

Dear Friends of the Boeing N2S Stearman “Old Crow”

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Here is an update of the BIG BANG overhaul of our aircraft



How it will be eventually.

General

Working is progressing in big steps the last months. The wings are completely rebuilt using new wood. All metal parts were cleaned, inspected and repainted. Everything is recovered using Ceconite cloth and products. Doped, sanded, doped again (and again, again), reinforcing bands were added, openings for access holes or steering rods were made, etc.

The upper wings are back in the original black/gold with red striping. The lower wings and the center section follow in some weeks.



The final layer of paint is a strong but flexible clear coat.

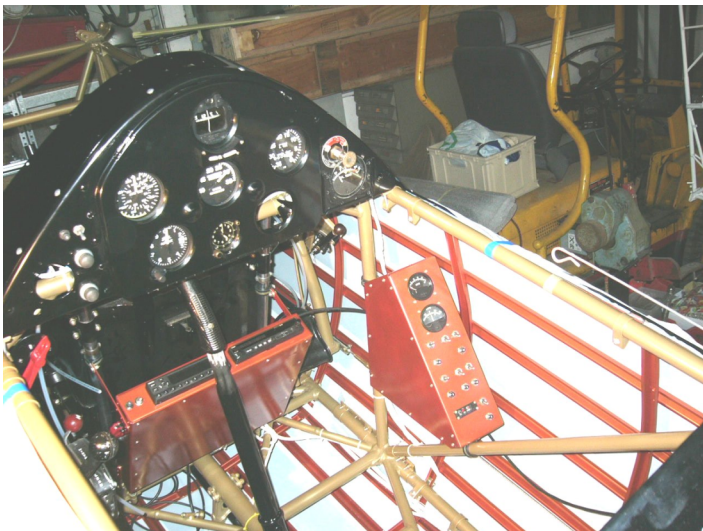
The tail feathers are completely ready to install on the aircraft. All refurbished, painted, covered and sprayed in the wonderful gold/black sun burst with red striping. Some of the work was done in our living room!



The cowling and all other wing and fuselage panels and covers are ready to install. Many hours of sanding and masking went into them.

The fuselage is making immense progress. Being covered with cloth and painted externally, it is now waiting to finish the final installation of internal components. Components are either black, gold or metallic red, or a combination of these. Important control buttons are in bright red. The combination with the steering cables, control rods and other moving parts makes it look like a piece of art. And that is exactly what we want. We convert our war machine into a magic machine. A true means of transport for us!

The rear cockpit is almost ready with new electrical components, wiring and radio boxes.



All instruments overhauled, some new gadgets added.
Front seat overhauled, painted and installed.
Firewall is refurbished and ready to go.



The Old Crow logo is about half way ready. Meticulously working on each and every line is needed



Lots of transportation of part and components is sometimes needed.



So we do make big steps. Putting it all together should start in several weeks.

We got lots of help from many people. If you are handy and have at least 8 hours to spend (the minimum) you can earn your ticket to the official presentation event. We can still use some hands.

And nope, no date of ready issued yet... .



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