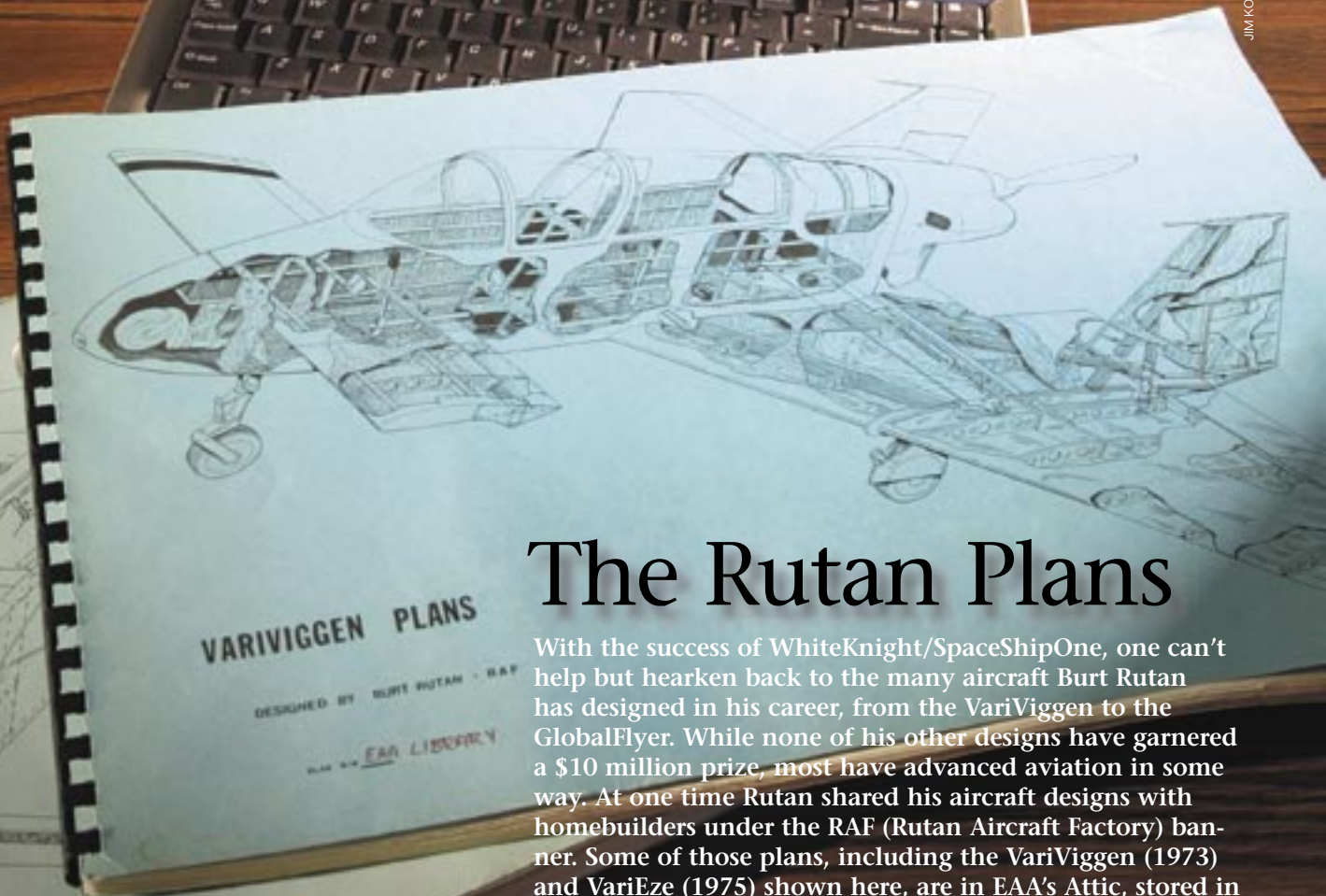




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The Rutan Plans

With the success of WhiteKnight/SpaceShipOne, one can't help but hearken back to the many aircraft Burt Rutan has designed in his career, from the VariViggen to the GlobalFlyer. While none of his other designs have garnered a \$10 million prize, most have advanced aviation in some way. At one time Rutan shared his aircraft designs with homebuilders under the RAF (Rutan Aircraft Factory) banner. Some of those plans, including the VariViggen (1973) and VariEze (1975) shown here, are in EAA's Attic, stored in their own flat file drawer labeled Rutan Plans. Additionally, the prototypes for these two aircraft fly in tandem through the EAA AirVenture Museum.

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