



Progress report, June 2023.

Since the last edition of RECHARGE the foundation has been very busy working towards its goal of getting the world's first purpose built business jet in the air again. On May 25th we relocated the aircraft BACK TO THE FACTORY! for long term, indoor storage. The foundation wishes to thank Tonya Sudduth, Melissa Liby, Aaron Disney and Jeff Gordon for making this happen. We have coordinated the release of the engine logbooks and provided them to International Turbines Industries (ITI) signifying the start of the engine overhaul. ITI has been a major contributor to this project and is featured later in this newsletter, we consider this as another major milestone. Foundation members have organized and supported several fund raising and awareness events including 2 car washes and the Wichita River Festival STEAM event. We continue to consult with various individuals and entities concerning fundraising activities. These include Adam Smith the CEO and President of Exploration Place and former Congressman Todd Tiahrt both of whom provided excellent advice. On June 7th, the foundation hosted an informational event with the FAA's Flight Test Harmonization Working Group (FTHWG). This group included a number of foreign nationals, all are test pilots, flight test engineers or performance or Handling Qualities specialists, representing the major OEM's of the world (except Dassault) and FAA, Transport Canada, EASA, and ANAC of Brazil-



We would also like to extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Mr. Don Rounds who passed away on May 23rd. It was Don who first contacted us about selling this aircraft and without the foresight of the Rounds family in preserving this aircraft it would have been lost a long time ago.





Meet board member Woody Cottner



Woody Cottner has over 40 years in the industry and is founder of Global Aviation Technologies LLC (GAT). Over his career, he has been involved in major aircraft certification programs such as: US Navy MD T45 Goshawk in Pax River Maryland, MD88, Boeing C17 at Edwards AFB, and the Learjet Model 45 and Hawker 4000 in commercial general aviation. Woody has held positions as: Design Specialist, Senior Design Product Engineer II, VP of Engineering over the course of his career. He served in the USAF achieving the rank of Technical Sergeant. During his career in the USAF as an Avionics Communication Navigation technician, he worked on the McDonnell Douglas F4C/D/E and KC-135R aircraft.

During his time with Bombardier Learjet in Field Support Engineering providing Avionics/Electrical support for the Learjet 20 Series, Learjet 30 Series, Learjet-45 Series, 55/60 aircraft and Completions Engineering providing certification support for Avionics/Electrical on the Learjet 45, Woody laid the foundation for the creation of Global Aviation Technologies (GAT). GAT is a full-service MRO providing Engineering Services, Manufacturing and Aircraft Maintenance. GAT is an FAA Part 145 Repair Station providing maintenance and modification support for Learjet Models 25, 30 Series, 45 Series, 55/60 Models; Bombardier Challenger 600/601/605/850, Global Express; Textron Premier and Citations; King Air B200/B300 Series; Gulfstream G500/G550 aircraft.

The Classic Lear Jet Foundation (CLJF) has a special meaning for Woody Cottner and the team at GAT. When GAT was formed, the first customer was a Learjet 35. We (GAT) cannot help but respect Mr. Bill Lear and his revolutionary vision that started the Biz Jet industry. GAT's involvement with CLJF is a way to pay its respect to Mr. Bill Lear and participate in bringing the aircraft, 23-003 back to life which, is the founding forefather of the Biz Jet industry. Once 23-003 is restored, it will be able to connect with past and future generations educating them on the history of Learjet and the City of Wichita, the birthplace of the Biz Jet industry.







The latest in the Media...

AlNalerts: June 9, 2023 - Classic Lear Jet Moving To Bombardier Hanger

https://www.ainonline.com/aviation-news/business-aviation/2023-06-09/classic-lear-jet-moving-bombardier-hangar?utm_hsid=201474601&utm_campaign=AIN%20Alerts&utm_medium=email&_hsmi=261849165&_hsenc=p2ANqtz-_Baz1wrsKfyW3JepbRRzQtZQxzu6fauFWCfliG63SFzds_XS5PEcjUmYV4MDY6KYjeekTHI_js-iOi6jn88RRvVFTZ7w&utm_content=2&utm_source=hs_email

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Upcoming Events:

July 2, 10 PM KAKE TV, KAKE Wins for Kansas.

Learjet Operators Advisory Meeting September 13

Lear Jet 23 First Flight 60th Anniversary Celebration October 7th.







PRESS RELEASE

Wichita, Kansas June 8, 2023

Classic Lear Jet Foundation

Classic Lear Jet Foundation announces agreement with Bombardier to store Lear Jet Serial Number 23-003.

Classic Lear Jet Foundation has reached an agreement with Bombardier to store Lear Jet Serial Number 23-003 at their facility in Wichita, Kansas. As of Thursday, May 25, the fuselage is being housed in the former Learjet delivery center at the Bombardier facility adjacent to Wichita's Eisenhower National Airport. The wing will be moved to the facility in the near future. Using this facility will make it possible to show the aircraft on a limited basis to VIPs and potential donors.

Bombardier is providing the space as an in-kind donation. The Classic Lear Jet Foundation and Bombardier will continue mutual discussions in anticipation of additional support and enablement of this important aviation heritage project.

Classic Lear Jet Foundation is made up of current, retired, and former employees who have admiration and affection for the airplane, the man, the company and its employees, the business jet industry, and the city where it all started in 1962.

Classic Lear Jet Foundation is a non-profit IRS 501(c)(3) corporation. Donors can deduct contributions they make to CLJF under IRC Section 170.

For more information see https://ClassicLear.org or contact Rick Rowe at rick.rowe@classiclear.org/316-305-5046







CLASSIC LEAR JET FOUNDATION

PRESS RELEASE

Wichita, Kansas May 24, 2023

Classic Lear Jet Foundation

Classic Lear Jet Foundation and International Turbine Industries announce the first step in the restoration of Classic Lear Jet Serial Number 23-003.

Classic Lear Jet Foundation along with International Turbine Industries are excited to announce the beginning of the restoration of Lear Jet serial number 23-003. Engine overhaul has begun through a very generous in-kind donation from owners Mark and Rhonda Andrews of International Turbine Industries (ITI).

ITI are an independent specialist engine MRO based in Michigan, providing FAA/EASA-certified full repair and overhaul capability for several engine types which includes TFE731 engines of all variants, as well as JT15D and CF700/CJ610.

ITI is a privately, family-owned, and managed company since 2009, located at Willow Run Airport (YIP) in Michigan and within a few miles from Detroit Metropolitan Airport (DTW). With approx. 36,000 SqFt of workshop space, on-site hangar facilities offering on-wing maintenance including engine removal and installation.

With their highly dedicated team, ITI takes pride in offering superior workmanship and customer service, ITI are a great company to contact for your engine maintenance requirements. Why not give them a call on +1 (734)-485-1276 or contact them by email info@ititurbines.com to discuss how they can better serve your needs.



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