

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...? NO! It is NOW better than this!

This should be the last update! We are really almost ready.

Since our previous message in July, worked progressed continuously.

Wings

The wings were finished in august. The final job was to add striping. Can you believe that **180** meters of 5 mm wide, red striping was applied?



A shiny surface and Marleens hand adding the striping.

Pushrods, new bearings and all other parts were finally added. New ailerons are installed. The walkway are glued on. Then the wings were put aside to wait final assembly.

Fuselage

In the last months we built the electrical system (totally new), with nav/strobe lights, smoke system, radios, intercom, new battery fixtures, etc, etc.

Furthermore, the engine plus all the lines, tubing and control system was added. New mounting for the smoke tank, overhauled seats, rebuilt instrument panels, new control cables, bigger baggage compartment, etc, etc. Putting the fairings and other metal panels on, took quite some time as everything needed to be made custom fit. The result is splendid!



Some pictures of details of the work (front cockpit)

Tail feathers

The last week we installed the tail feathers. Also sprayed in bright gold/black with red striping. Also added the registration and the logo.

New bearings, cables, turnbuckles... the same story!



Tail with the N-number and the logo

Final assembly

We are now doing the last 10 % of the work (taking 90% of the time).

In November we have put the wings to the fuselage and carefully adjusted all the flying and landing wires.

We still, as of this date, need to do some minor things but we do expect to do test runs in a matter of weeks... maximum. Prop needs to be installed and tail to be adjusted. The gear also needs servicing.



Raymond Cuypers working on the tail



Marleen painting the Old Crow

So... stay tuned... we are almost airborne again!

Look for more pictures on www.thestoryteller.nl (Old Crow/GALLERY)

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