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SPEEDI'S BLOG

WELCOME TO
SPEEDI'S Blog.

Once again, no full Speedi's blog in this issue.

Right now my life has been turned upside down following the events of this summer. For me the 14 months up to the end of this July has been a roller coaster of dealing with family tragedies.

The first was the passing of my father-in-law in May 2024, but at the ripe old age of 97. Sadly he was in a care home for the final 7 years. This meant that from 2017 onwards I was dealing with running 2 families as I had taken over his role and was looking after the affairs of his wife who at that time was aged 90.

Then after looking after my mother-in-law's move to a flat, and this being only the second time she had moved since getting married

back in 1952, was an ongoing challenge.

Then in 2022, after 5 years in her flat she too moved into a care home. It was thought that the move was temporary so my ongoing responsibilities were to look after the flat in case she could return home, Sadly this did not happen and at the end of July 2024 she passed away.

Then came the massive challenges of dealing with two deceased estates.

I thought this was all at an end in early July, this year, and then 3 weeks later my wife had her tragic fatal accident exactly 12 months, almost to the minute from when her mother passed.

So now I am dealing with yet another deceased estate which is, of course, taking up so much of my time that the magazine schedule has been severely affected.

Hopefully, during 2026 I will see a light at the end of the long tunnel and my life will be more normal, but of course never the same as it was before . . .

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The waxing gibbous moon rises above Earth's blue atmosphere in this photograph taken from the International Space Station on Oct. 3, 2025, as it orbited 263 miles above a cloudy Atlantic Ocean off the coast of Quebec, Canada.

In our entire solar system, the only object that shines with its own light is the Sun. That light always beams onto Earth and the Moon from the direction of the Sun, illuminating half of our planet in its orbit and reflecting off the surface of the Moon to create moonlight. Sometimes the entire face of the Moon glows brightly. Other times we see only a thin crescent of light. Sometimes the Moon seems to disappear. These shifts are called Moon phases. The waxing gibbous phase comes just before the full moon.

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Editorial

Welcome to the October / November 2025 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.

In this issue we are featuring a look a visit to Festivals of Speed - Plus much more . . .

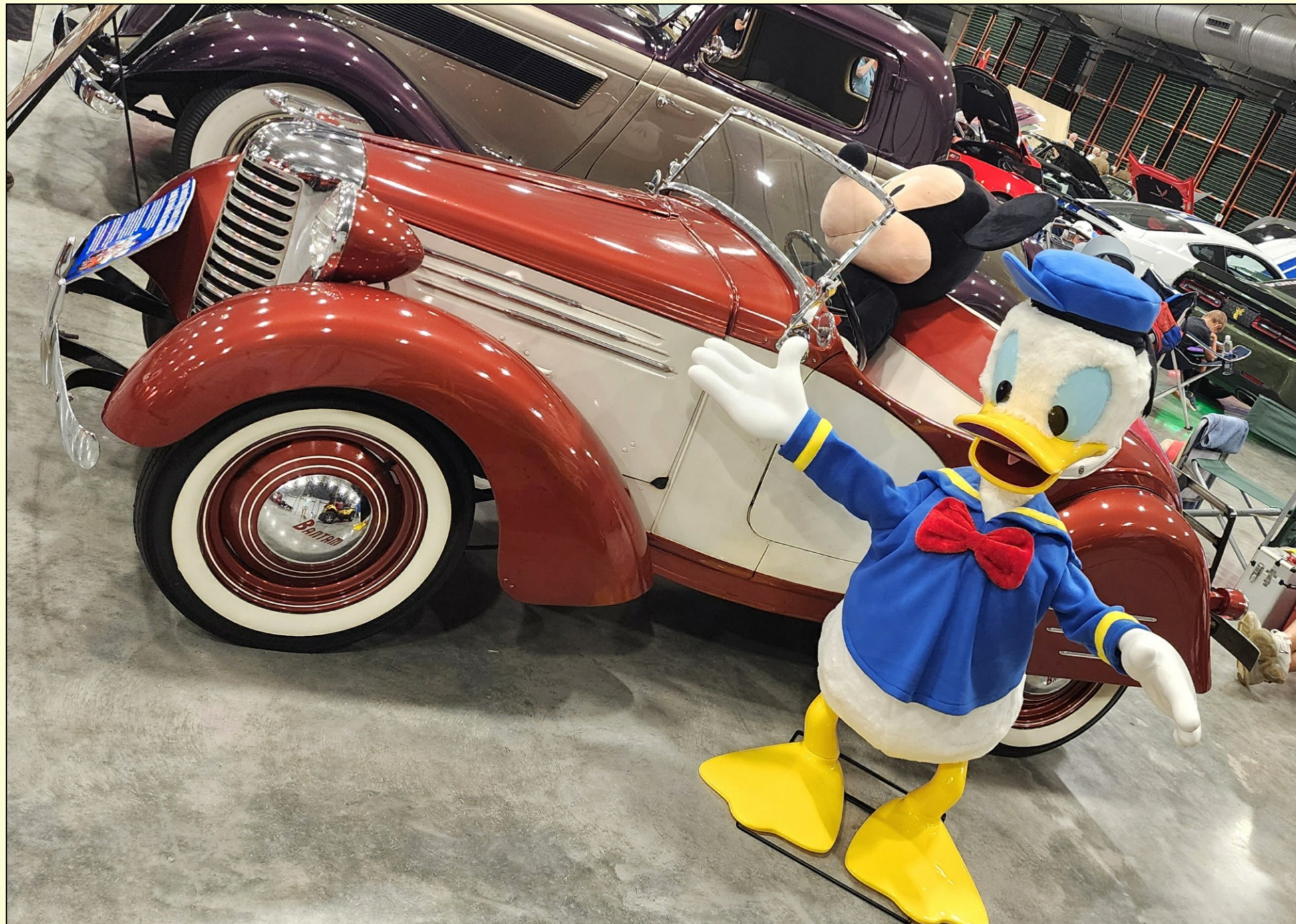
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Toulouse, France

28 November 2025

Analysis of a recent event involving an A320 Family aircraft has revealed that intense solar radiation may corrupt data critical to the functioning of flight controls.

Airbus has consequently identified a significant number of A320 Family aircraft currently in-service which may be impacted.

Airbus has worked proactively with the aviation authorities to request immediate precautionary action from operators via an Alert Operators Transmission (AOT) in order to implement the available software and/or hardware protection, and ensure the fleet is safe to fly. This AOT will be reflected in an Emergency Airworthiness Directive from the European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA).

Airbus acknowledges these recommendations will lead to operational disruptions to

passengers and customers. We apologise for the inconvenience caused and will work closely with operators, while keeping safety as our number one and overriding priority.



Update - 1 December 2025

Following the publication of an Alert Operators Transmission (AOT) on 28 November calling for immediate precautionary action on a number of in-service A320 Family aircraft, Airbus is providing an update on the status of the deployment of these measures across the global fleet.

Out of a total number of around 6,000 aircraft potentially impacted, the vast majority have now received the necessary modifications. We are working with our airline

customers to support the modification of less than 100 remaining aircraft to ensure they can be returned to service.

Airbus apologises for any challenges and delays caused to passengers and airlines by this event. The Company thanks its customers, the authorities, its employees and all relevant stakeholders involved for their support in implementing these measures, and for their understanding of Airbus' decision to put safety above all other considerations.

Dubai, United Arab Emirates

19 November 2025

Silk Way West Airlines based in Baku, Azerbaijan has signed a firm contract for an additional two A350F freighter aircraft. The agreement, which takes the total order to four A350Fs, forms the backbone of Silk Way West Airlines' fleet modernisation and expansion strategy.

"We are delighted to extend our partnership with Airbus on the A350F programme. This order, bringing our total commitment to four aircraft, marks a major milestone in our company's growth and reflects our confidence in the future of sustainable air freight. The A350F will strengthen our leading position in the global air freight market as we continue to modernise our fleet and reduce our carbon footprint," said Wolfgang Meier, President of Silk Way West Airlines.

"This repeat order from Silk Way West Airlines, the largest cargo airline in the Caspian Sea region, is a great vote of confidence at a time when the A350F is

physically taking shape in our assembly lines. The A350F will ensure the airline maintains its leading position in the global air freight market and further

enables its key role in developing Azerbaijan as a major global cargo hub at the heart of the Silk Road," said Benoît de Saint-Exupéry, Airbus EVP Sales of the Commercial Aircraft business.

The A350F features the largest main deck cargo door in the industry, with fuselage length and capacity optimised around the industry's standard pallets and containers. Over 70% of the airframe is made of advanced materials, resulting in a 46 tonne lighter take-off weight than the competing derivative. The A350F is also the only freighter aircraft that will fully meet ICAO's enhanced CO₂ emissions standards, coming into effect in 2027. Currently, the assembly of test aircraft in Toulouse is underway.



The A350F can carry a payload of up to 111 tonnes and will fly up to 4,700 nautical miles / 8,700 kilometres. Powered by the latest Rolls-Royce Trent XWB-97 engines, the aircraft will bring a reduction in fuel consumption and carbon emissions of up to 40% when compared to previous generation aircraft with a similar payload-range capability. The A350F will be able to operate with up to 50% Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) at entry-to-service, with the aim for 100% capability by 2030, as with all Airbus aircraft.

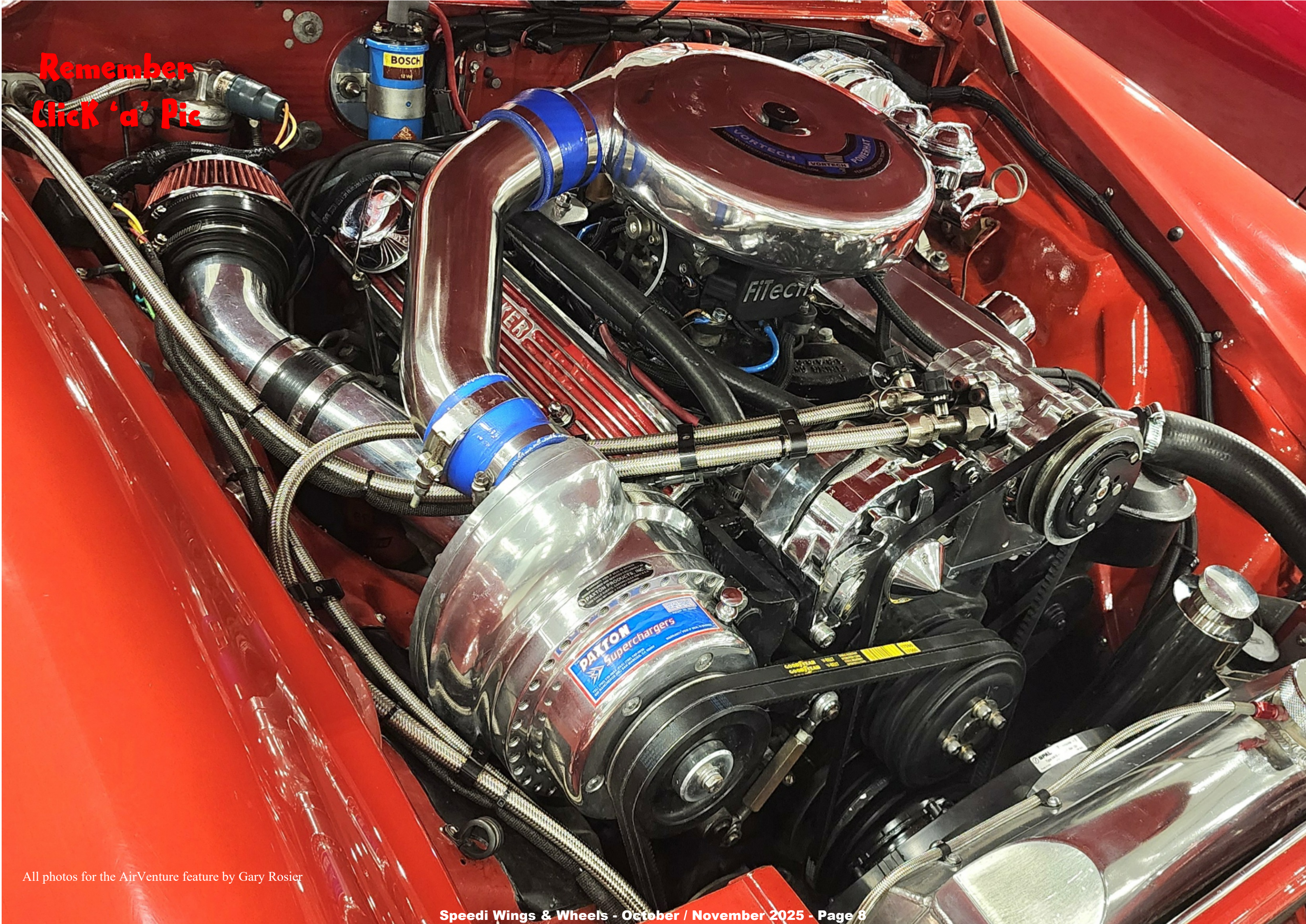
At the end of October 2025, the all-new A350F had registered 74 orders from 12 customers.

Festivals of Speed



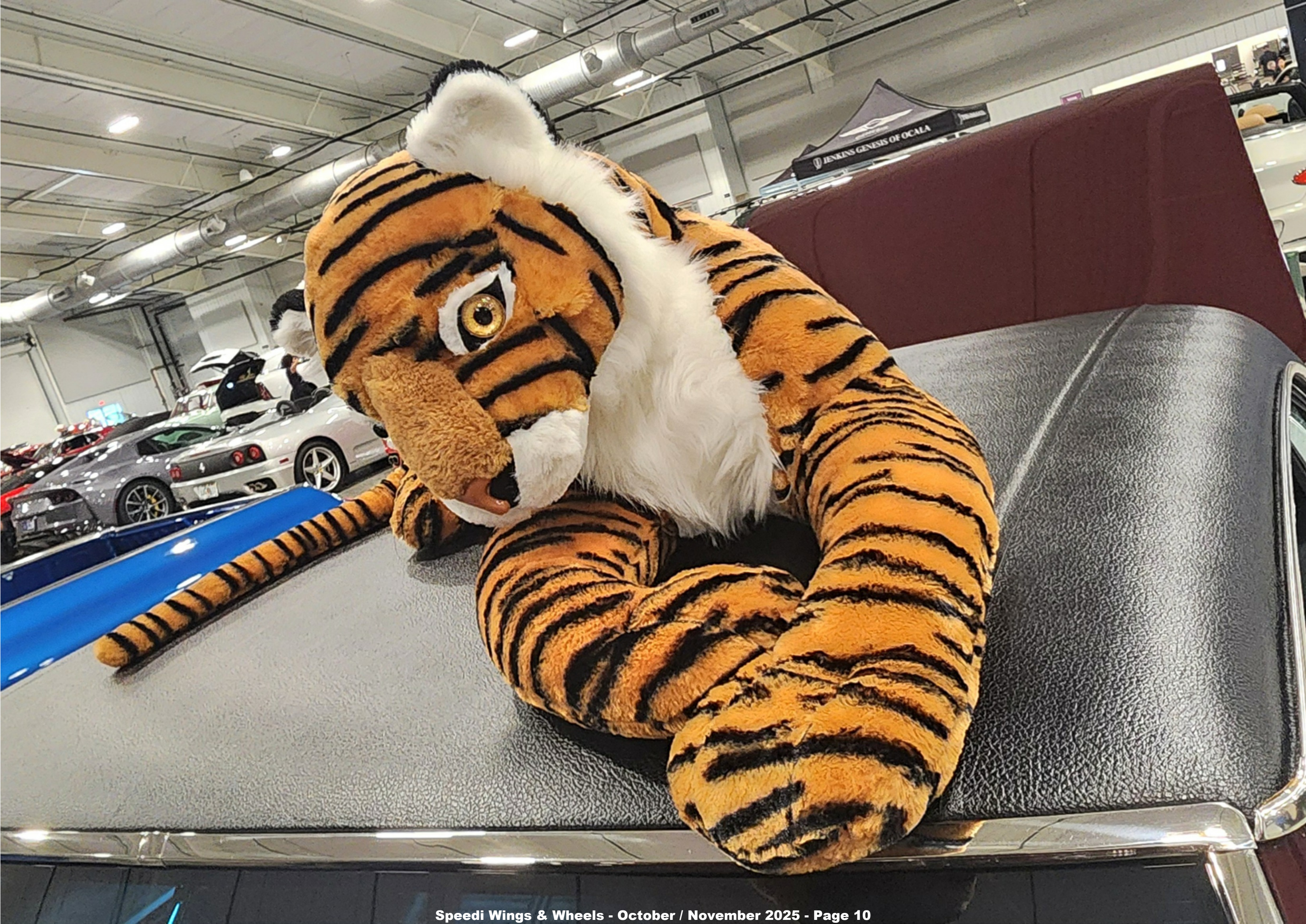
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NEW FROM THE Barn is a regular feature about the happenings at the largest (and greatest) fly-in community in the world - Spruce Creek Fly-in. Situated on the Space Coast of Florida, just 7 miles south of the famous Speed City of Daytona Beach, Spruce 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](#)

Here's a link to Spruce Creek Airport (7FL6) web page - click [here](#)

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](#)

TEL 386/760-5884 or Airport Manager cell see below.

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FUEL 386 257-7791 (on field) or 129.925 MHz (forward request to Spruce Creek)

Airport Manager - Jim Stone ... 386 275-1894



I N 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, motorcycleing 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 hangar 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".



Here's a look at the planes at Spruce Creek Fly-in ready for a Young Eagles event

Photos by Gary Rosier . . .

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Nov 11, 2025 – Stuttgart/Sindelfingen

The all-new GLB is currently undergoing cold-weather testing in climatic wind tunnels

Technology can simulate temperatures as low as -40 degrees Fahrenheit and extreme blizzards

First glimpse inside the new compact SUV, with available seating for up to seven people

Optional MBUX Superscreen and a more flexible interior

The engineers at Mercedes-Benz are completing intensive cold-weather testing with the all-new GLB at the Mercedes Technology Center (MTC) in Sindelfingen, ahead the vehicle's world premiere on December 8, 2025.

Confident traction on snow-covered roads, supreme thermal comfort and clear visibility in snowy conditions are essential for winter driving. To ensure the all-new GLB meets Mercedes-Benz's exacting standards in these crucial areas – and delivers the hallmark quality customers expect – extensive testing in two, state-of-the-art climatic wind tunnels is necessary.

Testing at the limit: Arctic temperatures and blizzards in climatic chambers

The temperature range in the cold tunnel spans from -40 to 104 degrees Fahrenheit, which covers a broad spectrum of weather

conditions in real world driving. Advanced snow cannons allow snow production with a variety of snow types over a wide temperature range. Combined with the wind tunnel's high-powered fan, Mercedes-Benz can simulate fierce blizzards where snowflakes race towards the test vehicle at speeds of up to 124 mph.

A wealth of complex technology is incorporated within



Mercedes-Benz's two climatic wind tunnels. In each tunnel, a rolling road simulates the road surface. Powerful electric motors drive four rollers each, allowing 4MATIC models to be tested under realistic conditions. The test rigs are designed for a total output of up to 1,046 hp, enabling top speeds of up to 165 mph. Vehicles can also be refueled and charged within the tunnels. The building extends over an approximately 230 x 197-ft floor area. In addition to the two test rigs, it houses offices and a control room. From there, technicians can regulate temperature, humidity, wind speed and other parameters. Each test can be closely observed through large, fully insulated windows.

Quality enhancement in every season: simulating the desert sun

Heat and solar radiation present challenges for a vehicle and its occupants. In the heat chamber, temperatures ranging from 14 to 140 degrees Fahrenheit can be generated. There is also a solar simulation system with 32 lamps, delivering a radiation spectrum that corresponds to natural sunlight. Over an approximately 26 x 8-ft area, the radiation intensity can be varied between 200 and 1,200 watts per square meter (per 10.8 square ft). The highest level is comparable to the intense conditions of remote deserts, like Death Valley.

Another development tool in the heat tunnel is the "Hot Road." This is a simulated road surface where the temperature can be continuously adjusted between 122 and 158 degrees Fahrenheit, precisely replicating the thermal conditions of a road surface on a scorching summer day. The goal here, too, is to create as close to real-world conditions as possible.

In the climatic wind tunnels, almost every weather condition can be simulated year-round – and with high precision. Unlike tests on public roads, the measurements are reproducible at any time. The cold chamber helps Mercedes-Benz to further close the gap between simulation and practical testing, and to continuously improve vehicle quality through even more comprehensive tests.

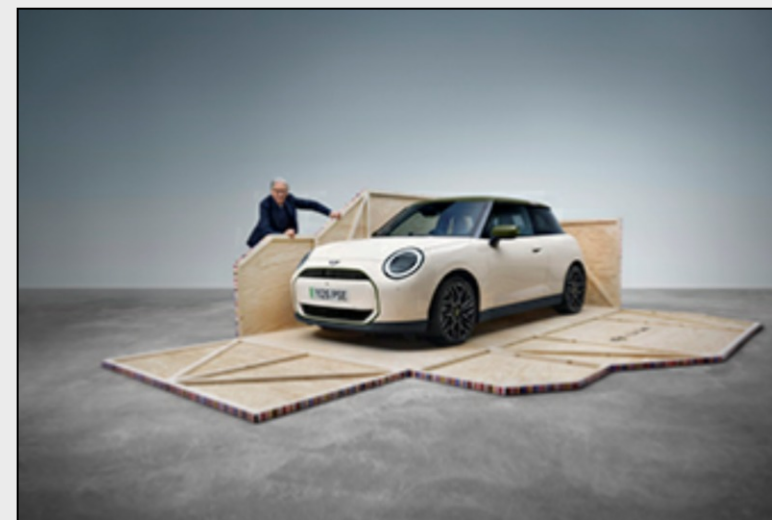
London/Munich, October 29, 2025

Paul Smith and MINI – two traditional British brands have taken their partnership to the next level and created something great: The new MINI Paul Smith Edition. Following the MINI STRIP in 2021 and the MINI Recharged by Paul Smith in 2022, the British designer is now bringing his world-famous design language – 'Classic with a twist' – to the new MINI family. Whether electric or combustion engine, the edition will be available for all MINI Cooper 3-door, 5-door and Convertible models, with the exception of the John Cooper Works models. The look and details not only show Paul Smith's signature style — but also the brands playful, optimistic and independent spirit. The MINI Paul Smith Edition celebrates its world premiere on October 29 at Japan Mobility Show in Tokyo.

"It's not often that you see two icons of British design work together in this way and it's wonderful that our partnership has carried on over so many years. The MINI Paul Smith Edition has been a real privilege and a wonderful opportunity... new colours and new unexpected details that will be a welcomed surprise," adds Sir Paul Smith, expressing his thoughts on the collaboration and the new design.

Unmistakable look with a British twist. Combining MINI design with Paul Smith's distinctive style: Exclusive exterior colours, sophisticated accents and unexpected details bring the shared history of MINI and Paul Smith into the present.

"MINI and Paul Smith embody a shared mindset of positivity, embracing the motto of this edition: 'Every day is a new beginning.' Our collaboration celebrates a mutual love for design and meticulous attention to detail. Unexpected elements, such as the 'hello' projection on the ground and Paul



Smith's handwritten inscription bring a smile to your face right upon entering the car," says Holger Hampf, Head of MINI Design.

The MINI Paul Smith Edition offers a choice of three exterior paint finishes, two of which are edition-exclusive: Statement Grey is a modern interpretation of the classic Mini Austin Seven colour from 1959 – a clear, bluish-tinted grey shade and self-confident statement of timeless modernity. Inspired White is a contemporary homage to the

popular Classic Mini Beige colour, and finally the elegant and classic Midnight Black Metallic from the current MINI Family.

Regardless of the body colour, the specially created Nottingham Green paintwork – a tribute to Sir Paul's hometown – adds sophisticated accents to the side mirrors, the octagonal radiator grille, the wheel hub covers with Paul Smith lettering and as the paintwork for one of the two roof variants.

In addition to the colour variants, numerous details characterise Paul Smith's signature and make the

MINI Paul Smith Edition unmistakable: The 'Signature Stripe', a central design feature of the British designer, adorns the roof in Nottingham Green at the rear of the driver's side. The alternative version of the roof features elegant stripes in Jet Black in varying thickness, both matte and glossy. The MINI Cooper Convertible Paul Smith Edition is supplied with a black soft top.

All edition vehicles are equipped with 18-inch Night Flash Spoke black aluminium wheels with tinted clear coat in Dark Steel. The MINI logo at the front and rear is offered in newly designed Black Blue and complements the colour composition of Paul Smith and MINI. On the black horizontal handle strip at the rear, Paul Smith's signature refers to the creative spirit behind the vehicle design.

GONE CRUISIN'

Gary's Hot Rods & Cruisers



Muscle Car Museum

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.

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Engine: 3.8 L100 hp Coyote
Transmission: Automatic
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Interior Color: Black
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this color combo
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