

## Spring 2024 Sun-n-Fun Issue



We will have on display two Hummingbird helicopters at Sun-n-Fun, April 9th - 14th in Lakeland, Florida. Our exhibit is located in the main manufacturer's display area, MD-015C. We're excited to finally have such a great location. Like Oshkosh, Vic and Carol Syracuse will be flying in from Locust Grove, Georgia and their Hummingbird will be on display.

Vic has built 12 different aircraft including his Hummingbird and has written numerous articles for Kitplanes and Sport Aviation magazine about his Hummingbird project. His YouTube series on the Hummingbird are very educational from a customer perspective.

Frank McMullen will be flying in from Weirsdale, Florida and his Hummingbird will also be on display. Frank has owned many different helicopters and built his Hummingbird two years ago.

These are two beautifully built Hummingbirds with Glass instrument panels, leather interiors, and fancy paint jobs.

We invite everyone to come by and meet numerous Hummingbird owners at our display tent.



Vic will be giving a presentation "Building a Hummingbird Helicopter" about his experience with building and flying his Hummingbird helicopter. This will take place daily at 10:00 am. in our exhibit tent.

Alex Anduze, a former Production & Experimental test pilot for Sikorsky Aircraft will be available to answer questions about rotorcraft engineering and test flying. Alex has an extensive background with aviation having attended the one year course at the National Test Pilot School and previous experience at Sikorsky as a ground test engineer and flight test engineer. He owns an original flying Sikorsky S-52-3 and has been helpful with many improvements to the Hummingbird. Alex's S-52-3 was the rescue helicopter in the movie "Devotion".

Fred Clark the father of Brad and founder of Orlando Helicopter Airways will be available to speak with about his experiences flying the original Sikorsky S-52-3. Fred flew B-25 Mitchell's, Sikorsky H-19's, and H-21 "Flying Banana's" in the Air Force. Come meet the person who created the Winnebago Helicopter Camper, the worlds first electric powered helicopter, the worlds first LPG powered helicopter and much more.

## **Show Special**

During the week of Sun-n-Fun we will be offering a free interior package with the order for a Standard or Quickbuild kit. This interior includes your choice of colors for the seat cushions, carpet, ceiling and side panels. This is a \$10,850.00 value. Orders do not have to be received at Sun-n-Fun to get this offer. Contact [sales@vertical-aviation.com](mailto:sales@vertical-aviation.com).

## **Gross Weight Increase**

We are announcing a gross weight increase for all Hummingbird 300L helicopters powered with the IO-540 engine. The increase will be from 2800 lbs. to 2850 lbs. This allows a 1000 lb. useful load with interior. No modifications are required.



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