



Dogs of war: The skies of Ballarat will be filled with action this week when Australian Jet Adventures offers daredevils the chance of a dog fight in jets. Getting ready for the influx of interest, from left, Mig Jet Adventures crew member Geoff McKay, pilot/owner Richard McDonald beside the Mig 15, and in the Strikemaster Christine Segart and pilot Darren DeRoia, of Australian Jet Adventures. For a hefty fee you can experience the thrills and spills of dog fighting above Ballarat.

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Mid-air dogfight, anyone?

By ADAM PEARCE

EVER wanted to get in a dogfight with a Russian Mig jet fighter at 800km/h?

For this week only. Ballarat business Australian Jet Adventures has teamed up with Mig Jet Adventures to offer 28-minute dog-fights in the skies over the lakes of Learmonth and Burrumbet.

But the ultimate

adrenalin experience won't come cheap — \$4500 for you and a friend or \$2250 to take on a stranger.

Australian Jet Adventures has been offering flights in its Strikemaster out of Ballarat for two years, but the special dog-fight offer was made available after Mig pilot Richard McDonald had some time spare after the Avalon Airshow.

The dogfight would include a number of aerobatic sequences and combat manoeuvres with each plane chasing the other for equal time.

A cropduster by day. Mr McDonald said he found the Mig for sale in Brisbane, after it was de-commissioned by the Polish Airforce and restored.

"So I hocked my house and bought the thing," he said.