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Mission Specialist Bruce McCandless II, is seen further away from the confines and safety of his ship than any previous astronaut has ever been. This space first was made possible by the Manned Manuevering Unit or MMU, a nitrogen jet propelled backpack. After a series of test maneuvers inside and above

Challenger's payload bay, McCandless went "free-flying" to a distance of 320 feet away from the Orbiter. This stunning orbital panorama view shows McCandless out there amongst the black and blue of Earth and space. (02/12/1984)

NASA Image

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Welcome to the April / May 2014 issue of *Speedi Wings & Wheels*.

Take a look at our 'Content's page to find out more about what's in this issue. The magazine is published bi-monthly during the last week of February, April, June, August, October and December. Follow *SpeediTV* on Twitter to keep up to date when future issues are published.

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Photo this page - 02/18/2014 - U.S. Air Force, U.S. Navy, Japan Air Self-Defense Force and Royal Australian Air Force aircraft fly in formation over the Pacific Ocean in support of Cope North 2014 Feb. 18, 2014. Cope North is an annual air combat tactics, humanitarian assistance and disaster relief exercise designed to increase the readiness and interoperability of the U.S. Air Force, Japan Air Self-Defense Force and Royal Australian Air Force. (DoD photo by Tech. Sgt. Henry Hoegen, U.S. Air Force/Released)



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Photo: Gary Rosier



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Boeing Delivers 8,000th 737

World's best-selling airplane marks historic milestone with delivery to United Airlines

SEATTLE, April 16, 2014 /PRNewswire/ -- Boeing (NYSE: BA) today delivered the 8,000th 737 to come off the production line to United Airlines, marking another important milestone for the world's best-selling airplane. The airplane, a Next-Generation 737-900ER (Extended Range), features a special logo.



The 737 is the first commercial airplane in history to reach this delivery milestone. The program has a strong backlog with more than 3,700 airplanes on order, including 1,934 orders for the new 737 MAX.

"The 737 program continues to innovate with new features and technology, meeting the needs of our customers now and into the future," said Beverly Wyse, vice

president and general manager, 737 program, Boeing Commercial Airplanes. "Boeing has a long and treasured history with United Airlines, and we're proud they're taking delivery of this milestone airplane."

United was the first airline to order and take delivery of the 737-200. Since 1965, United has taken delivery of more than 550 737s and operated nearly every model.

"We're thrilled to celebrate this huge achievement with Boeing," said Ron Baur, vice president of fleet, United Airlines. "The 737 has been an integral part of our narrowbody fleet and we are pleased to continue this tradition by being the North American launch customer for the new 737 MAX 9."

Baur said United's 737-900ER delivered today, along with 737 MAX airplanes the airline has on order, will replace older, less fuel efficient aircraft while providing a superior passenger experience.



Airbus launches new version of ACJ319 corporate jet

Brings big-cabin comfort to broader market

14 April 2014

Airbus has launched a new version of its popular corporate jet, the ACJ319, offering customers simplicity, speed and savings in the cabin. Called ACJ319 Elegance, the new version complements today's fully customisable version.

"Airbus corporate jets have always been great at enabling customers to take their lifestyles into the air, because they have the widest and tallest cabins of any business jet", points out Airbus Chief Operating Officer, Customers, John Leahy. "Our new ACJ319 Elegance makes it even easier and quicker for customers to realise the cabin of their dreams, by choosing from a wide range of seating and socialising options," he adds.

Elegance combines today's ACJ319 airframe with a new cabin that allows customers to choose from a wide range of lounge, office, dining and conference modules, complemented by a bathroom and galley at the front and a bedroom with ensuite bathroom at the rear.

This arrangement simplifies cabin layout by allowing customers to quickly and easily create an arrangement that suits their needs and tastes, helping them to get what they want without having to invest a lot of time and effort. It also makes it easier for customers to upgrade

continue to have the freedom to choose from a wide range of cabin-outfitters, including a network of eight Airbus-approved cabin outfitters around the world.

Airbus offers the most comprehensive range of business jets, all derived from the world's most modern aircraft family, seating from 19 to more than 100 passengers in unequalled comfort and space, with unrivalled freedom of movement. More than 170 Airbus corporate jets have been sold to date, and they are flying on every continent, including Antarctica.



their cabin later, simply by replacing one or more modules with others.

Airbus' ACJ319 is the most popular version of the company's corporate jet family, and the introduction of Elegance means that customers will have the freedom to choose between it and today's fully customisable layout.

Cabin outfitting of the Airbus ACJ319 Elegance will be carried out by the company's Airbus Corporate Jet Centre (ACJC) subsidiary in Toulouse, which developed the concept, as a turnkey project for customer peace of mind. Customers for today's fully customisable Airbus ACJ319 will

The Airbus ACJ319 Elegance provides the unmatched comfort, space and style of an Airbus corporate jet cabin, which customers can quickly and easily configure to suit their specific requirements.

The ACJ319 Elegance variant allows customers to choose from a range of lounge, office, dining and conference modules in addition to the aircraft's forward galley and bathroom, and rear bedroom with ensuite bathroom. This ensures a smooth, simple process that gives customers the freedom to choose what they want, where they want it – creating the interior of their dreams

Great War Flying Museum to Bring Four Replica WWI Planes to Oshkosh

April 17, 2014 - Four outstanding replica aircraft from the Great War Flying Museum, of Caledon, Ontario, Canada, will participate in EAA's World War I aviation centennial activities at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2014. The aircraft include the museum's Sopwith 1-1/2 Strutter, Royal Aircraft Factory S.E.5a, Nieuport 28, and Fokker Dr.I.

GWFM's Kees Van Berkel said the entire crew at the museum is looking forward to July. "We truly appreciate what Oshkosh is and felt it was a must to be there this year," he said. "Oshkosh is Oshkosh - there is no other."

"On behalf of the museum members and the board of directors, we're thrilled at the honor and privilege of taking part in the World War I aviation centennial. It's something that you can only do once, so it's a great opportunity."

The GWFM was founded in 1970 by members of the Brampton Flying Club. The museum's mission is "to provide the finest local presentation of World War I aviation history by acquiring, building, maintaining, and flying representations of period aircraft as well as displaying period artifacts for the education,

entertainment and benefit of our members and the visiting public."

Aircraft profiles:

Fokker Dr.I - C-GFJK



This aircraft was completed and first flew in 1982, with major rebuilds in 1993 and 2005. It's painted to represent an all-red triplane flown by German pilot Manfred von Richthofen, better known as The Red Baron. Built from the Sands/Redfern plans, the airplane is powered by a 165 hp Warner Super Scarab engine.

Nieuport 28 - C-FEWL



This airplane represents the American Air Service with "Hat in the Ring" markings based on serial No. 6159 as flown by American Ace Eddie Rickenbacker and the 94th Aero Squadron. The airplane was acquired by the museum as an unfinished project, completed in 1995, with a major rebuild in 1996.



Royal Aircraft Factory S.E.5a - C-GRJC

GWFM's full-scale S.E.5a was completed in 1991 and carries the scheme C1904 of Canadian Ace Billy Bishop of the Royal Flying Corps. Built with original RAF plans for wings and external dimensions of fuselage, the aircraft has an adapted Starduster Too steel structure for its fuselage. Originally powered by a Ford V-6 engine, it was replaced with a Ranger 6-440-C5 in 1996 during a major rebuild. Another rebuild took place in 2006.



Sopwith 1-1/2 Strutter - C-FSOP

This aircraft completed in 2004 based on the Replicraft Plans with a modified steel fuselage. It's considered a rarity among WWI replicas because of its two-seat fighter/observation configuration. Colors represent those of Canadian Sub-Lt. R.F. Redpath of the Royal Naval Air Service, and power comes from a Continental W670 9A. C-FSOP is popular for film work due to its second seat, significantly increasing its ability to replicate scenes from the war.

U. S. Air Force News in Pictures:



Above: Members of the 58th Airlift Squadron release unilateral airdrop training loads from a C-17 Globemaster III during an airdrop training mission at the Sooner Drop Zone April 11, 2014, near Hollis, Okla. The 97th Aerial Operations Flight prepares airdrop cargo pallets and loads them onto the C-17s. Their mission provides C-17 aircrews with realistic training scenarios, which consist of on and off loading general cargo and vehicles as well as aerial delivery materials for airdrop training. (U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Jesse Lopez)



Above: Senior Airman Sean Meehan, left, and Staff Sgt. Kane Lawlor provide cover after a tactical air insertion with an Army UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter April 10, 2014, at Fort Dix, N.J. The New Jersey National Guard participated in a joint training exercise with the

Marine Corps. Meehan and Lawlor are tactical air control party specialists with the 227th Air Support Operations Squadron, New Jersey Air National Guard. The helicopter is assigned to the 1st Battalion, 150th Aviation Regiment, New Jersey Army National Guard. (U.S. Air National Guard photo/Tech. Sgt. Matt Hecht)

orientation flight offers the cadets an opportunity to observe the pilots and aircrew perform their jobs in a real-world environment. Rice is a boom operator with the 108th Wing, New Jersey Air National Guard assigned to Joint Base McGuire Dix-Lakehurst, N.J. The B-2 is assigned to the 509th Bomb Wing, Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo. (U.S. Air National Guard

photo/Master Sgt. Mark C. Olsen)



Below: A B-2 Spirit approaches the refueling boom of a KC-135 Stratotanker, over New Jersey April 2, 2014. Air Force ROTC cadets observed the refueling as part of an orientation flight program. The KC-135 is assigned to the

Above: Master Sgt. Marshall N. Rice Jr. refuels a B-2 Spirit over New Jersey April 2, 2014. Air Force ROTC cadets observed the mission as part of the 108th Wing's orientation flight program. The

108th Wing, New Jersey Air National Guard. The B-2 is assigned to the 509th Bomb Wing, Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo. (U.S. Air National Guard/Master Sgt. Mark C. Olsen)



Embry-Riddle, Cessna Sign Long-Term Agreement Including Purchase of 57 Skyhawk Aircraft

April 8, 2014

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and Cessna Aircraft Co. have signed a long-term purchase agreement that includes the delivery of 29 Cessna Skyhawk model 172S aircraft this year and 28 next year to upgrade the school's current Skyhawk flight-training fleet at its campuses in Daytona Beach, Fla., and Prescott, Ariz.

"The Skyhawk is the workhorse of our flight program," said Jerry Kidrick, chair of the Flight Department at the Prescott Campus. "The aircraft is reliable, tough, forgiving in the learning environment and is a proven design similar to the first production aircraft. A typical student gets the majority of their cumulative flight time in the aircraft at completion of their time with us."

Kidrick's counterpart at the Daytona Beach Campus, Ken Byrnes, agrees. "With its time-tested design, the Skyhawk is integral to our mission of developing the finest aviators on the

planet. We've also found Cessna's customer support very responsive and professional."

Embry-Riddle and Cessna have worked together for more than 15 years to ensure that the university's flight students train in high-quality,



been delivered since 1955. For more information on the Skyhawk, go to www.cessna.com/single-engine/skyhawk/.

About Cessna Aircraft Co.

Cessna is the world's leading general aviation company. Since its inception in 1927, Cessna has designed,

safe and dependable aircraft.

"We're pleased that our long-standing relationship with Embry-Riddle will continue with this upgrade to the school's fleet," said Joe Hepburn, Cessna senior vice president of piston aircraft. "The Skyhawk is the most-flown aircraft ever built and enjoys a distinguished reputation as the undisputed trainer of choice."

The new fleet features such modifications as reconfigured seating for easier student observation and ride-alongs and a newly branded paint scheme to be used on the new Cessna aircraft at both campuses.

With an all-glass Garmin G1000 integrated flight deck, the Cessna

Skyhawk offers the best combination of modern features and proven dependability among general aviation aircraft. There are more Skyhawks in the world than any other type of aircraft – over 48,000 of the 172S model have

produced and delivered nearly 200,000 airplanes around the globe. This includes 6,500 Citation business jets, making it the largest fleet of business jets in the world. Today, Cessna has two principal lines of business: aircraft sales and aftermarket services. Aircraft sales include Citation business jets, Caravan single-engine utility turboprops, single-engine piston aircraft and lift solutions by CitationAir. Aftermarket services include parts, maintenance, inspection and repair services. In 2012, Cessna delivered 571 aircraft, including 181 Citation business jets, and reported revenues of \$3.111 billion. For more information, go to cessna.com.

Embry-Riddle, Powering Imagination LLC Partner on Electric Aircraft Project to Reduce Noise and Emissions

Daytona Beach, FL., April 23, 2014

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and Powering Imagination LLC have entered into an agreement to create an electric flight program focused on reducing aircraft emissions and noise through the development of electric propulsion systems.

In announcing their agreement, Erik Lindbergh, CEO of Powering Imagination, and Dr. Richard Anderson, Director of the Eagle Flight Research Center at Embry-Riddle, noted that commercial aviation powerplants emit a significant amount of pollutants into the atmosphere, and that aircraft noise is increasingly an issue around the world, restricting access to airports and inconveniencing the surrounding communities. Electric and hybrid-electric power systems offer the potential to significantly reduce both noise and emissions.

Powering Imagination's Quiet Flight Initiative will partner with the Green Flight Program at Embry-

Riddle's Daytona Beach, Fla., campus, where students and faculty will convert a Diamond HK36 motorglider to electric power for testing in noise-sensitive areas.

Photo below is a rendering of a



Diamond HK36 motorglider to be converted to electric power.

The aircraft will also be used for assessing new components of electric propulsion systems to provide real-world evaluation under flight conditions. This airborne lab will enable more efficient R&D on electric power systems by creating an aircraft that can be reconfigured to test new innovations from different companies and development teams.

Embry-Riddle and Powering Imagination estimate that the aircraft will make its first flight in mid-2015 at the Daytona Beach Campus.

"I'm excited about partnering with Embry-Riddle to create technologies

and development capabilities that will benefit the entire global electric flight industry," said Lindbergh.

Eric Bartsch, Chief Operating Officer of Powering Imagination, added, "This aircraft will serve as an investment in the future of sustainable aviation, enabling the research and development of innovations that will transform the future of flight."

The new partnership is equally welcomed by Embry-Riddle. "Our students are thrilled to be able to apply what we learned in the 2011 NASA Green Flight Challenge and take it

to the next level as we collaborate with Powering Imagination," said Anderson.

Both Powering Imagination and Embry-Riddle are currently raising funds for this multiyear initiative to enable the purchase of the HK36 airframe, the conversion of the aircraft to electric power and the operation of the plane for testing methods of reducing emissions and noise. Corporations and individuals interested in supporting this research program and the development of the electric flight industry are encouraged to contact Bartsch at erichb@poweringimagination.com or Embry-Riddle Director of Development Lyndse Costabile at lyndse.costabile@erau.edu.

MOST PEOPLE REFER to Sun 'n Fun as a "fly-in" and that's certainly an important component, as Lakeland Linder Regional Airport becomes the busiest airport in the world during our event, with over 12,000 recorded aircraft movements! That's busier than Atlanta or Chicago!

The event is also host to one of the largest aviation conventions in the world with more than 500 commercial exhibitors showcasing the newest products in the industry.

From multi-million dollar aircraft to aviation art and avionics, the vendors have something for just about everyone. Plus, there's an education corridor filled with more than 400 hands-on workshops and forums, all taking place during the six-day event known around the world as "SUN 'n FUN".

Sun 'n Fun celebrated its 45th anniversary this year. Our east coast correspondent, Gary Rosier, was there to record the event on camera. The stars of the show was

the Blue Angels U.S. Navy Flight Demonstration Squadron flying only their 5th event of the 2014 season. Of course, in 2013 their air show flying was stopped almost as soon as it had started as in April 2013 the Squadron was grounded, along with the Thunderbirds and other military aviation flights, thanks to the sequestration fiasco brought on by the financial crisis. It was great to see 'The Blues' back in action, as crisp as ever.

Enjoy . . .



















AIR SHOW NEWS - I

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AIR SHOW NEWS - 2

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THE LOS ANGELES County Air Show held its inaugural 2014 Airshow on March 21-22, 2014 with its headline act, the U.S. Navy Flight Demonstration Squadron, the Blue Angels. The Show, at William J. Fox Airport, was the Squadron's second air show of the 2014 season after leaving their winter training at NAS El Centro.

The flight team demonstrated the precision taught to all naval aviators while flying less than 36 inches apart in the four-plane diamond, echelon and six-plane delta formations, while the opposing solos demonstrated the power and maneuverability of the Navy's elite strike fighter, the Boeing F/A-18 Hornet. The Blue Angels demonstration also included a performance by their Lockheed C-130 support aircraft, affectionately known as 'Fat Albert'.

"The Blue Angels are more than just the iconic blue and gold airplanes you see in pictures and video," said Dennis Dunbar, director of the Los Angeles County Air Show. "They are representatives of the

excellence and professionalism found throughout the fleet. Each member exemplifies integrity, unselfish service and commitment in all efforts — true role models and heroes for today's youth to look up to."

The mission of the Blue Angels is to enhance Navy recruiting, and credibly represent Navy and Marine Corps aviation to the United States and its Armed Forces to America and other

countries as international ambassadors of good will. An estimated 11 million spectators view the squadron during air shows each year. Additionally, the Blue Angels visit more than 50,000 people a show season (March through November) during school and hospital visits.

"As the nation's aerospace manufacturing and testing capital, the Antelope Valley, home to Skunks Works, Edwards Air Force Base, Plant 42, and NASA, is the perfect

venue for the Los Angeles County Air Show," said Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich.

In addition to the Blue Angels, the Air Show featured several of the top air show performers from around the country including high-energy aerobatics, barnstorming and various warbirds. The Show also focused on the innovative aircraft whose roots

are tied to the Antelope Valley- for example NASA aircraft. On the ground, spectators were able to explore static aircraft displays, interact with pilots and crewmembers, and experience interactive attractions and educational exhibits designed to promote science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM).

"Air Shows are patriotic, family-friendly events," said JD Kennedy,

president of the Los Angeles County Air Show. "We want to use the Air Show to inspire the youth and spark interest in STEM-based education thus helping to provide the next generation of aerospace professionals in the Antelope Valley."

Our West Coast correspondent, Jim (Flybum) Pratt, an ex-Navy guy himself, went along to enjoy the show. We hope you will enjoy Jim's pics and that the Los Angeles County Air Show will flourish from now on . . .













Here is a Guest Blog written for the LA Country Air Show by Cmdr. Tom "Boss" Frosch, Flight Leader and Commanding Officer, Blue Angels

"Hey, Air Show Fans!

It is with great pleasure that I announce the return of your United States Navy Blue Angels to America's skies! This year promises to be our most exciting year yet and we are glad that the LA County Air Show is a part of it! We are thrilled to be back performing and demonstrating the amazing opportunities available to young people in our nation's military.

When asked to write a guest blog for the LA

County Air Show, I struggled at first with the decision to breach the subject of last year's sequestration. But the simple truth is, when sequestration took effect last year and the Navy was forced to make budget cuts, including the cancellation of the Blue Angels' 2013 air show season — your Blue Angels still performed.

We performed in schools. We performed for charities. We performed for food banks and building projects and community outreach programs. We performed, without the benefits of our world-renowned flight demonstration, and displayed the pride and

professionalism that your Sailors and Marines take in serving their country any way they can.

Most of all, they took the opportunity to reevaluate their team mission and their goals as a flight demonstration squadron. Through this evaluation, a new mission statement emerged that I am proud to share with you today:

The mission of the United States Navy Flight Demonstration Squadron is to showcase the pride and professionalism of the United States Navy and Marine Corps by inspiring a culture of excellence and service to country through flight demonstrations and community outreach.

Our goal for 2014 is to inspire young men and women not just to pursue a career in naval aviation or the military, but also to aspire to excellence in all areas of their lives. Your 2014 Blue Angels consider it an honor to continue the rich tradition of excellence instituted by the teams who have gone before us, since 1946, and set the standard. Our new mission statement reflects this broadened focus.

Most importantly, while we are privileged to wear the Blue Angel uniform, we never forget that we represent the more than 540,000 Sailors and Marines — our brothers and sisters — deployed around the world, around

the clock. They are serving far away from their families, protecting our freedoms and way of life. Our goal as Blue Angels is to ensure each performance showcases the talents of these outstanding men and women, providing the American public an opportunity to view a small sample of the incredible capabilities of our Sailors and Marines assigned to every ship, squadron and unit in the United States Navy and Marine Corps.

The Blue Angels' 130 Sailors and Marines truly represent the rich tradition of excellence instituted by those who have served before us,

and upheld by those serving now.

Our passion for naval service and naval aviation is the message we wish to convey to young men and women across our great nation and across the globe. My challenge to you, Air Show Fans, is to come out to the LA County Air Show — or any of our air shows during the Blue Angels 2014 season — and be inspired and motivated by what you see our Navy and Marine Corps men and women accomplishing today!

I know I'm inspired by our team every day, and I know you will be, too. I'll see you at the show!"





















Did you know?
Proteus holds three world and national records!

Altitude in Horizontal Flight, Class C-1 e, Group III
18,015 meters (62,383 feet), October 25, 2000
Michael W. Melvill, Robert Waldmiller

Altitude, Class C-1 e, Group III
18,277 meters (62,245 feet), October 25, 2000
Michael W. Melvill, Robert Waldmiller

Altitude with 1,000 kg Payload, Class C-1 e, Group III
17,067 meters (56,304 feet), October 27, 2000
Michael W. Melvill, Robert Waldmiller

Proteus made its international flying debut at the Paris Air Show in 1999, only 1 year after its first flight! One and a half years after the Paris Show, Proteus flew a Pacific-polar mission. Starting from Mojave on 2/19/2001, Proteus flew to Honolulu, then the Majuro Island in the Marshall Islands, next to Guam, Kadena AB on Okinawa, then to Yokota AB near Tokyo, then Elmendorf AFB, Alaska, and returned to Mojave on March 26. It made an 11.6-hour flight on March 23 from Elmendorf AFB to the North Pole, the longest of the journey.

Proteus is a twin turbofan, high altitude, multi-mission aircraft powered by Williams International FJ44-2E engines. It is designed to carry payloads in the 2,000 lb class to altitudes above 60,000 ft and remain on station up to 14 hours. Heavier payloads can be carried for shorter missions. It is intended for both piloted and UAV missions. Missions for Proteus include telecommunications, reconnaissance, atmospheric research, commercial imaging, and space launch.

The Proteus is designed with long wings and a low wing loading needed for efficient high altitude loiter. It excels in stability and low noise.

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Features & Capabilities

Model No.	281
Max Fuel	8,000 lbs
Max Gross	12,500 lbs
Propulsion	2 - FJ44-2E turbofans
Max Altitude	60,000+ ft
Wingspan	78 ft
First Flight	July 1999
Crew	2











SPEEDI'S BLOG

WELCOME TO
SPEEDI'S Blog.



Since our last issue the big news on the aviation scene has been the disappearance of Malaysia Flight MH 370.

Despite a huge international involvement no trace of the missing Boeing 777-200ER has been found since ATC contact was lost on March 8, 2014.

The aircraft involved was the 404th 777 built by Boeing. It first flew in 2002. Malaysia Airline has a fleet of 15 777's. Interestingly one of their fleet set an international record for distance flown - On April 2, 1997, a Malaysia Airlines - 200ER named "Super Ranger" broke the great circle "distance without landing" record for an airliner by flying

eastward from Boeing Field, Seattle to Kuala Lumpur, a distance of 10,823 nautical miles (20,044 km), in 21 hours and 23 minutes.

The pilot community at Spruce Creek includes a number of highly experienced 777 pilots, and they are, of course, taking a keen interest in this incident.

Historically the Boeing 777 has enjoyed a good safety record. The Rolls Royce Trent 892 engines fitted to MH 370 also have had a good safety record. Indeed as both engines continued to send engineering information via satellite to Rolls Royce it is clear that they were operating correctly right through to the end.

According to Rolls Royce, a Trent 800 series powered Boeing 777 takes off or lands every 96 seconds.

I find it amazing in the present day and age that a highly sophisticated modern airliner can vanish without a trace.

One of my 777 contacts pointed out that a Boeing 777 belonging to Egyptair was destroyed following a fire on the ground at Cairo airport in July 2011. It turned out that the fire started in the cockpit following an electrical short by the co-pilot's oxygen supply tubing. On this particular aircraft, built in 1997, the oxygen supply tube was made out of a conductive material which shorted.

Following this incident it was later determined that approximately 380 early 777 aircraft (including the accident) had been produced without sleeving on >>



>> this wire run. Although the missing clamp was found on a number of 777-200 aircraft, the reason for the missing clamps could not be determined as the clamps had been part of the original design of the 777 aircraft. Boeing determined that it was appropriate to install sleeving on these wires and released a Service Bulletin (777-33-0042, dated 9 January 2012) recommending that 777 operators inspect and if necessary repair the captain's and first officer's oxygen light plate wiring.

One thought by the 777 pilot I spoke to is that a similar fire could have broken out on MH 370 and compromised the aircraft's electrical and communication systems. In turn it could have depressurized the airplane and eventually incapacitated the flight deck crew. The fire would have been extinguished by the lack

of oxygen at flight levels, but only after it had burnt through the skin of the fuselage causing the de-presurization..



Who knows just what happened on the flight deck. What appears certain is that the engines were still functioning correctly right until the plane ran out of fuel. Or at least that is what the engines telemetry systems were telling Rolls Royce. It seems to me that had a very simple fitment of a GPS data box to the engine telemetry systems been in place the world would have known exactly where MH 370 was each time the engine data was transmitted via satellite. But then the engine telemetry system is an 'added cost' item and is not specified by every airline.

Only time will tell what

really took place, or perhaps it may be another 'Amerlia Earhart' story?

Talking of aviation in the Far East. Another recent news item was the in-flight interception of a plane flown by Spruce Creek resident and retired Swiss Air pilot Heinz Peier over Indonesia. Flying his homebuilt Swearingen SX-300



around the world, Peier was forced to land at the Soewondo Air Base in

Sumatra by F-16's from the Indonesian Air Force,. He has finally been released after paying a hefty fine and is on his way to Seletar airport in Singapore.

Sun 'n Fun, the largest aviation gathering in Florida, and the second largest event in the USA, has come and gone. We have a feature on pages 8 through 28 of this issue.

SPEEDI'S BLOG

Back to Spruce Creek once again. Regular readers will know all about my formation flying and how passionate I am about this challenging type of flight.

Formation flight safety is something I am particularly keen on. Military aviators train extensively to be proficient at formation flying. I believe that civilian pilots should do the same. This is why I support the Formation and Safety Team (FAST) program -



www.flyfast.org

Primarily aimed at warbird pilots the FAST program sets out to train formation pilots to a standardized program, just like the military does. It is a worldwide,

educational organization dedicated to teaching safe formation flying in restored, vintage military aircraft and civilian aircraft.

FAST is comprised of seventeen signatory organizations whose mission is to support education in the restoration, maintenance and flight of their members' aircraft.



The Valiant Air Command, based at its warbird museum at Titusville, Fla., is one of the signatory organizations. Here's a link to its website - <http://vacwarbirds.org/>

Thankfully the 'powers that be' at the VAC are keen on promoting formation flight training. We are fortunate to have Tony Crawford, their FAST check pilot, based at Spruce Creek Fly-in.

I have been formation flying myself for almost 15 years and am both a FAST Wingman and a Flight Lead. In recent years myself and a number of other FAST qualified pilots at Spruce Creek have been holding FAST training sessions and encouraging pilots in our flight groups to undertake FAST training and qualify accordingly.

Formation flying is, and has to be, a very disciplined type of flying. It needs team players. The FAST training imparts a standard which allows FAST qualified pilots to fly formation in waived airspace - that's the airspace around air shows to be more specific. It also means that if a FAST qualified pilot wants to fly with another formation group, the other pilots will know that the pilot has been trained to the FAST standard. They will still wish to see how the pilot performs before acceptance into their >>

>> group .

Just like the military demonstration teams Lakes / Goofy Flight trains regularly and briefs / debriefs every flight. In my case, I am a flight lead with Goofy Flight and have combined with airline captain and Lakes Flight lead Jeff Edwards as a joint lead for Lakes / Goofy Flight. Regular readers will have seen my blog posts about our flights during which we have flown up to 14 airplanes in a single formation. What sets us apart from others is that we fly a wide variety of planes - virtually every plane in our flights is a different type.

In recent months some 7 more of our team's pilots have qualified as FAST wingmen. It was hard work, particularly with the different types of planes involved. High Wngs, Low Wings, Certificated, Experimentals and Light Sports, and even a

turbine powered plane. Next month's issue will feature "How We Fly" - all about the Gaggle Flight at Spruce Creek.

Congratulations to Ted Chang, Jeff Edwards, Dave Ford, Dave Henning, Bob Liesch, Bernard Shaw and Mike Taylor. We now have enough FAST qualified pilots in Lakes / Goofy

Flight for our Big Wing display of 10 or more planes to perform at an air show.

The last two of our pilots to become FAST wingmen, just a few days ago, were Dave Ford - Jabiru and Bob Liesch - Turbine Maule.

The photos below show Dave's Jabiru (top) and Bob's Turbine Maule





News From The Barn is a regular feature about the happenings at the largest (and greatest) fly-in community in the world - Spruce Creek Fly-in. Situated on the Space Coast of Florida, just 7 miles south of the famous Speed City of Daytona Beach, Spruce Creek is a very special place. Our North America editor, Steve Wood, has lived there for since 2001, so he should know. We hope you enjoy this regular feature about a very special aviation community.

Spruce Creek Airport Information - Courtesy of the Spruce Creek POA Website - www.scpoa.com

The Spruce Creek Airport is the heart of the Spruce Creek Fly-In Community. The Airport is a private airport owned and operated by the Spruce Creek Property Owners Association (SCPOA). The Spruce Creek Airport Authority Committee through the SCPOA Board of Directors has the authority and the responsibility to oversee the operation of the Spruce Creek Airport. The SCPOA employs a full time, 24-7 security staff. The Airport runways, taxiways and aircraft parking areas are regularly patrolled and are under continuous video surveillance by the Security staff 24 hour a day.

All flying activities at the Spruce Creek Airport are regulated by the FAA and by the recommended procedures published in the Aeronautical Information Manual (AIM). In addition, a limited number of local rules and procedures have been established to promote a safe and enjoyable airport. All resident, tenants and invitees are encouraged to cooperate and abide by these procedures.

SPRUCE CREEK AIRCRAFT ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE PACKAGE - The airport management provides information to assist all pilots operating in and out of the Spruce Creek Air, viewed or printed with Adobe Reader. [Download PDF](#)

AIRPORT SAFETY VIDEO - The airport management recommends that all Spruce Creek Fly-In residents and airport users view this very good airport safety video. Click [Here](#).

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AFTER 1700 386/756-6125 (Security)

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VORTAC ORL 112.2 020°R/35.6 DME

FSS St. Petersburg 122.2

APCH CNTRL Daytona Beach ..125.35 (South) 125.8 (North)

INSTR APCH (Rwy 05) GPS (Private, Residents Only)

CTAF..... 122.975 (pilot actuated lights 3-5-7 clicks)

AWOS..... 121.725

FUEL 100LL & JET A (self serve and truck delivery)

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Ken Doucette	Dick Cunneen	Bob Spillman 386 767-5814
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IN OUR 'News from the Barn' section we will be featuring news and photos from Spruce Creek Fly-in, the world's greatest aviation community. With over 1600 homes, and not all of them are hangar homes, and home to over 3000 people, there are over 650 airplanes based at Spruce Creek. But it's not all about aviation at Spruce Creek - there's golf, tennis, motorcycling and much more, as well as a Country Club and the Downwind restaurant right alongside Beech Boulevard - a major taxiway in the center of the airport. EAA Chapter 288 (Daytona Beech) meets at

Keith Phillip's hanger on the other major taxiway - Cessna Boulevard. Then there's the Gaggle Flight, which is quite something in its own right. Every Saturday morning (and sometimes on Wednesday too) members of the Gaggle Flight meet at The Big Tree which sits right in the middle of the airport. Upwards of 30 aircraft depart in flights of 3 or 4 (and sometimes more) flying out to breakfast. The arrivals back are usually spectacular, with overhead breaks the norm. Our North America editor, Steve Wood, is part of Goofy Flight - named after his GlaStar which has the special

registration N-600FY. Steve even has 'goofy' smoke on his airplane which can 'puff' or be continuous at whim. Everyone has great fun at Spruce Creek Fly-in which perhaps explains why there's a sign inside the main entrance which reads "Caution - Children And Adults At Play".



Happenings at Spruce Creek - March 8 2014

Super Flight - Dave Henning (Super Decathlon) lead Larry Traskos (Cessna 180), Bob Liesch (Turbine Maule) and Ken Fardie (Scale Replica Spitfire) overhead The Tree

















2014 NHRA GATORNATIONALS

All photos for this feature: Gary Rosier



MARCH 13 TO 16, 2014 were the dates Gainsville Raceway in Florida reverberated to the 45th annual Amalie Motor Oil NHRA Gatornationals.

The traditional East Coast opener and the season's first of 16 events for Pro Stock Motorcycle riders and first of 10 for Pro Mod racers, this event was one of the sport's most revered with a rich tradition of history-making

performances. This hallowed dragstrip has entertained spring-break-loving fans for four decades with such notable occasions as the first 260-mph Top Fuel and Funny Car runs in 1984 and the first 270-mph and 300-mph

Top Fuel passes, in 1986 and 1992, respectively. Its 675-foot concrete launchpad is one of the longest on the tour.

Gary Rosier had the time of his life and shot some great pics - enjoy . . .











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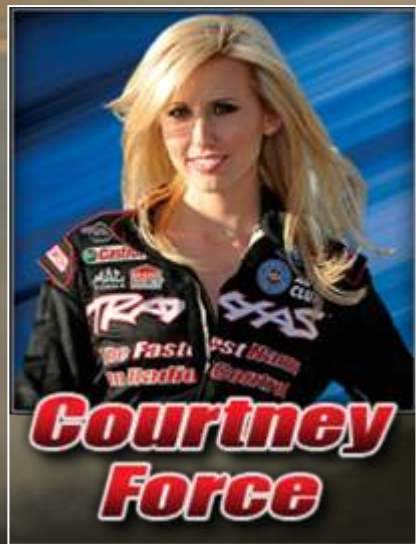


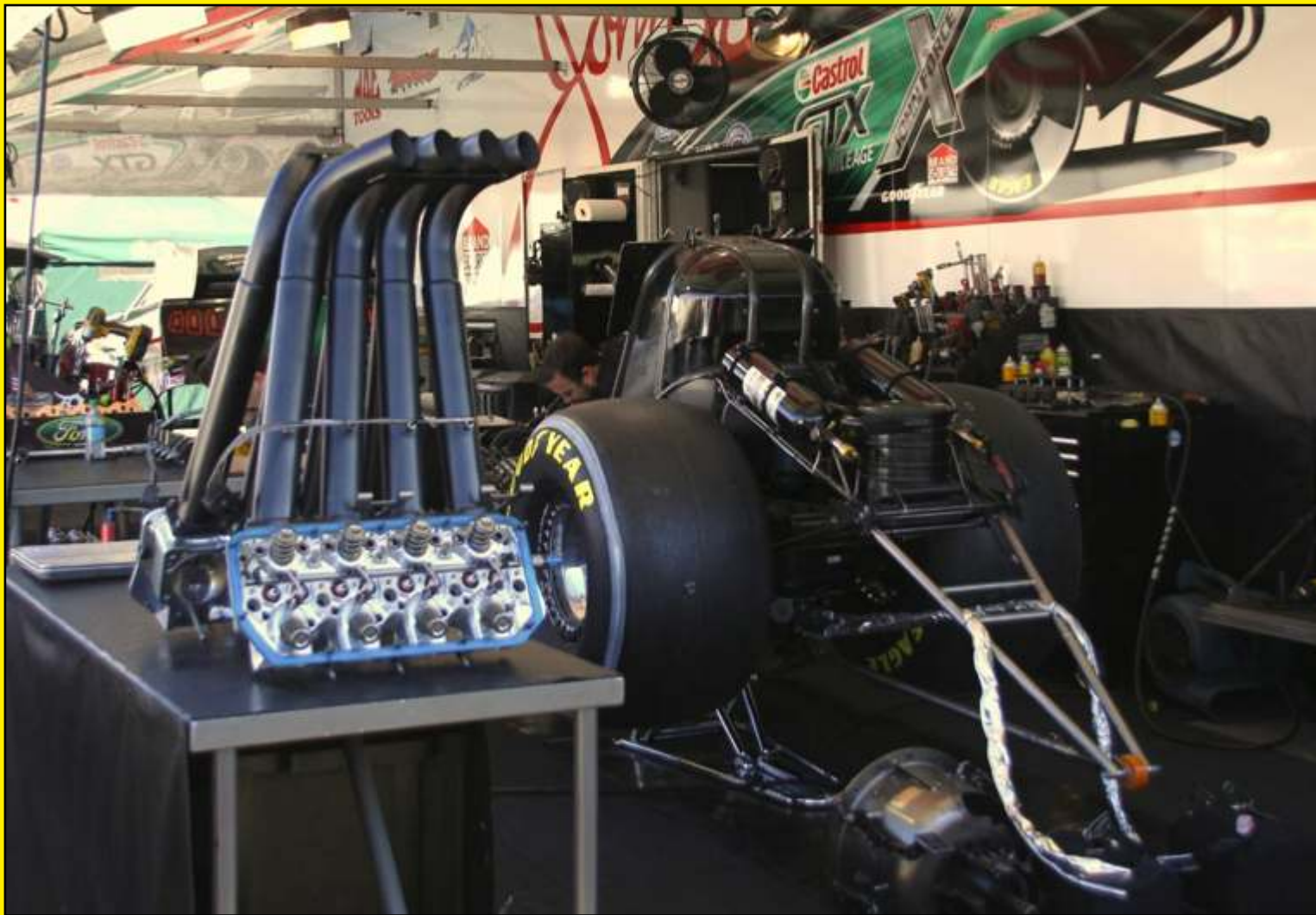


























'TILL NEXT YEAR

NOSE ART & NUMBERS



In this regular Nose Art & Number feature we showcase our readers Nose Art and Special Registration Numbers. Just send in your pics, along with a bio (around 150 words) about your nose art or special registration to noseart@speedi.tv - and don't forget, spread the word.



NOSE ART & NUMBERS



Jaguar Announces David Beckham as Brand Ambassador for Jaguar China

* British sporting icon David Beckham to front new marketing campaign across China

* Jaguar commissions Peter Lindbergh for new Beckham campaign photography

David Beckham has joined Jaguar as a brand ambassador and will support significant forthcoming Jaguar product launches in China. British sporting icon Beckham will feature in above-the-line marketing campaigns for the brand in one of its most significant international markets.

Bob Grace, Jaguar Land Rover China Managing Director, said: "We are absolutely thrilled that David will be an ambassador for Jaguar in China. David Beckham is a Briton whose achievements mean he has global popularity and he is someone who embodies contemporary British style and sophistication. He is a truly modern, British individual with a genuine passion for design, innovation, performance and driving."

As part of a long-term partnership, former international footballer Beckham will star in a series of print adverts and TV commercials exclusively in China.

David's role will initially see him

feature alongside the new Jaguar F-TYPE Coupé, a sports car that is already regarded as a modern classic and one that is the perfect expression of Jaguar's vision of modern British style and elegance. His role will develop and will see him feature in many Jaguar brand and product communication campaigns in the coming years, including those for the Jaguar XJ,



the company's award winning large luxury sedan.

On the start of this new partnership, David commented: "I've always been an admirer of Jaguar - from the styling and design to the feel and roar of the engine, every element feels uniquely British. I love the classic E-Type of the 60s and today this legacy is alive in the phenomenal F-TYPE Coupé, a car that epitomises British craftsmanship. It's an honour to support a brand with such an amazing heritage and I look forward to being part of Jaguar's exciting future in China."

The print creative material to be

used in this ambitious new marketing campaign is revealed exclusively today. Renowned fashion photographer and filmmaker Peter Lindbergh was commissioned by Jaguar to produce exclusive campaign imagery. Peter has worked closely with David Beckham in the past and their involvement in the Jaguar campaign will see the two figures continue

their collaborative relationship. Recognised for the distinctive cinematic quality of his work, Peter has also shot iconic images of some of the world's most famous cultural icons.

The new F-TYPE Coupé will be a prominent feature of the first phase of the campaign. The new F-TYPE Coupé is the most dynamically

capable, performance-focused, production Jaguar ever made and is headlined by the F-TYPE R Coupé, a 550PS/680Nm 5.0-litre V8 supercharged sports car like no other. The all-aluminium F-TYPE Coupé is the embodiment of the uncompromised design vision of the award-winning C-X16 concept. Other Jaguar models, including XF and XJ saloons will also feature in the Beckham campaign to present the full brand line-up to the Chinese consumer.

The print campaign will appear in magazines and on billboards across China, with a TV advertising campaign appearing later in the year.

BENTLEY MOTORSPORT RETURNS TO NORTH AMERICA

* Continental GT3 to compete in North America with Dyson Racing

* First race to be Pirelli World Challenge round at Road America

* Development over 2014 in preparation for 2015 championship

* New Continental GT3 race car on display at NYIAS

(New York, 16th April 2014) After

an impressive performance at the opening round of the Blancpain Endurance Series in Monza, Italy last weekend, the new Bentley Continental GT3 is set to reintroduce the celebrated British marque to North American motorsports with Dyson Racing. The premier sports car racing

team in the U.S., Dyson will race a pair of Continental GT3s in the second half of the 2014 Pirelli World Challenge in preparation for a full season of competition in 2015.

The new partnership returns Bentley to the racetracks of North America for the first time since 2003. The Continental GT3 will be on display

on the Bentley stand at the New York International Auto Show on April 16 and 17. Bentley's Director of Motorsport, Brian Gush, comments from the show:

"Now that our European motorsport programme is up and running, securing a return to racing in our biggest market is the natural next step. It's extremely exciting to be back here with a racecar, and I'm delighted to be working with the Dyson team. Their operation reflects and embodies so many Bentley values, and I'm very confident in their abilities. This venture is the next step in the



Continental GT3 plan, which we hope will eventually see our customers racing in Bentleys all around the world."

Pending testing and development results, Bentley's U.S. racing programme will begin with the entry of a single Continental GT3 in the Road America round of the Pirelli World Challenge at Elkhart

Lake in Wisconsin on June 21. A second car will be added later in the season.

Development work and assignments for the single-driver sprint races will be shared among Chris Dyson and long-time Dyson Racing team members Guy Smith and Butch Leitzinger. The latter are also veteran Bentley Boys, Leitzinger as a driver of the class-winning Bentley EXP-8 at Le Mans in 2001 and 2002, Smith as a driver of the Le Mans overall-winning Bentley Speed 8 in 2003. Smith, who was also a development driver for the current Bentley Continental GT3

program and who is now piloting one in five races of the 2014 European Blancpain Series, will drive with Dyson Racing Team Bentley as his European commitments permit.

Team Principal Rob Dyson comments:

"Our team is proud to be demonstrating to Americans that

Bentley is not only one of the great names in automotive history, but also today the producer of the finest high-performance luxury cars available. As Dyson Racing begins its fourth decade in professional motorsports, it's an honor for all of us on the team to be racing the Continental GT3 with Bentley in the Pirelli World Challenge."

BMW Motorrad achieves new all-time high in March. Most successful month in the company's history

April 08, 2014

Munich.

supplied to customers worldwide last month. With an increase of 16.2% as compared to the previous year, this was the best monthly sales performance in the history of the company.

Heiner Faust, BMW Motorrad Head of Sales and Marketing: "We got off to an excellent start to the new

16.2%. Never before have we sold as many vehicles in March."

The positive result was due to the high level of demand worldwide. The first quarter was pleasing in Europe, too. The southern European markets are seeing significant growth as compared to the previous year. The strongest individual



The first three months of this year saw BMW Motorrad sales higher than ever before in a first quarter. Supplies as of March came to a total of 28,719 vehicles (previous year: 24,732 units), making for an increase in sales of 16.1%. 15,183 motorcycles and maxi scooters (previous year: 13,067 units) were

motorcycle season with a sales increase of 16.1% as of March. In the first three months of this year we have supplied more motorcycles and maxi scooters than ever before in a first quarter. What is more, last month was the most successful in the company's history with 15,183 vehicles sold and an increase of

market for BMW Motorrad continues to be Germany, followed by the US, France, Italy, Brazil and Spain.

"Based on this excellent quarterly result we have positive expectations of the upcoming months," concluded Heiner Faust.

Ford Mustang from Film 'Need for Speed' Fetches \$300,000 at Barrett-Jackson for Henry Ford Health System

- * Custom Ford Mustang GT, auctioned at no reserve at Barrett-Jackson in Florida, commands \$300,000 for charity
- * Proceeds to benefit Henry Ford Health Systems' efforts to provide access to healthcare for more people
- * The silver Mustang was featured in the movie "Need for Speed"; it boasts a custom-designed wide body rolling on Forgiato 22-inch alloy wheels

A custom 2013 Ford Mustang GT that starred in the blockbuster movie "Need for Speed" was sold by [Ford Motor Company](#) for \$300,000 on Saturday at [Barrett-Jackson Auction Company's](#) West Palm Beach event.

John Felice, vice president of U.S. marketing, sales and service, drove the

spectacular Mustang onto the big stage. After spirited bidding that electrified the block, Dave Flynn of Columbiana, Ohio, won the factory-special Mustang. Auctioned at no reserve, proceeds will benefit [Henry Ford Health System](#), the nonprofit founded by Henry Ford to support the Edith and Benson Ford Heart and Vascular Institute.

"Everyone has a Mustang story, and the new owner of this movie car now has one that is particularly special," says Steve Ling, North America car marketing manager for Ford. "Snagging such a high-profile car right now – 50 years after the birth of America's first pony car – is something to be cherished. And helping such an important cause makes the sale even more memorable."

Founded in 1915, Henry Ford

leading comprehensive, integrated health systems. It provides health insurance and healthcare delivery, including acute, specialty, primary and preventive-care services, backed by excellence in research and education. Additional information is available at <http://www.henryford.com>.

"Watching the car cross the block in support of Henry Ford Health System was very rewarding," says Sandy Hudson, chief development officer for the organization. "Dave Flynn did much more than just purchase a new car. His purchase will help so many people get access to healthcare."

The "Need for Speed" Mustang was used in filming and was displayed at all promotional stops for the movie. It boasts a custom-designed, wide body rolling on unique, Forgiato 22-

inch alloy wheels. Other design elements include an enlarged lower grille with new air intakes, extended rocker panels, a twin-snorkel hood and low-profile mirrors. With a powerful V8 engine, the Mustang is finished in silver paint with Kona Blue racing stripes.



Health System is one of the nation's

SRT Brand Debuts New Time Attack Group on Anodized Carbon Special Edition Viper

* Ultra-exclusive combination joins the Anodized Carbon Special Edition Package Viper GTS with the road course-ready Time Attack Group performance handling upgrades

* Of 50 Anodized Carbon Special Edition GTS models, only 10 will be built with Time Attack

April 16, 2014 , Auburn Hills, Mich. - Shown for the first time today at the New York International Auto Show, the Chrysler Group's SRT (Street and Racing Technology) brand is enhancing the ultra-exclusive, Viper Anodized Carbon Special Edition Package by combining it with the new Time Attack Group road-racing spec-package.

A total of only 50 SRT Viper Anodized Carbon Special Edition vehicles will be produced, with only 10 (Nos. 41-50) carrying the new Time Attack Group package. A numbered dash plaque identifying each of the SRT Viper Anodized Carbon Edition vehicles also is part of the package.

"We've received an overwhelming response to the unique Metallic Matte exterior color since first showing the Anodized Carbon Special Edition Viper late last year," said Ralph Gilles, President and CEO – SRT Brand and Motorsports. "So we're adding even more exclusivity with 10 distinctive SRT Vipers that combine our special exterior color with the new Time Attack Group of performance parts to offer our customers mind-boggling limits on their favorite road courses."



identifiable by their unique orange springs. Street and Race Mode suspension settings offer firmer damping than the Viper GTS. Pirelli P Zero Corsa tires, matte black lightweight forged-aluminum Sidewinder wheels and solid sway bars lead to even more capable handling. Track-duty two-piece Brembo brake rotors, adapted from the 2010 Viper ACR-X race car, add to an increased thermal capacity for additional resistance to brake fade.

As the first and only production application on a Chrysler Group vehicle, the Anodized Carbon Special Edition Package features Metallic Matte Black and satin surface finishes. Satin Black Vapor marks the exhaust bezels, fuel-filler door, and carbon brake ducts and a rear applique (below the liftgate) provide contrast to the Metallic Matte Black body.

The new Time Attack Group takes all of the functional chassis and aero parts from the Viper TA Special Edition and makes them available on the GTS price class. It includes a carbon fiber rear deck lid spoiler and two-piece front corner splitters to combine for a total of 339 pounds of down force at 150 mph. Also included are two-mode Bilstein dampers specifically tuned for optimal on-track performance and

swathed interior with orange stitching adorns the SRT Viper Anodized Carbon Special Edition. An Alcantara headliner, Alcantara-wrapped knee blockers and door bolsters provide interior surface texture contrast, while gunmetal bezels, orange vent accents, and carbon-fiber trim further accent the interior. The Nappa leather and Alcantara-wrapped sport seats feature orange stitching.

About SRT Viper TA (Time Attack)

The street-legal SRT Viper TA is specifically built for the performance enthusiast driver who likes to exercise their machines at the more than 150 road-race courses around North America. Introduced in 2013, the Viper TA Special Edition spec package offers track enthusiasts a turn-key track set-up.

Based on the SRT model, the lightest Viper in the lineup, the TA Special Edition Package builds upon the vehicle's ultra-low center of gravity, 50/50 weight distribution and largest contact patch in the production car world. The Viper TA uses chassis parts developed specifically by the SRT chassis dynamics team to attain the most out of the race-car-like chassis and create the most confidence inspiring Viper ever. SRT developed new spring rates, dampers, sway bars and brake components, combined as a system with the Viper's available Advanced Aerodynamics Package, to create one of the most track-capable production cars in the world.

About Anodized Carbon Special Edition Package

Only 50 SRT Viper GTS models are being produced with the Anodized Carbon Special Edition package.

Part of the special edition package is the new Metallic Matte exterior color that is being used for the first time by the Chrysler Group to add to the exclusivity of the SRT Viper. The new Metallic Matte exterior body color brings the Viper GTS a one-of-a-kind, luxurious look by providing even greater accentuation to the vehicle's form. The metallic finish adds depth while the dark matte color amplifies the Viper's sinister quality.

Unique exterior accents include: Black Vapor Chrome five-spoke "Rattler" wheels, a Gloss Black GTS badge, Satin Black exhaust bezel, an Anodized Carbon fuel-filler door, orange brake calipers, carbon fiber brake ducts and a rear applique.

Luxurious interior accents include Alcantara wrapped headliner, door



bolsters and knee blockers; orange accent stitching on the Nappa leather wrapped door trim, center

console and instrument panel and on the Nappa leather and Alcantara seats. Orange accents also are added to the door panel and instrument panel. Carbon fiber accents are added throughout the center stack, door panels and steering wheel, and an exclusive carbon GTS badge adorns the dashboard.

About SRT Brand

The Chrysler Group's SRT (Street and Racing Technology) brand uses a successful product development formula featuring five proven hallmarks: awe-inspiring powertrains; outstanding ride, handling and capability; benchmark braking; aggressive and functional exteriors and race-inspired and high-performance interiors to remain true to its performance roots.

The 2014 SRT lineup features five vehicles that are world-class performance contenders and bring the latest in safety technologies and creature comforts. The Chrysler 300 SRT, Dodge Challenger SRT, Dodge Charger SRT and Jeep Grand Cherokee SRT join the flagship SRT Viper, which made its highly anticipated return to the high-performance sports car market in 2013.

GONE CRUISIN'

Gary's Hot Rods & Cruisers



Vintage Street Rodders of America At The Magic Kingdom 2014

Welcome to Gone Cruisin', our regular feature on the cruisin' scene brought to you by Gary Rosier. Primarily from in and around Central Florida, but we'll be including interesting events around the USA. More pics from Gary at <http://www.carsplaneslandscapes.com/>





VSRA CATERS TO those who drive their cars to the shows.

"We accept trailered cars, but we don't recognize them when we start to give out the top 25 plaques. The only people eligible for the

plaques are the people who drive their cars to the shows," said Jim Bledsoe, founder and president of Vintage Street Rodders of America.

[Click here for a link to the organizations website.](#)



THE VSRA 3RD annual Magical Rod Run took place at the Walt Disney World Speedway (Richard Petty Driving Experience) on Feb 28 & March 1.

They were there to show off the craftsmanship and engineering that

goes into taking a car that is at least 65 years old or older and making it fully capable of driving thousands of miles per year, in modern day traffic.

Our resident Cruisin' and Hot Rod specialist, Gary Rosier, was there . . .































THE 6TH ANNUAL New Smyrna Beach Balloon & Sky Fest took place over the weekend of March 28 to 30, 2014. Sadly the weather did not co-operate until the Sunday when the storms went away and crystal clear blue sky abounded - but even then it was too windy for the balloons.

Our East Coast correspondent, Gary Rosier, lives close by and was there to record the happenings on Saturday evening and Sunday.

Fortunately the weather cleared enough for the Aeroshell Formation Team to perform their twilight display.

We hope you enjoy what is a relatively short feature compared to previous years . . .































A FAIRLY NEW TRADITION took place near Daytona Beach on Saturday, Feb 15th in Ponce Inlet, Florida. For the third year in a row, 1950's Era race cars paraded along the route once used to hold the races that are now the Daytona 500. This Racing Legends Beach Course Parade started at 1pm at the North Turn restaurant, located at 4511 S. Atlantic Ave in Ponce Inlet. Our correspondent Gary Rosier was there to enjoy the nostalgia.

It all didn't start off too well, as it rained early and was overcast with winds

and chilly temperatures reminding the participants how fickle the weather can be in February, even in Florida. It cleared up to the delight of what looked to be several thousand spectators however and the show was on!

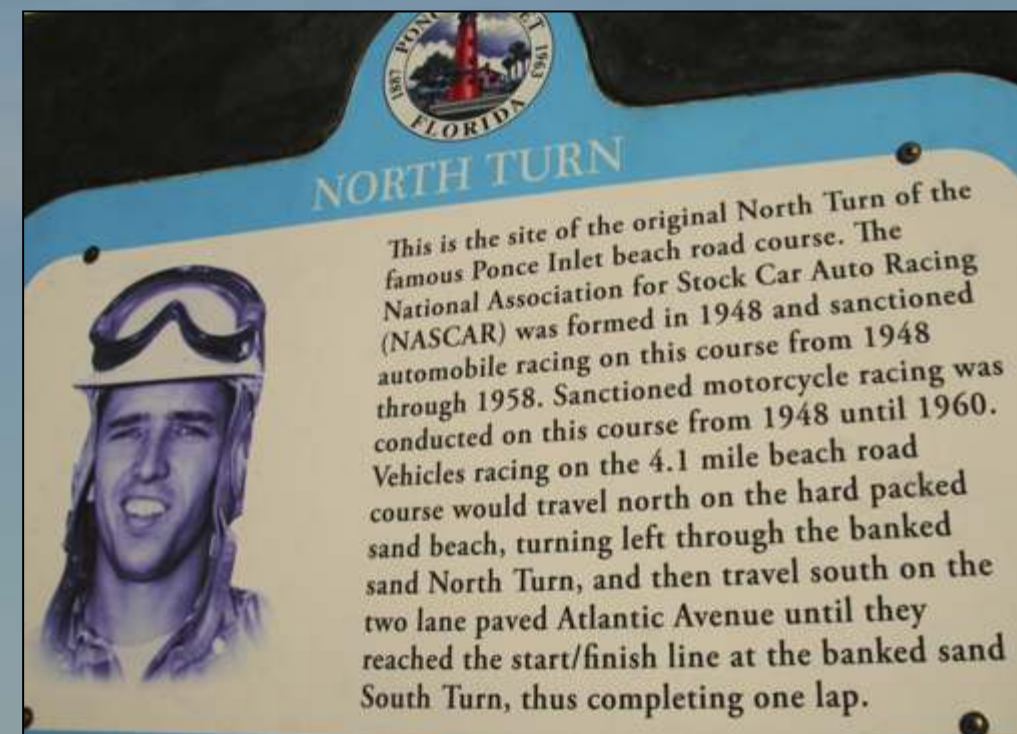
The cars all gathered across from the North Turn, awaiting the starting time of 1pm to head on out and relive the moments that started it all - racing on the beach that was home to NASCAR until 1958. This was the year before the first Daytona 500 at the then

brand-new Daytona International Speedway.

Close to 40 cars in all that participated and remember; all of these were driven under their own power so the sound and look was just like years long ago. The route was run pretty close to the old races in that they drove south down A1A about 2 miles on the pavement, then entered the beach area much like they did in the 50's. Down the beach they came, escorted by the Beach Patrol for another 2 miles back to the North Turn and thus the 4.2 mile

"track" was complete.

With Race Weeks in Full swing in Daytona, what better way to kick off the season? Names like Fireball Roberts, Junior Johnson and some not so familiar names too - all brought back to life the history of the sport. It was amazing to see the simplicity of form and function and yes; all not-too-safe it would seem equipment these guys all raced with for the love of it all. As they say - they had gasoline running through their veins - **AWESOME** understates things somewhat!



Racing Legends































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