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Spotlight on...

LONE FULLY RESTORED 1929 HAMILTON METALPLANE H-47 IN EXISTENCE TO BE SOLD AT BARRETT-JACKSON SCOTTSDALE

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. – Nov. 24, 2009 - One of the rarest and most beautifully restored classic aircraft



in the world, a 1929 Hamilton Metalplane H-47 (serial No. 65), will be sold at No Reserve during the 39th Annual Barrett-Jackson Collector Car Auction in Scottsdale on Jan. 18-24, 2010. The historic Metalplane was No. 22 of only 29 built and is the only airworthy example of its type in existence. Hailed as "The World's Greatest Collector Car Auctions™," the Scottsdale event will feature a diverse mix of the world's most desirable collector vehicles, as well as lavish lifestyle events throughout the week.

"We're proud to announce the consignment of this very rare and stunning aircraft for our Scottsdale auction," said Craig Jackson, Chairman/CEO of Barrett-Jackson. "By selling the Ford Tri-Motor last year for more than \$1 million, we showed that Barrett-Jackson is the hub for world class vehicle sales, including vintage aircraft. With its flawless restoration and status as the only flight worthy version in existence, aircraft enthusiast and collectors will want to make their reservations for Scottsdale in January."

The Metalplane (Lot #1307) was originally sold in 1929 by the Hamilton Division of Boeing Aircraft to the Canadian Forestry Service. Following ownership by operators in Washington and Alaska, it was brought to St. Paul, Minn., in 1954 by Northwest Airlines pilot Harry McKee. There, Northwest Airlines' "20 Year Club" began restoring the Metalplane, but stopped the job after only four months. The project was abandoned for several years until Jack Lysdale, aviation expert and FBO at Fleming Field Airport in South St. Paul, purchased the aircraft and embarked on a full restoration of the rare Hamilton Metalplane in 1972.

During the restoration to original specifications, many parts had to be fabricated from scratch, including the seats, nose cowlings, firewall, fuel and oil tanks, controls and electrical systems. The Metalplane was reskinned with specially manufactured corrugated aluminum rolled from original dies by the Alcoa Company. The engine is a massive Pratt and Whitney Hornet R-1690 with 525 horsepower at 1900 rpm. The aircraft's impeccable restoration, made possible by the talent and grit of Lysdale and his team, earned the Hamilton Metalplane the prestigious Grand Champion trophy at the Antique Airplane Association National Convention in 1975, as well as the Silver Age Champion award at Oshkosh in 1976.

"The rebirth of this Hamilton Metalplane is one of the most impressive restoration feats I've ever seen," added Steve Davis, president of Barrett-Jackson. "From the rebuild of the Pratt and Whitney engine to the landing lights and handmade seats, Mr. Lysdale and his team spared no expense or attention to detail to return this aircraft to its original form."

The Hamilton Metalplane will remain in St. Paul while it is being auctioned live in Scottsdale.

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Photo of the Month



Santa Claus greets guests at the recent Whiteman Airport Association Holiday party. Over 100 people were in attendance and a great time was had by all!"



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From the Manager



Happy New Year! All of us at American Airports are looking forward to a new year of continued efforts towards achieving the goal of ensuring that Whiteman Airport is safe, secure, compliant and compatible with market-appropriate and high quality products, services, and facilities – overall a great general aviation airport to visit or to call home. As always, we are open to comments and suggestions on how we can better serve the general aviation community here at Whiteman Airport. All are welcome to visit us at the Administration Office or give us a call at (818) 896-5271. We value your input.

Challenge Air Event – Calling All Volunteers

Challenge Air for Kids & Friends, in coordination with American Airports, (Cont. pg.2)



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**JANUARY AVIATION
COMMISSION MEETING**

January 27, 2009
10:00 AM

Brackett Field
Airport



From the Manager cont.

will be holding its 3rd "Fly Day" event at Whiteman Airport on Saturday, March 6th. Challenge Air events are designed for all special needs, physically challenged and seriously ill children and young adults. Events have included children from wheelchair athletic groups, hospitals, therapy/rehab programs, the Blind and Deaf association, United Cerebral Palsy, Easter Seals Society groups, Spina Bifida Association groups, American Cancer Society groups and many others. Highlights of the March 6th event are anticipated to include an educational ground school, a 30-minute flight over Los Angeles, face painting, clowns, static aircraft, food and beverages, service animals, craft activities and much more. More information is available on the website at <http://www.challengeair.com/>.

Please contact the Airport Manager, Jason Morgan at (818) 896-5271 if you or anyone you know is interested in making a donation or volunteering in any way for this great event. Your contributions are greatly appreciated!

Aviation Meetings & Seminars

For FAA meeting information, please see the FAA's website at <http://faasafety.gov>. Meetings are typically held in the Civil Air Patrol trailer or the Pilots Lounge. For information on aviation seminars regularly offered by Richard Mend, please visit his website at <http://www.mendaviation.com>.

Airport Association

Please come out on the 3rd Thursday of each month to **Rocky's Restaurant** and join the Airport Association for \$10 a year in dues. The next meeting will be held on January 21, 2009.

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**Calendar of Events
January 2010**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 10:00-2:00 Compton Antique Auto & Aircraft Display
3 10:00-2:00 Compton Antique Auto & Aircraft Display	4 6:00 Pacoima Rotary Club Rocky's	5	6 7:00 CAP Squadron 35 CAP Trailer	7	8	9 Fox Airfield Open Hangar day
10 10:00-2:00 Whiteman Display Day	11 6:00 Pacoima Rotary Club Rocky's	12 7:30 Latin American Pilot's Assoc. Rocky's	13 7:00 CAP Squadron 35 CAP Trailer	14	15	16 9:30 EAA Chapter 40 Rocky's
17 10:00-2:00 Brackett Antique Aircraft & Auto Display	18 6:00 Pacoima Rotary Club Rocky's	19	20 7:00 CAP Squadron 35 CAP Trailer	21 7:00 Whiteman Airport Assoc. Rocky's	22	23 10:30 Young Eagles Grassy Area Adj. to Pilot's Lounge
24 9:00-1:00 El Monte Vintage Airplane & Auto Display	25 6:00 Pacoima Rotary Club Rocky's	26	27 7:00 CAP Squadron 35 CAP Trailer	28	29	30
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