

VINCE'S BUILDER CENTER MARCH 2011 UPDATE

STATUS:

Jonathan Schmidt and Lowell Larson upsized their spaces after this February's meeting. This helps the Chapter by financially inching towards the breakeven point. WE NEED A DOGGONE SIGN - right smack dab on the hangar door opening, so EVERYONE can see where we are and get contact information. The Builder Center is in the Flo's Cafe traffic pattern, and we should be taking advantage of that. Vince is getting sign dimensions approved so we can get some quotes.

ACTIVITY:

Lowell seems to have finished moving in, and he & Louis were quite surprised when they were able to easily remove old, rusted clecos from his project (they were expecting trouble). Apparently Lowell's project has been sitting a while, and now that it's in the Builder Center the project is starting to move again.

Louis is flying off his first 40 hours in his RV-9, and is making modifications under the cowl to address excessive temperatures. Make sure to talk to Louis if you have questions about RV cowl ducting kits. He is developing some definite opinions about what works ... and what does not.

Jonathan is interested in pursuing a CNC controller for his lathe/mill, so along with Vince, he is checking out open source options, for both hardware and software.

<http://linuxcnc.org> looks interesting.

WORK DAY - MARCH 5th:

Jonathan has moved quite a bit of 220V equipment into his new space, and Dick wants 220V power for his welder, so some new electrical outlets are in order. We have 220V available, but we need to replace the outlets with fresh, new hardware - just like the 110V outlets we've already replaced. The Builder Center is having a hangar party/work day on March 5th to do some wiring, hook up a new compressor, and run some more air lines. I'm sure we'll discover more items that need attention, and everyone is invited to join in. (I'm sure there will be lots of hangar flying as well.)