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# SPEEDI'S BLOG

**W**ELCOME TO SPEEDI'S Blog.

At long last I have finally managed to get back to the usual publication schedule after many serious disruptions. Even now there are numerous matters ongoing which may delay the publication dates in future months.

So what has been going on in the aviation and motor sport world in and around Florida in the past months?

Perhaps the most striking was the recent launch on June 5, 2024 of NASA's Boeing Starliner crewed test flight atop an Atlas V rocket - photo below:



This launch had been delayed a number of times from the original

launch date of May 6. ItAt long last I have finally managed to get back to the usual publication did get airborne finally on June 5, but then more problems happened when the Starliner, complete with 2 crew, mated with the International Space Station.

The return to Earth of Boeing's Starliner capsule has been on indefinite hold pending results of new thruster tests and ongoing analysis of helium leaks that cropped up during the ship's rendezvous with the ISS.

The there was another high thrust launch of a Falcon 9 Heavy rocket, which has a thrust of about 5,340,000 pounds (23700 kN) with a LEO payload of 140,660 pounds (65.7 t). The Space Shuttle, on the other hand, had a thrust of 6,780,000 pounds (30000 kN), but could only lift 53,700 pounds

(24.2 t) of payload to LEO.

What was interesting viewing these 2 hugely powerful launches was how they looked to me as a viewer located at Spruce Creek Fly-in some 50 miles from the launch site, compared to a Space Shuttle launch.

It may have been the atmospheric condition but the vapor trails from the Atlas V and the Falcon 9 Heavy were almost insignificant compared to that of the Space Shuttle. Similarly the launch sound was much more muted.



So for me the Space Shuttle launches were the most memorable . . .

Living at Spruce Creek Fly-in, just a few miles south of Daytona Beach in Florida means that you are very close to the world famous Daytona International Speedway.

Looking at the history of this venue and the family behind it is most interesting.

Going back to before WWII a local mechanic, Bill France - see photo right - entered the newly organized races of the beach in Daytona Beach.

France put aside his driving gear at the end of the 1946 season to concentrate on the demands of being a promoter of both stock car and motorcycle races on the beach. Soon after, in December 1947, he founded NASCAR, the National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing

The last NASCAR race held on the beach road course in 1958.

On Feb. 22, 1959, Daytona International Speedway, the "World Center of Racing," hosted the first DAYTONA 500. The posted awards for the "500-Mile International Sweepstakes" totaled \$67,760. A field of 59 cars took the green flag



for the start. A crowd of more than 41,000 was on hand to witness the beginning of another chapter in the history of racing in Daytona.

How things have changed since then.

But the France family have been an integral part of the Daytona International Speedway ever since.



Bill France Jr - photo above - ran the organization for 31 years, taking over from his legendary father.

Now it's still controlled, and much expanded, by the France family. Jim France is the son of the founder and is still involved. There's the 4<sup>th</sup> generation, Brian & Lesa France, involved as well as a 5<sup>th</sup> generation.



## Editorial

Welcome to the June / July 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.



Toulouse, France, 12 June 2024 – AirAsia (AXM), the leading low-cost airline in South-East Asia, the largest by fleet size and destinations, has signed an agreement for N-Flight Planning, Mission+ FLIGHT and Flysmart+, three state-of-the-art NAVBLUE solutions which will help the airline digitalise and enhance its flight operations. Air Asia was also part of the Early Adopter Program with Mission+, providing feedback during the development and testing phase as NAVBLUE continues to innovate its

In this issue we are featuring a look at The Festivals of Speed from Ocala, Florida. Plus much more . . .

Take a look at the next page - the magazine index - for more details

Blue Sky's and Safe Flying.

*The Speedi Team*

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A United Launch Alliance Atlas V rocket with Boeing's Starliner spacecraft aboard launches from Space Launch Complex 41 at Cape Canaveral Space Force Station, Wednesday, June 5, 2024, in Florida. The crew flight test is the first launch with astronauts of the Boeing spacecraft and United Launch Alliance Atlas V rocket to the International Space Station as part of the agency's Commercial Crew Program.

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**B-52 and C-17 Highlight U.S. Air Force Materiel Command Aircraft for EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2024**

Five aircraft representing AFMC to highlight static displays on Boeing Plaza

EAA AVIATION CENTER, OSHKOSH, Wisconsin — (June 20, 2024)

The massive B-52 bomber and C-17 Globemaster highlight the confirmed aircraft representing the U.S. Air Force Materiel Command (AFMC) during the EAA AirVenture Oshkosh annual showcase of Air Force commands. The 71st edition of the Experimental Aircraft Association’s fly-in convention is July 22-28 at Wittman Regional Airport in Oshkosh.

The five airplanes displayed on Boeing Plaza will exhibit the mission of the Materiel Command,

which handles the discovery, development, and testing of weapons systems used by the Air Force on all of its aircraft. Those aircraft include:

\* B-52H Bomber Stratofortress – The B52H is a long range, strategic bomber that can trace its origins all the way back to 1945. The bomber can carry up to 80,000 pounds of ordinance and has a combat-range of up to 8,800 miles. This aircraft is based out of Edwards Air Force Base in California.

\* F-15EX Eagle II – The F-15EX is a variant of the F-15E “Strike Eagle,” designed to further improve upon and update the F-15E, including better avionics and a revised wing structure that increased service life to 20,000 hours.

\* C-17 Globemaster III – The C-17 is a large cargo airplane, capable of airlifting heavy-duty military equipment and has been used to aid in humanitarian efforts in the aftermath of numerous natural

disasters. Each of the four Pratt and Whitney engines produce 40,400 pounds of thrust, leading to an operational range of nearly 3,000 miles.

\* Beechcraft C-12 Huron – The C-12 is the military designation for a series of twin-prop aircraft based on the Beechcraft 1900 and Super King Air. C-12 aircraft are used for various purposes such as light cargo transport, embassy support, and medical evacuation.

\* X-40 Space Maneuver Vehicle – The X-40 is an unmanned, unpowered glide test vehicle created as a test platform for the X-37 Future-X reusable launch vehicle. It was originally created by Boeing and was then transferred to NASA, which modified it to conduct further testing. The X-40 will be on display along with a B-52 munitions display inside a tent adjoining Boeing Plaza.

The AFMC will be bringing a large number of personnel who will be describe their mission and plans for the future. The AFMC will also be featured during an evening program at the Theater in the Woods on July 27, where the focus will be test pilot school and the impact on global aviation.

**Airbus launches mini docuseries “A330neo: The Heir Apparent”**

25 June 2024

Airbus is proud to announce the launch of its first-ever Airbus Original documentary series. The series launched Monday 24th June via social media and the [airbus.aircraft.com](http://airbus.aircraft.com) website.

A330neo: The Heir Apparent puts the A330neo - the rightful successor to the most popular widebody ever, the A330 - centre stage. The series will focus on the dedication, fervour and commitment of the teams entrusted with the development of this game-changing aircraft, as well as the trust and confidence displayed by the customers who have chosen it.

Each episode is a journey of discovery. The first season will go behind the scenes with engineers, test pilots and designers from Airbus and Rolls-Royce as they delve into the development of the A330neo.

Episode 1, “Flying the Nest”, sees Vincent Lebas, Airbus’ Head of A330neo Overall Aircraft Design, explain how a double-digit reduction in fuel burn was the driving force behind the design of the aircraft, with particular regard to the aerodynamic efficiency of the new wing and wing/engine integration.

Further episodes will look at the aircraft’s updated cockpit and systems, Trent 7000 engines as well as its award winning Airspace cabin.



We will talk to Chief Test Pilot Malcolm Ridley who explains how Airbus’ philosophy of incremental development combined with today’s cockpit displays and software enable the introduction of many new features and functions into an environment with which pilots will feel familiar and comfortable.

Next up, Rolls-Royce’s Trent 7000 Chief Engineer Paul Sixsmith looks at the challenges of designing and building an engine that surpasses today’s standards of fuel efficiency, noise and emissions whilst achieving an industry benchmark reliability.

And bringing season one to a close, Jochen Werner, Airbus’ VP Industrial Cabin Design, tells us how the comfort, quietness, design and overall ambience of the A330neo’s award winning Airspace cabin create a unique on-board experience, making it a favourite with both passengers and cabin crew.

In a future second season, the series will look at the A330neo from the customer’s perspective - what are the driving forces behind their decision to acquire the aircraft and how does it contribute to and improve their daily operations?



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**N**EW 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](#)

TEL ..... 386/760-5884 or Airport Manager cell see below.

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FUEL ..... 386 257-7791 (on field) or 129.925 MHz (forward request to Spruce Creek)

Airport Manager - Jim Stone ... 386 275-1894





**I**N OUR 'News from the Barn' section we will be featuring news and photos from Spruce Creek Fly-in, the world's greatest aviation community. With over 1600 homes, and not all of them are hangar homes, and home to over 3000 people, there are over 650 airplanes based at Spruce Creek. But it's not all about aviation at

Spruce Creek - there's golf, tennis, motorcycling and much more, as well as a Country Club and the Downwind restaurant right 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

usually spectacular, with overhead breaks the norm. Our North America editor, 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's a sign inside 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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## INTRODUCING THE RANGE ROVER SPORT SV CELESTIAL COLLECTION

\* The Range Rover Sport SV Celestial Collection' is a limited collection of five exquisitely crafted curations inspired by ancient mythology and the cosmos

\* This exclusive collection will be offered to selected clients in five sophisticated and harmonious curations: Gaea, Theia, Io, Vega and Sol

\* The debut collection from the SV Bespoke Design team features meticulously curated content, including bespoke colors and finishes, with 23in wheels, carbon ceramic brakes, carbon fiber bonnets and unique symbolism throughout the luxuriously appointed in

Mahwah N.J., June 26, 2024: The Range Rover brand has revealed an exclusive collection of exquisitely crafted, bespoke Range Rover Sport SV vehicles, each offering a sophisticated and refined vision of

modern luxury – inspired by the world's oldest stories and deepest mysteries.

The Range Rover Sport SV Celestial Collection – the first-of-its-kind collection from Range Rover – consists of five unique curations, each inspired by ancient mythology and the cosmos. From the natural tones of 'Gaea,' to the bright yellow exterior of 'Sol,' each curation provides clients with a unique and personalized vision of the luxury performance SUV.

"The cosmos is a transcendent theme that crosses boundaries, fascinating and uniting people globally. It's a theme that feels appropriate for the first collection for the Range Rover Sport SV – embodying modern luxury design, while pushing the boundaries of the British originality Range Rover is famed for.

The idea of mystery and intrigue from the celestial sky was key – the symbolism you can find throughout the collection draws a deeper meaning. These stories have been

carefully considered to reflect the exemplary tastes of our clients."

PHOEBE LINDSAY

MATERIALITY MANAGER,  
RANGE ROVER

"Today's discerning luxury clients are looking for more than just aesthetics – we want to create vehicles with which they form personal connections and bonds. A Range Rover Sport vehicle is designed to make our clients feel connected, in control, and as relaxed or inspired as they wish behind the wheel. The Celestial Collection from Range Rover SV is an ethereal and unique collection of some of our most luxurious vehicles, each beautifully crafted and considered, for the clients who value meaning, spirituality and storytelling."

GERALDINE INGHAM

MANAGING DIRECTOR, RANGE  
ROVER

## FERRARI WINS 24 HOURS OF LE MANS 2024, REPEATING LAST YEAR'S TRIUMPH

The Maranello manufacturer's roll of honour at Le Mans also includes 29 class wins, for a total of 40 victories.



This, the fourth round of the 2024 FIA WEC season, saw the retirement of the AF Corse team's number 83 499P after 248 laps after having been among the front runners at length.

Le Mans, 16 June 2024 - A year after winning the Centenary edition, Ferrari repeated the feat at the 24 Hours of Le Mans 2024, the world's most famous and prestigious endurance race.

The official Ferrari – AF Corse team's 499P number 50 was applauded by fans as it crossed the chequered flag first. Nicklas Nielsen, who shared the cockpit with Miguel Molina and Antonio Fuoco, drove the car over the finish line.

The sister Le Mans Hypercar, the number 51 of Alessandro Pier Guidi, James Calado and Antonio Giovinazzi came third.

This marks the Prancing Horse's 11th overall victory in the classic French endurance marathon and its second consecutive win following the triumph on 11 June 2023 with the 499P number 51. Previous victories were in 1949, 1954, 1958, and 1960 to 1965.





# GONE CRUISIN'

**Gary's Hot Rods & Cruisers**



All photos for this feature: Gary Rosier

## Jacksonville

Welcome to Gone Cruisin', our regular feature on the cruisin' scene brought to you by Gary Rosier. Primarily from in and around Central Florida, but we'll be including interesting events around the USA.

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**Vehicle Info:** 1954 Chevy Corvette Convertible

**Number Produced:** 106. Total 1954 Corvettes: 3634 All Convertibles

**Special Features or Parts:** 235 c.i. engine producing 155 HP. All 1954 Corvettes had a 6-cyl engine with triple carburetors, named "The Blue Flame" 3 speed Powerglide Automatic Transmission. No manual shift transmissions were available in 1954. All cars built had the exact same options. Only 4 colors were available. White, Blue, Red and Black. There were only 100 Red Corvettes produced and only 4 Black ones. The rest of the 1954's were white or blue. No hardtop was available in 1954 and the "side curtains" or windows are one piece and built on instead of rolling up or down. All cars had beige soft-tops.

**Color:** Spectraflor Red

**Base Price New:** \$2,774.00    **Price as you see here:** \$5,253.00

**Cool and Fun Information about this vehicle:** Very rare Spectraflor Red Corvette. 2nd year of Corvette which began production in 1953. Part of the first generation "C1" Corvette family which consisted of cars built from 1953 until 1962. All C1 Corvettes had solid rear axles and are known as "solid axle cars". Notice the unique glass license plate cover, the air duct exhaust bumper & the auto tail light. The unique & cold front headlight grill covers were European inspired and disappeared after 1954. One of our "crown jewels" in the museum. Corvette is the longest running, uninterrupted sports car in the United States, and is still in production today.

**Owner:** Sidney Hobbs

**Year Owned:** 3 Years

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