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Statement regarding Van's Aircraft

By now, most of you have likely read or heard the message from Dick Van Grunsven that was issued 2 days ago. If not, please refer to: https://www.vansaircraft.com/2023/10/business-announcement-from-vans-founder-dick-vangrunsven/

I have only good things to say about Van's Aircraft and their entire operation. The misfortunes that have befallen them were largely due to external forces.

I won't recap their woes here. Sadly, you can read speculation and hear all sorts of Monday morning quarterbacking on the various aviation forums, including the popular forum at: https://vansairforce.net/

Personally, if anyone sets up a Go Fund Me for Van's, I'd cheerfully donate. That company literally changed my life and I don't want them to go away for any reason. I'd also cheerfully buy any stock offering, or almost any other funding option that they offer. That includes bake sales, raffles, and so forth! I want to see them made whole again.

What I won't do, and I hope no one else will do either, is talk about any sort of lawsuit against them. No one wins (except the attorneys). Everyone else loses. Period.

In conclusion, it is in all of our best interests to make sure Van's comes out of this stronger, leaner, and still 100% U.S. based and owned. Please continue to support them.

Statement regarding Frazier Aviation Products' business model

I feel that I owe this statement to everyone who has, or may do, business with us. This statement is NOT intended to disparage any other company. Only to state the situation here at Frazier Aviation Products, dba Team Rocket Aircraft.

Our business model isn't the most convenient on the planet, but there are very good reasons that we do it the way we do.

Sure, we can be a bit slow, our website isn't the greatest. It doesn't even have an online store... and probably won't anytime soon.

We only take orders for things that are actually **IN STOCK**. And we ask that you send us a check for payment **BEFORE** we ship you anything. These two items alone eliminate 90% of the potential problems that we'd otherwise waste time (and money) on.

We don't have cash flow problems. Well, of course, more cash would be nice, but we always have had sufficient amounts on hand.

We don't have problems with our overseas production, because we don't do that.

We don't have any laser cut (aluminum) part problems, because we don't do that.

Some of you have heard me say " *We prefer to be the tortoise, not the hare*." We mean it.

Again, no barbs are intended towards any other company, but I think folks need to know that we're still here and plan to be for the long run.

Thanks for your patience.

Shop update

I'm sure that most folks are bored with these shop updates, but here it is anyway.

WOO HOO!! We just completed a 48' x 12' mezzanine. Now we can put all of that remaining clutter out of the way. We all have clutter, but ours includes shipping boxes, raw materials, fiberglass parts, molds, and a lot of other stuff that simply can't be tossed in the dumpster.

In other related news, the construction crew is supposed to be here tomorrow to finish the exterior wall that will close in the lean to section on the east side of our shop. This area is going to store our flammable stuff, cargo trailer, travel trailer, and so forth. If the company continues to grow, it also is an area that we can grow into as the shop continues to expand. Yay!

F1 QB kit for sale

These things are rare as hen's teeth, but I have one here that is complete, untouched, and ready to go to a new home. It arrived here last Thursday.

It is one of the original Team Rocket quick build kits from the early 2000's, serial number 29, and has been stored inside in a dry, clean area. Everything that originally came with the kit appears to be there and is in good condition... and untouched. No work has been done whatsoever, at least as far as I can tell.

It will need the current Indy engine mount instead of the original CZ engine mount. Also, this kit should have the unassembled empennage upgraded to the current MK3 tail. However, it is also possible to modify it since it isn't assembled yet.

Because these are rare, and because the market is in a bit of flux due to Van's announcement, **I will be considering offers.**

The most recent sale that I'm aware of, and it was about 18 months ago, of one of these was for about $75K.

If you're interested, open a NEW email (don't respond to this one unless you want

to risk everyone else seeing your offer) and send your questions, or offer, to vincefrazier@gmail.com

Phlogiston spar, ribs, and LE skin for sale

The photos show similar items, but not the exact pieces, for sale. We have ONE set of wing parts for sale. These came from a builder who obtained a set of pre-built wings. The parts are as new.

The set includes:

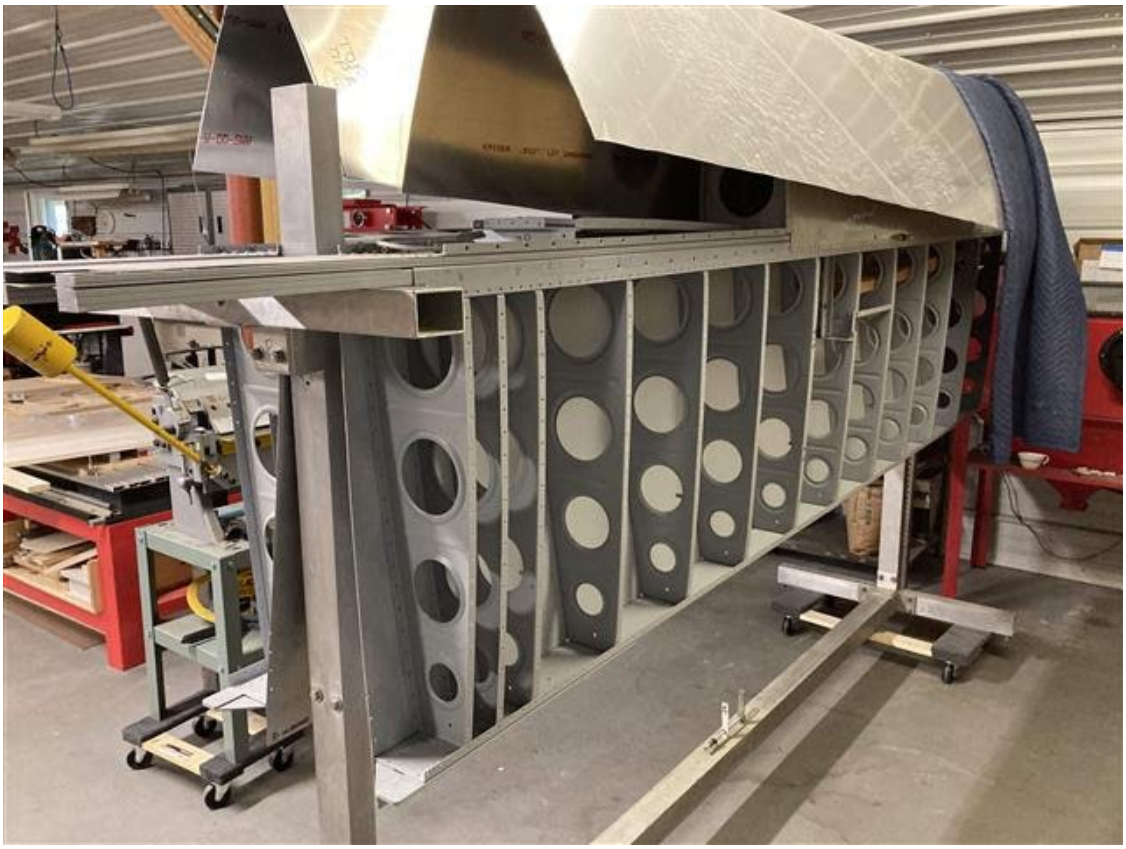
- Phlogiston spars, gold anodized, with the splice plates
- rear spars
- F-004 bulkhead parts
- wing ribs, including the leading edge and tank ribs. 54 ribs total.
- leading edge skins, including tank skins, for the 55 (total) gallon tanks. 4 pieces total.

Price $12,500

Note: This set will put you well down the road towards building your wings, but it is not a complete set of wing parts. You will still need to buy (or fabricate, per your HR2 or RV-4 drawings) the internal tank parts, the aileron bellcrank parts and support ribs, add the flat main skins, and add the rear spar aileron and flap hinges, and aileron cove parts, and

other misc. parts. Hardware and rivets are not included. Flaps and ailerons are not included.

Contact Vince if interested.



RV-4 wing for sale

Several years ago I bought a set of RV-4 wings, intending to put them on my F4. Things changed and now I intend to put the new tapered wing on instead. That means that I have a nearly completed set of wings, along with the complete control surfaces, to sell.

Overall, the workmanship is quite good. I had done some work to convert the center section, but more work remains, such as moving the root rib, tank flange modifications, and (probably) building new tanks. There is a set of completed and sealed 32 gallon fuel tanks included.

There may be a few items missing, i.e. small hardware, but I believe that all of the main parts are there. The flaps, if I recall, are completed, while the ailerons are untouched. The matching splice plates are included.

Contact at vincefrazier@gmail.com for more info. Please don't reply to the newsletter thread, but open a new email.

The wing kit is sold "as is". I don't know of anything that would preclude using these parts on any project, but I am not guaranteeing it. This was the same guarantee I received when I bought them.

Asking $8000 OBO.

(Please note: the large leading edge skins on top of the wings are for the tapered wing and are not included.)

Ray Ward's F4 Raider for sale

$165K OBO

- 410 TTAF
- 410 SMOH Lycoming IO-360-EXP
- 410 SNEW Hartzell 2 blade prop
- SDS ignition w Airflow Performance induction
- Garmin G3X panel

- Aveo Zip Tips wing tips

I have ridden in this plane and it flies like you'd expect a Raider should. Light, efficient, and fun!! And the instrument panel..... mmmmmm, I covet the instrument panel. :)

Contact Ray Ward
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Ray Ward's Luscombe 8F for sale

$37.5K OBO

- 300 since restoration
- 300 SMOH on Continental C-90
- Garmin G3X panel
- Contact Ray for more details

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Thanks,

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