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## Editorial

Welcome to the August / September 2024 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.

Find the Man in the Moon

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Explanation: Have you ever seen the Man in the Moon? This common question plays on the ability of humans to see pareidolia -- imagining familiar icons where they don't actually exist. The textured surface of Earth's full Moon is home to numerous identifications of iconic objects, not only in modern western culture but in world folklore throughout history. Examples, typically dependent on the Moon's perceived orientation, include the Woman in the Moon and the Rabbit in the Moon. One facial outline commonly identified as the Man in the Moon starts by imagining the two dark circular areas -- lunar maria -- here just above the Moon's center, to be the eyes. Surprisingly, there actually is a man in this Moon image -- a close look will reveal a real person -- with a telescope -- silhouetted against the Moon. This well-planned image was taken in 2016 in Cadalso de los Vidrios in Madrid, Spain.



In this issue we are featuring EAA AirVenture 2024 - Plus much more . . .

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Blue Sky's and Safe Flying.

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## KLM takes delivery of its first Airbus A321neo aircraft

Hamburg, 27 August 2024 – Dutch national carrier KLM, member of the Air France-KLM Group, has taken delivery of its first A321neo as part of their fleet modernisation with latest generation, fuel-efficient aircraft. With the aircraft KLM joins the community of successful A321neo operators.

By selecting the A321neo, KLM brings on-board the latest technology to lower decibels and to reduce the noise footprint during take-off, approach and landing. Together with its advanced fuel efficiency, the A321neo will play a key role in KLM's environmental ambition.

The newly delivered A321neo for KLM seats 227 passengers in a two-class layout. The cabin features

Airbus' Airspace cabin with XL bins. The larger bins provide 60% more luggage capacity for a more relaxed boarding experience for passengers and cabin crew. In addition, USB-C ports are available for passengers at every seat, and the latest lighting system enhances the overall passenger experience.

The A321neo is the largest member of Airbus' best-selling A320neo Family, offering unparalleled range and performance. Equipped with sharklets and powered by new generation CFM International LEAP-1A engines, the A321neo brings a 50% noise footprint reduction and at least 20% fuel savings and CO<sub>2</sub> reduction compared to previous generation single-aisle aircraft, while maximising passenger comfort in the widest single-aisle cabin in the sky. To date, more than 6,400 A321neo aircraft have been ordered by more than 90 customers across the globe.

As with all Airbus aircraft, the A321neo aircraft is already able to operate with up to 50% Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF). Airbus is targeting to have its aircraft up to 100% SAF capable by 2030.

Photo above: The first A321neo for KLM was handed over at Airbus' Hamburg manufacturing site by Wouter van Wersch, Airbus Executive Vice President International, to Marjan Rintel, President & CEO KLM.

## Boeing, U.S. Air Force Definitize Contract for Two Rapid Prototype E-7A Airborne Early Warning and Control (AEW&C) Aircraft

- \* Contract includes lifecycle development, training, and support for the U.S. E-7A fleet
- \* Combat-proven Boeing E-7A Wedgetail provides unparalleled "first to detect, first to engage" advantage

[TUKWILA, WA., Aug 9, 2024] - Boeing [NYSE: BA] has been awarded a \$2.56 billion contract from the U.S. Air Force for two rapid prototype E-7A AEW&C Wedgetail aircraft. The contract includes lifecycle development, training and support for the Air Force's E-7A fleet.

The combat-proven E-7A Wedgetail provides targeted tracking and battle management command-and-control capabilities to joint forces for "first to detect, first to engage" advantage. The E-7 AEW&C platform is currently in service with the Royal Australian Air Force, Republic of Korea Air Force (designated E-737 Peace Eye) and Turkish Air Force (designated E-7T Peace Eagle).

"Global operators are proving that the E-7 AEW&C is a critical node for air superiority in the modern battlespace," said Boeing Vice President and E-7 Program Manager Stu Voboril. "In our partnership with the U.S. Air Force, we're focused on stable, predictable execution to deliver crucial mission-ready capabilities today. This will



put us on the path for the long-term growth of the aircraft and mission."

Built on the Boeing 737-700 NG airframe, the E-7 AEW&C aircraft offers lower operating and sustainment costs, higher mission readiness rates and unmatched interoperability among a growing global user community.

"Our customers have an urgent need for integrated battlespace awareness and battle management," said Dan Gillian, vice president and general manager of Boeing Defense, Space & Security's Mobility, Surveillance & Bombers division. "The E-7A is the airspace lynchpin to continuously scan the skies, command and control the battlespace, and integrate all-domain data providing a decisive advantage against threats. With our open systems architecture approach, capabilities can be rapidly inserted over time as threats evolve."

In addition to the rapid prototype E-7A AEW&C aircraft being built for the U.S. Air Force, Boeing is currently producing three E-7As for the Royal Air Force, with military

modifications underway in the United Kingdom. Additionally, NATO has selected the E-7A as its preferred AEW&C solution.

Together, the Royal Air Force, Royal Australian Air Force and U.S. Air Force have a Wedgetail tri-lateral cooperation agreement relating to E-7 aircraft capability development, evaluation and testing, interoperability, sustainment, operations, training and safety.

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**N**ews 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](http://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](#)

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- FAX ..... 386/761-7808 AFTER 1700 ..... 386/756-6125 (Security)
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Airport Manager - Jim Stone ... 386 275-1894

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and a lot of other things. The most interesting thing about the event is the fact that it is one of the largest aviation events in the world. It attracts over 650 aircraft and thousands of people from all over the world. The event is held at Spruce Creek Airport, which is a major aviation hub in the area.

Spruce Creek is a great place for pilots, motorcyclists, and people who love the outdoors. The airport is located 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

also quite interesting. 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 is a sign at the main entrance which reads "Caution - Children And Adults At Play".



Here's a look at the planes at Spruce Creek Fly-in on a Saturday in June 2024.

Photos by Gary Rosier . . .

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Break' is an homage to that lifestyle, with a modern interpretation inspired from the legendary US surfing beaches from Montauk to Malibu. These iconic locations are known for their surf culture,

## DEFENDER DEBUTS THE LIMITED EDITION 'BEACH BREAK' MODEL

30 August 2024

\* Exclusive Defender 'Beach Break' Edition celebrates a natural environment for Defender vehicles and its owners: surf, sand and sun

\* Limited to 20 units, the Defender 'Beach Break' is inspired by US surf culture and iconic coastal beaches with a unique colorway and coastal inspired side graphics as well as a 'Beach Break 1/20' badge on the tailgate

\* Designed with Tasman Blue exterior paint with a white contrast roof, 20-inch gloss white wheels featuring all terrain tires and Light Cloud and Lunar Resist seating and interior

\* Robust Defender accessories include cross bars, silver side-mounted gear carrier, black fixed side steps and mud flaps

**Mahwah, NJ, August 30, 2024:** British adventure brand Defender celebrates summer lifestyle with a limited-edition model aligned to the

beach lifestyle of its enthusiast base. Limited to just 20 units, the ultimate Defender 110 for beach adventure lifestyle is the Defender Beach Break influenced by the coastline and surf culture of iconic locations including Montauk NY, Malibu CA, and the North Shore of Oahu, HI.

The ocean-inspired exterior design starts with brilliant Tasman Blue paint along with a white contrast roof and 20-inch white gloss wheels. Defender 'Beach Break' sets itself apart with a red and orange striped side graphic that runs along the exterior doors of the vehicle and includes a 'Beach Break 1/20' badge on the tailgate.

The interior features durable Light Cloud & Lunar Resist seating, robust enough to counter the beach elements, cross vehicle beam in Light Cloud Powder Coat finish, an 11.4-inch center touchscreen, 12.3-inch Interactive Driver Display and Meridian Sound System. Rubber mats line the floor and cargo area for additional protection.

The Defender has always been at home at the beach, windows open, surfboards on the roof, wetsuit in the back. This limited edition 'Beach

casual luxury, rugged shoreline and powerful waves – a perfect destination for Defender vehicles of all vintages.

Sam Allen

US Brand Director, Defender

Defender Beach Break is up for a beach adventure, featuring robust Defender accessories including cross bars, silver side-mounted gear box, black fixed side steps, mud flaps along with 20-inch white gloss wheels fitted with all terrain tires to increase off-road capability for navigating sand dunes and coastal trails.

Defender Beach Break features legendary Defender Terrain Response® with 'sand' as a selectable drive setting to navigate through various beach conditions<sup>1</sup>. This vehicle features a wading depth<sup>2</sup> of 35.4 inches in water, ideal for shoreline journeys.

Defender 'Beach Break' is based on a 2025 Defender 110 S P300 featuring a 2.0 four-cylinder engine producing 296 HP and 295 lb-ft of torque. Pricing for this vehicle will be available starting at \$71,700

## Mercedes-Benz GLC Plug-in Hybrid SUV Offers Best-in-Segment All-Electric Range of 54 Miles

Aug 23, 2024 – Atlanta

The new 2025 Mercedes-Benz GLC 350e

4MATIC SUV sets itself apart from the competition and the benchmark in its class by offering an impressive 54 miles of all-electric range, according to EPA certification<sup>1</sup>. The vehicle is now available at U.S. dealerships starting from \$59,900<sup>2</sup>.

The new Mercedes-Benz GLC 350e 4MATIC SUV provides the optimum balance of electric efficiency and extended range for longer journeys. The sophisticated hybrid system features a 134 hp electric motor and 24.8 kWh battery to deliver a combined system output of 313 hp and 406 lb-ft of torque. It offers an exceptional electric driving experience with an EPA electric range of up to 54 miles<sup>1</sup>, making most daily commutes more flexible and economical in all-electric mode without the need to rely on the internal combustion engine. Further optimizing efficiency, the "Hybrid" drive program prioritizes electric propulsion for the most appropriate driving situations, for example, during city driving. The standard 60-kW DC charging capacity



enables a full battery charge to be achieved in as little as 30 minutes<sup>3</sup>.

Consistent with the broader GLC SUV lineup, the streamlined packaging structure of the new plug-in hybrid model offers Standard, Exclusive and Pinnacle Trims, each providing a variety of comfort features and advanced technologies. The generous standard equipment level includes a self-leveling suspension system, Wireless Apple CarPlay and Android Auto, KEYLESS-GO® and KEYLESS-START®, center airbag between the front seats, and much more. The GLC 350e also features the new third generation MBUX (Mercedes-Benz User Experience) infotainment system, providing an expandable portfolio of in-car apps, as well as the new Routines function.

Customers can personalize their vehicle with the choice of 11

different exterior paint colors, including four MANUFAKTUR finishes, 13 different upholstery selections and six wheel designs that include two new wheels exclusive to the GLC 350e. The available AMG Line and exterior Night Package enable further individualization.

The new 2025 Mercedes-Benz GLC 350e 4MATIC SUV is now available at U.S. dealerships starting at \$59,900<sup>2</sup>, joining the already impressive and highly compelling plug-in hybrid family that includes the GLE 450e 4MATIC SUV and S 580e 4MATIC sedan, both setting the standard in their respective segments.



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