a solution to air rage: Luxury interiors that calm the pilots down. Yes, that luxury would have to be pretty damn good to make people cope with many furious Gs, but it's a start. Leather seating like the stuff found in Bentleys would be beneficial, so would lots of bright and shiny panels, etc. Maybe video games could be handy when flying over safe territory at slower speeds and when on autopilot, and maybe light jazz or ambient music could play in the background. Not during combat, no one wants fighters to be sleepy, but you see what I'm getting at, right? 'But Simon, you may have had a point about the blitz, but I've never heard of a crazed jet pilot in my life! All of the fancy stuff just mentioned will only needlessly add to costs'. Yeah, well you say that to me when a pilot bangs his knee on a tacky blunt metal instrument and blows your house to bits. All it takes is a brief fit of madness intended to numb the pain, and everything's f***ed.

So that's pilots dealt with. As I'm on a role, why not move onto motorists? Have you ever heard of road rage coming from a Bentley owner? I'm not sure I have, so once again I think I should bring up the effectiveness of leather comfort. But what about normal, everyday drivers? This may sound silly, but maybe if people didn't see the angry colour, red, so often they would chill out a bit. The colour is everywhere on the roads, and it DOES have an effect on people, consciously or not. For example, I'm suggesting traffic lights go 'blue', then 'yellow' (yes, yellow is fine), then green, instead. That wouldn't be TOO hard to sort out, but frustratingly, my next idea would be. What does anyone think of when they see the colour, black? Death, right? Motorists are reminded of death CONSTANTLY when driving on the darkened roads, they can't get away from the thought of dying, and it drives them mad. So paint roads green, now! In contrast, daytime pilots see more blues and greens from nature, explaining why they apparently don't fire their weapons in anger more, but when they fly at night, cross your fingers and start praying! Sadly, the sky can't be painted. :(

However... You can give the illusion the night sky has been painted. How about planes being fitted with huge, colourful lights on their noses? Disco time. Well, that wouldn't be good as enemies would see them from miles away, so we move onto idea no. 2: The fighters could wear high-tech goggles that make their world look nice and colourful. There is no idea no. 3, the second one is simply foolproof. When I send it to the government, you can be assured that you will never see a jet fighter going mental and shooting your house, neighbours, etc. I very, very, very nearly promise. Maybe a certain amount of training may be in order, so that no one mistakes clouds for huge green monsters or enemy vehicles as harmless, multicoloured party buses but the pros will surely cancel out the negatives. And on that inspiring note... Byebye!