



Business Conditions Hold Steady

Highlights:

- Business Conditions update
- New Western United States Dealer USAERO.
- Prop Testing project update
- New Engine Vent doors
- Restoration Projects
- New web store and Blog
- 2009 Events and Shows

Show calendar:

- Sun-N-Fun 2009, Lakeland FL April 21—26
- Eur-Avia 2009 April 30 to May 2, Cannes, France (Tentative)
- Air Venture – Oshkosh
- Various showings at Jet Previews around the country (Dates not finalized yet)
- Parade of Pistons

“That which does not kill us makes us stronger”. Wise words by Nietzsche, and very appropriate for WACO Classic. As business conditions have slowed, we have aggressively worked to lower our operating costs, while attempting to avoid layoffs, all the while continuing to make capital investments in the company. The investments made today will better position us for when business conditions improve.

The good news is that the restoration business continues to be strong, with three new projects added recently, and others on the horizon for the spring. We have realigned parts of our manufacturing workforce to focus on restoration projects.

WACO Classic has done a number of things that should maintain and improve the value of our brand and keep the company strong long into the future. These include making investments in the company's infrastructure, including new ERP / Accounting software that will help us better manage our sales, inventory, and aircraft manufacturing

activities. We have expanded the manufacturing area with an 8000 square foot addition, adding several new machines in the process. In addition, we have expand our dealer network to include SOKO Aviation for the European Market and USAERO for the Western United States. Other projects in the planning stages are an updated website that better highlights both new and pre-owned aircraft and a dramatic increase in air show attendance as compared to prior years.

I welcome other ideas and suggestions. My goal is for WACO Classic to be here for the long haul and to work as an active partner with our owners. I welcome other ideas and suggestions, please feel free to call or write.

Have a very Merry Christmas and Great New Year. *Peter Bowers*

New Western Waco Classic Dealer—USAero

WACO Classic Aircraft Corporation of Battle Creek, Michigan, is pleased to announce that USAERO is now a distributor in the western half of the country for the WACO YMF-5.

USAERO has offices and hangars in Colorado and California, and serves pilots and aircraft owners in those states as well as Nevada, Arizona, New Mexico and Utah. Their staff of aviation professionals include ATP

jet rated and piston pilots.

USAero has new sales offices located in the X Jet facility at the Centennial Airport.



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Restoration Projects

We have been fortunate to add several restoration projects in the last few months of this year and are looking forward to a few more in the spring.

One very exciting project that we may get is 1930's Focke-Wulf Fw-44 *Stieglitz*. A German two-seater



biplane aircraft that is one of only three in the world flying.

Some of our most recent projects include:

Navy N3N—One of only a handful in private hands that was never a crop duster. This project is a



complete frame up restoration.

Stinson 108-3 A good example of why every airplane should be restored every 50 years or so.



Some of the potentially serious squawks discovered during disassembly and inspection included:

- 1) Over 1/2 lb of loose rust shaken from main

control column (it only weighed 4 pounds to start with)

- 2) Aileron pulley bolts corroded to 1/3 of original thickness.
- 3) Cracked and corroded vertical stabilizer spar – YIKES!!

We are always looking for new and exciting projects, any restoration and repair referrals would be greatly appreciated.

Inner Cowl Venting = Lowers Front Cockpit Temperatures !

Two new designs for the inner cowl doors help to reduce front cockpit temperatures and help to lower engine temperatures by improving airflow through the oil cooler. The louver design adds 15 louvers to each door, while the “bump out” design, has the trailing end of the door bumped out,. The bumped out design is easier to paint and works better with some paint schemes. The doors must be installed at the factory, as they need to be hand fit and painted to match.

Taper Tip Prop Testing...Just waiting on the FAA

WACO Classic Aircraft, in partnership with Sensenich , is testing a new “taper tip’ propeller that is a bolt on replacement for the square tipped prop that is currently in use. The test plan has been submitted to the FAA, for approval, once approved we will start testing. WACO is designing and building a test stand for use in the certification process. The test plan to approve this new propeller involves running it a full power for 50 hours on a Pratt & Whitney 985 engine, this allows us to reach a full 300 hp at non standard temperatures and altitude.



NEW Garmin G600 Install



Positive feedback on new “dog house boot”

The new control stick boot really helps cut down air intrusion into the rear cockpit and helps to increase cabin temperatures, It's easily removable for the hot locals. The new boot helps minimize cold air from moving from the tail, forward into the pilot cockpit, thereby improving cabin temperatures and pilot comfort in cooler environments. The boot is field installable, any color can be ordered, but black leather is standard. www.wacoclassic.flyingcart.com/



Great new accessories at our website store

We have been adding lots of parts and accessories to our new "Web Store". This is different than our "cafépress" store that sells screen printed shirts and other gear.

The Web Store features aircraft parts, embroidered clothing, headsets and accessories to dress up you aircraft.

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Highlights include:

Wing Ribs for Display



Wing Tip Protector



Beautiful WACO Classic water jet marble and granite medallion, courtesy of Rock Hard Designs in Arizona (Owner Sn:01) . Measuring 36" tall and 72" wide, this is truly a work of art to grace you hangar or any room in your home.



Pitot Tube cover w/ easy install Stick



Lightspeed Headset Dealership added to our Résumé



WACO Classic is now a dealer for LIGHTSPEED Aviation Headsets. Several of our owners have been impressed in their performance in WACO's. Recommended models include the ZULU (shown below) and the Mach 1 with the custom ear seals. Our pricing is the same as all national vendors and they are available for order on our website. (WACO parts and accessories link)

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2009 Events and Shows update

Of course we will be at the standard shows this year including **Sun-N-Fun** and **Air Venture** (Oshkosh). We are also adding some new venues geared towards both Jets and Vintage aircraft. Tentative plans include; the **Porsche and Jet Preview** shows at 8 locations around the US (www.JetPreview.com), The **Parade of Planes** show at 4 US locations, and attending the **Bartlesville Fly In**, **Creve Coeur Vintage Fly In**, **Geneseo Airshow** and others.

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