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A PICTURE OF TURNER IN HIS 1ST AIRPLANE. AND I NEVER LIE RIGHT?



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO
OLEN BORKHOLDER FEB 6TH
PARTY TIME

Meeting will be held on feb 4th at
Nappanee Airport at 2pm, bring your
best smile and a friend.

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DUES ARE PAYABLE
BY JAN 1 OF EACH
YEAR AND ARE 20.00.
THAT'S GETTING A
LOT OF GOOD
FRIENDS CHEAP.

HIGHLITES OF LAST MEETING

MEETING FOR LAST MONTH WAS PASSED BY SO WE COULD CONCENTRATE ON OUR HANGAR OVER FLYIN. IT WASN,T A BIG TURNOUT DUE TO VERY LOW CIELINGS. LOTS OF DRIVEINS THOUGH.

MEMBER PROJECTS

1----PAUL AND TIM BEACHY STILL WORKING DILIGENTLY ON THEIR LOW WING FALKONAIR.

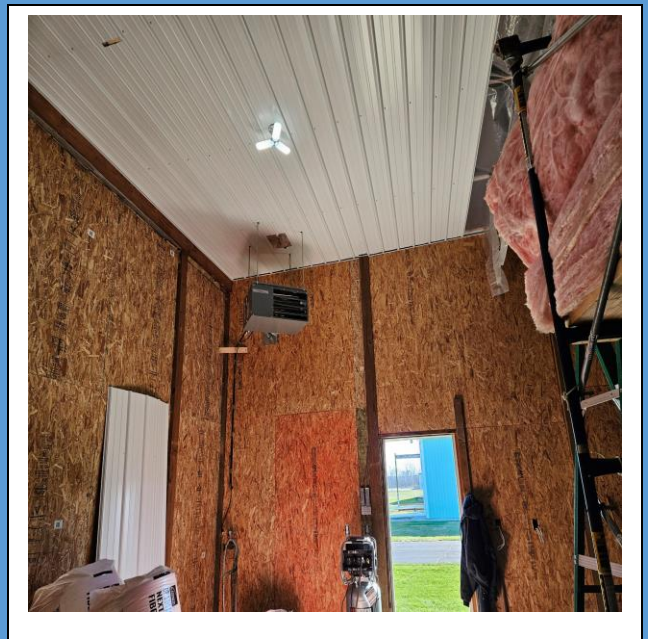
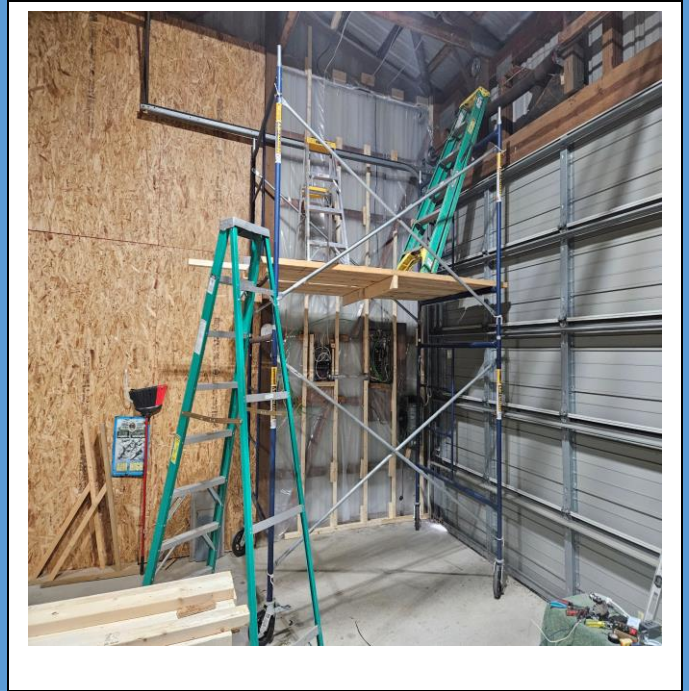
2-----LAVERN LEICHTY WILL BE PUTTING THE FINAL TOUCHES ON A FRIENDS FLYBABY, AND THEN SOME TEST FLIGHTS. HE ALREADY HAS HIS NEXT PROJECT IN HOUSE. MORE ON THAT ONE LATER.

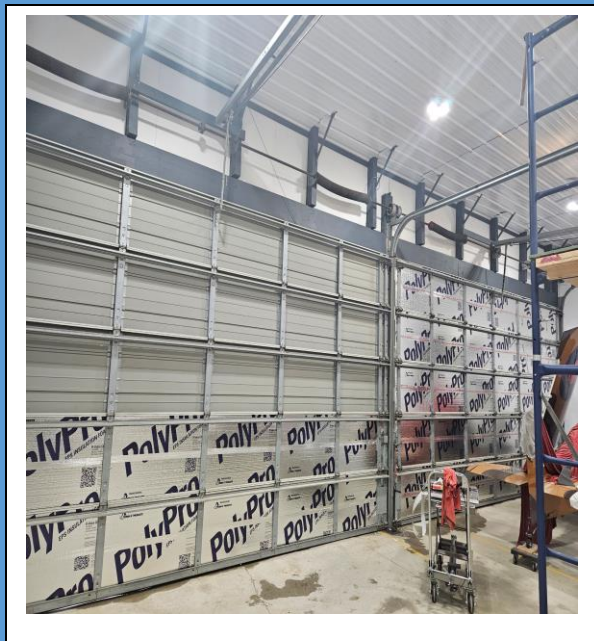
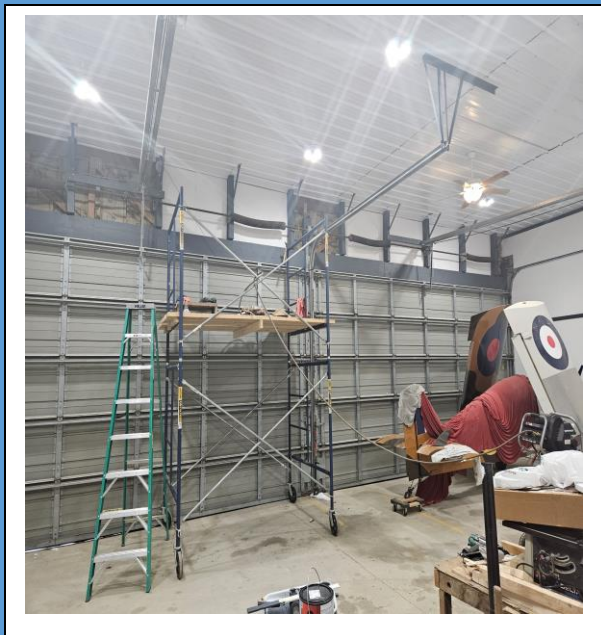
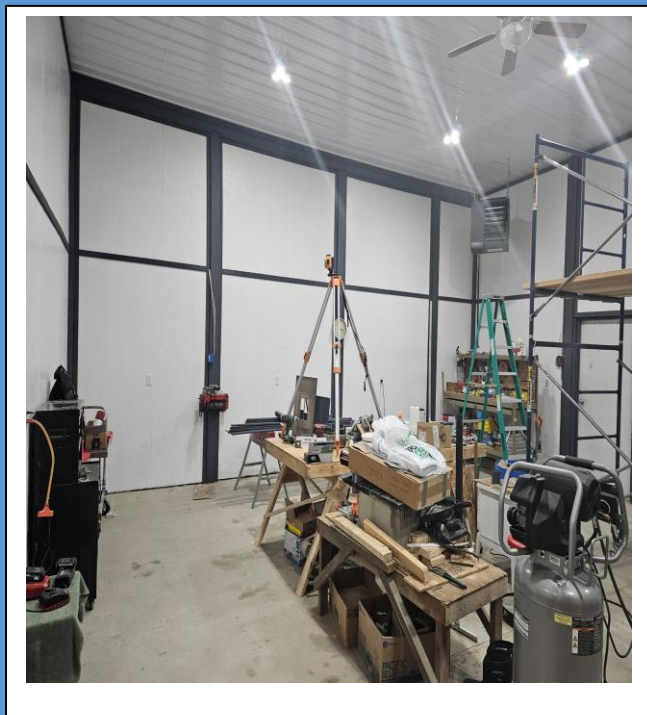
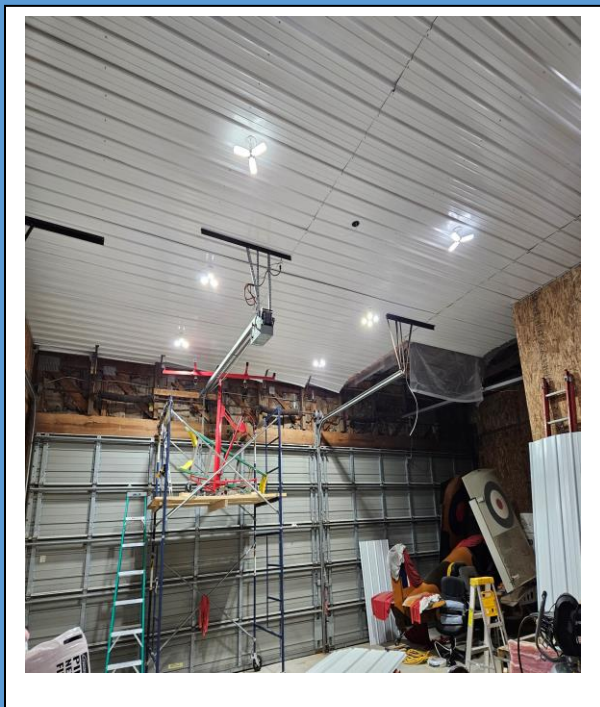
3-----NORM BONTRAGER GOT A GOOD DEAL ON A MINI MAX KIT FROM NATE EDWARDS THAT TURNER STARTED BUILDING BACK IN THE 90S. MORE INFO ON THIS LATER.

4-----JAKE AND JEFF LOGAN AQUIED A FISHER CELEBRITY BIPLANE AIRFRAME AND ARE SEARCHING FOR A CONTINENTAL 75 TO 100 HP TO INSTALL IN IT. IF ANYONE KNOWS OF ONE CONTACT JAKE OR JEFF.

5-----TURNER HAS THE ONEX IN DELAYED PROCESS TO CHANGE THE BRAKE CONTROL FROM DIFFERENTIAL HEEL BRAKES TO COMBINED BRAKEING WITH A SINGIE LEVER ON THE STICK. HE HAS ALSO DECIDED THAT SINCE HE IS NOT AN ACCOMPLISHED TAIL WHEEL GUY, HE WILL BE CONVERTING THE PLANE TO A TRIGEAR, OR AS REAL TAILWHEEL GUYS LIKE TO CALL IT, A SISSY WHEELER. THE PARTS HAVE BEEN ORDERED FROM SONEX AND SHOULD BE HERE BY THE END OF THIS MONTH. HIS OTHER PROJECT IS UPGRADING THE #11 HANGAR PURCHASED FROM OUR CHAPTER LAST YEAR. MORE ON THAT BELOW.

TURNERS HANGAR PROGRESS





THE WORK IS WINDING DOWN ON THE HANGAR BUT MORE STILL NEEDS TO BE DONE . THE FLOOR HAS SEVERAL CRACKS AND IS WAY OUT OF LEVEL. GRINDING EQUIPMENT HAS BEEN ORDERED TO DEAL WITH THE HIGH SPOTS AND CRACKS, HOWEVER THE OUT OF LEVEL PROBLEM WILL REMAIN. HOPEFULLY PAINTING THE FLOOR WILL TAKE AWAY THE FEELING OF SLIDING DOWN THE HILL. AND THEN IT WILL BE TIME TO INSTALL A WORKBENCH AND WHATEVER SHELVING AND TOOLING THAT WILL BE NEEDED TO WORK ON THE PLANE. THE DECISION HAS BEEN MADE, after all this work, THAT ANY MESSY WORK, SUCH AS PAINTING OR SANDING WILL BE DONE IN THE SHOP AT HOME. I CAN PUT UP A PAINT BOOTH THERE AND MORE EASILY GET THINGS DONE. ALL THOUGH IT HAS BEEN DIFFICULT TO DO THIS PROJECT ALONE, IT HAS BEEN FUN AND INTERESTING TO BRING TOGETHER. MANY PICTURES AND SMALL AIRPLANES WILL BE ADDED AS TIME GOES BY. GLAD TO HAVE THE TIME THIS WINTER TO DO THIS BECAUSE WHEN SPRING COMES THE AIRPORT WILL NEED LOTS OF ATTENTION.