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# SPEEDI'S BLOG

**W**ELCOME TO  
SPEEDI'S Blog.

Welcome to the second issue of 2026 of the Speedi Wings & Wheels Magazine.

This month 's blog will be short & simple . . .

Goofy flies again . . .

I now have a new medical after letting the renewal lapse when I have been traveling back and forth to Menorca for the past few months.

First a test flight took place with my friend and instructor Art Danley accompanying me to sign me off for my overdue Bi-Annual Flight Review, again something which had been put on hold just like my medical. At this time I did not have my medical so I was flying on Art's medical which was another reason why he had to be with me.

After a few circuits overhead Spruce Creek



we determined that the engine was going to continue running so headed over to the Lake Ashby practice area where Art put me through the usual BFR maneuvers, which was a good refresher for me.

The same as the touch and go's we carried out back at Spruce Creek. So it was over an hour of interesting flight time which not only brought me back up to proficiency but also proved that Goofy's systems, with its new E-Mag ignitions, were functioning normally - so what a relief.

Interestingly, Art was the very first person to fly Goofy back in December 2003 when it was fitted with a Continental IO-240 engine. A lot has happened to Goofy in the past 22+ years with 101 FAI World Records just being a small part of the adventure.

Sadly, it is now time to sell Goofy, or ideally for it to go to the EAA aviation museum in Oshkosh as it is a unique homebuilt aircraft as the first and only US registered experimental aircraft to set more than 100 FAI World Records and that's 101 records

to be precise . . .

More later . . .

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The Moon, seen here backlit by the Sun during a solar eclipse on April 6, 2026, is photographed by one of the cameras on the Orion spacecraft's solar array wings. During lunar flyby, the Artemis II astronauts observed a solar eclipse that only they could see due to their unique position

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## Editorial



Welcome to the April / May 2026 issue of *Speedi Wings & Wheels*.

Take a look at our 'Content's page to find out more about what's in this issue. The magazine is published bi-monthly during the last week of February, April, June, August, October and December

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*Above is news from Airbus - The Royal Thai Air Force has acquired two Airbus C295 in tactical transport configuration, which will enhance Thailand's defence capabilities. The two C295s will be operated by the 46th Wing Division of the Royal Thai Air Force from the Phitsanulok air base.*

*Thailand already has three C295s operated by the Royal Thai Army, performing cargo and troop transport missions since 2016.*

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In this issue we are featuring a visit to Sun n Fun 2026 from Lakeland, Florida - Plus much more . . .

Take a look at the next page - the magazine index - for more details

Blue Sky's and Safe Flying.

*The Speedi Team*

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All photos for this feature by Gary Rosier

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**N**EW FROM THE Barn is a regular feature about the happenings at the largest (and greatest) fly-in community in the world - Spruce Creek Fly-in. Situated on the Space Coast of Florida, just 7 miles south of the famous Speed City of Daytona Beach, Spruce Creek is a very special place. Our North America editor, Steve Wood, has lived there for since 2001, so he should know. We hope you enjoy this regular feature about a very special aviation community.

Spruce Creek Airport Information - Courtesy of the Spruce Creek POA Website - [www.scpoa.com](http://www.scpoa.com)

The Spruce Creek Airport is the heart of the Spruce Creek Fly-In Community. The Airport is a private airport owned and operated by the Spruce Creek Property Owners Association (SCPOA). The Spruce Creek Airport Authority Committee through the SCPOA Board of Directors has the authority and the responsibility to oversee the operation of the Spruce Creek Airport. The SCPOA employs a full time, 24-7 security staff. The Airport runways, taxiways and aircraft parking areas are regularly patrolled and are under continuous video surveillance by the Security staff 24 hour a day.

All flying activities at the Spruce Creek Airport are regulated by the FAA and by the recommended procedures published in the Aeronautical Information Manual (AIM). In addition, a limited number of local rules and procedures have been established to promote a safe and enjoyable airport. All resident, tenants and invitees are encouraged to cooperate and abide by these procedures.

**SPRUCE CREEK AIRCRAFT ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE PACKAGE** - The airport management provides information to assist all pilots operating in and out of the Spruce Creek Air, viewed or printed with Adobe Reader. [Download PDF](#)

Here's a link to Spruce Creek Airport (7FL6) web page - click [here](#)

**AIRPORT SAFETY VIDEO** - The airport management recommends that all Spruce Creek Fly-In residents and airport users view this very good airport safety video. Click [here](#)

TEL ..... 386/760-5884 or Airport Manager cell see below.

FAX ..... 386/761-7808 AFTER 1700 ..... 386/756-6125 (Security)

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FUEL ..... 386 257-7791 (on field) or 129.925 MHz (forward request to Spruce Creek)

Airport Manager - Jim Stone ... 386 275-1894



**I**N OUR 'NEWS from the Barn' section we will be featuring news and photos from Spruce Creek Fly-in, the world's greatest aviation community. With over 1600 homes, and not all of them are hangar homes, and home to over 3000 people, there are over 650 airplanes based at Spruce Creek. But it's not all about aviation at

Spruce Creek - there's golf, tennis, motorcycling and much more, as well as a Country Club and the Downwind restaurant right alongside Beech Boulevard - a major taxiway in the center of the airport. EAA Chapter 288 (Daytona Beech) meets at Keith Phillip's hanger on the other major taxiway - Cessna Boulevard. Then there's the

Gaggle Flight, which is quite something in its own right. Every Saturday morning (and sometimes on Wednesday too) members of the Gaggle Flight meet at The Big Tree which sits right in the middle of the airport. Upwards of 30 aircraft depart in flights of 3 or 4 (and sometimes more) flying out to breakfast. The arrivals back are

usually spectacular, with overhead breaks the norm. Our North America editor, Steve Wood, is part of Goofy Flight - named after his GlaStar which has the special registration N-600FY. Steve even has 'goofy' smoke on his airplane which can 'puff' or be continuous at whim. Everyone has great fun at Spruce Creek Fly-in which perhaps

explains why there's a sign inside the main entrance which reads "Caution - Children And Adults At Play".



Here's a look at the planes at Spruce Creek Fly-in on a Saturday in May 2026.

Photos by Gary Rosier . . .

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AutoNews will be updated shortly . .

# GONE CRUISIN'

Gary's Hot Rods & Cruisers



Welcome to Gone Cruisin', our regular feature on the cruisin' scene brought to you by Gary Rosier. Primarily from in and around Central Florida, but we'll be including interesting events around the USA.



## Spring Turkey Run 2026

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