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Russian Man Fined for Taking Car on a Hot Air Balloon Ride

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Garazh 54 Youtube

A Novosibirsk man has been fined for taking his automobile for a ride on a hot air balloon.

Garage 54, a group of automotive video bloggers, published a video in August of the stunt, which they dubbed "the world's first flying car."

The footage shows a lime-green Soviet-era Oka compact vehicle, strapped to a hot air balloon where the passenger basket would traditionally be, being lifted into the air with the driver inside.

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On Thursday, Novosibirsk transport prosecutors announced that they had found the flying vehicle's "pilot" in administrative violation of airspace use and aircraft handling laws. He was fined 6,700 rubles ($116), according to the transport prosecutor's office.

Prosecutors requested that a Novosibirsk court ban the balloon owner from operating it until he acquired a medical note, a pilot's license, and aircraft documentation.

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