

# Dukes Digest

News from Paul & Barb Dukes

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In our last newsletter we introduced the new airplane from Quest Aircraft, the Kodiak. Well it is still consuming my time these days. (Yes, folks, Paul wrote this letter!)

## MAF Kodiaks are ready to go to the field

We now have 4 aircraft. We have done a lot of work to get our Kodiaks ready to go overseas. The first one is sitting at Nampa Headquarters with the ferry tanks installed and has been waiting for the weather to clear over the Pacific Ocean so that it can fly to Papua, Indonesia. It looks like it will leave early next week.

The second aircraft is almost ready to go to Central Asia. It will leave sometime this month.

The third plane has already left on its way to Kalimantan, Indonesia. It was flown to England to tour around and raise awareness of MAF's work around the world. The plane was purchased by a company on the Isle of Man for MAF Kalimantan.

I was asked to go to London and do an inspection of the aircraft in order to get an Export Certificate of Airworthiness. This is needed to import the aircraft into Indonesia. I spent a little over a week in London and we were able to accomplish the necessary work.



Three of our Kodiaks flying in formation over Nampa.



This is the Kodiak at White Waltham field in the UK.



This is a collage of pictures from my time at White Waltham Airfield. The airport manager gave us the full history of the airfield when we arrived. We were also made honorary members of the West London Aero Club so that we could eat at the restaurant. It sure was nice to have the hangar to work in, as it rained four of the days we were there. The weather reminded me of back home where I grew up in Seattle.



Here we are working on the first two aircraft at MAF headquarters in Nampa.

### ASTRONAUT TAKES A PIECE OF NATE SAINT'S PLANE ON THE SHUTTLE DISCOVERY

The item, part of an airplane battery box, comes from martyred missionary pilot Nate Saint's Piper PA-14, which is on display at the headquarters of MAF in Nampa, Idaho. Saint and four other missionaries were martyred on a sandbar in Ecuador in 1956, by a tribe of Wao-dani Indians. "Bringing attention to and renewing interest in missions would be a great result of this experience," said Forrester, 52. "My deepest intent is to honor Nate Saint, the Saint family and all missionaries around the world."



Patrick Forrester

The airplane part received approval for the flight from NASA after conforming to strict size and weight restrictions. Forrester asked MAF to provide a part of Saint's plane for the shuttle mission.

Forrester plans to return the piece to MAF in the near future, providing a certificate confirming its presence on the space flight. MAF will display the battery box part and certificate at its headquarters. Forrester noted that Saint "could have never imagined that we would have the opportunity to take part of his plane to a space station."



Even new aircraft need a little TLC.

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