Team Rocket 8-9-2024 newsletter

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Oshkosh 2024 report

Well, another Oshkosh is behind us. As always, it was great to see friends and to see all of the new gadgets.

We had the new F-wing on display. Although similar to the wing we had brought a couple years ago, this wing featured a one-piece leading edge skin. The new leading edge looks great and should offer some flexibility in fuel tank capacity. It could also allow multiple tanks to be installed, i.e. a main tank, aux tank, and/or a smoke oil tank. Prudent planning is required, but there are possibilities! Also, the leading edge is completely removable. Just pull out about 128 screws, disconnect whatever lines and wires, and it comes right off. Well, it's not something that you'd do for fun, but it is doable!

We hope to have the flying prototype at Oshkosh next year.

I'm not crazy about taking photos of fireworks, but this year's combination drone show, air show, and fireworks was truly something to see. If you only see one thing at Airventure, this would be a good one to see...next year!

You can find all sorts of videos online if you like. They are worth taking a look. Here's a quick one that I shot: Oshkosh fireworks

Darryl and Milanka Hudec were back in 2024 with their 2023 Grand Champion kit built. They had the honor of parking inside the homebuilder's hangar, which is where the award ceremonies take place.

Rick Gray 2010 Grand Champion kit built

Brad Hood 2017 Grand Champion kit built

Darryl Hudec 2023 Grand Champion kit built

I have mentioned the awards that the Rockets have snagged over the years. There are many more. However, I still marvel that Rockets have won Grand Champion in 3 out of the last 13 shows. Amazing!

Below are a few of the Rockets that I was able to find out in the parking area. I know there were others that I couldn't find... Vera Verbal's Rocket for instance... I couldn't find it!

A few of the Rockets: Brandon Bayer, Tim Scherer, Eric O'connor, and Tracey Butler.

Another look from the other end of the row.

Wayne McMaster

Brent Caldwell

Bobby Gilliam

You gotta eat. Paul Romano, Vince Frazier, Milanka and Darryl Hudec, with Scott Burge at Chester Vs in OShkosh. Watching the planes go by....

Also at Chester Vs... Jurgen, Paul, Ray Ward with Mary (hostess) standing, Vince, Thomas, Scott, and Tilo.

Fly that Rocket everywhere!

Darryl and Milanka Hudec have been busy with another trip through the western U.S. and Canada. Breathtaking scenery for sure!

Darryl reports that the plane flew great and they're back home now... and planning their next trip... to the Bahamas!

New product: - wheel pant gap seals

These flexible inserts are pre-molded to fit your Team Rocket wheel pants. Trimmed to fit snugly around the tire, they are a gap seal to prevent drag.

They should allow you to have a larger opening in the fiberglass, or allow you to correct a too large opening. They are about $75/set. Contact Vince to order.

Aveo wingtips now available through Team Rocket

Like the headline says, Team Rocket is now able to offer Aveo Engineering's wingtips and ZipTips. Contact Vince if you need a set!

Nifty shop tip

From David Howe, who says to use Kevlar thread to stitch the wetsuit material that is commonly used to make cooling inlet seals on some cowlings. The Kevlar thread is very strong and wear resistant. Then seal over it with the standard wetsuit repair glue for a long lasting seam.

Builder Assistance

Occasionally someone mentions that they may be available for builder assistance. Steve Irving of Palmdale, CA is one such person. You can contact him at reviodriver-on@yahoo.com

Of course, any business you may do with Steve is between you and him. We're just passing along the info.

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