

GLASAIR SUPER II S FT
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One would think that after owning 3 Cessnas, a Grumman, and building a Long Ez, Lee Ostergren would say 'that's enough'. But this former speed boat racer started a Glasair Super II S FT composite airplane sometime in the early 1990's. When quizzed why his reply was "Just goofy in the head". Even though it's a kit airplane his progress has been slowed by something called 'a day job at the Dow Chemical' and lately, several serious medical problems. But Lee in his 'hangar within a hangar' plugs away on this project; he has built a small heated insulated work space inside his hangar to handle this job.

The Lycoming 200 HP engine is already installed; cruise will be 216 mph with a stall with full flaps at 73 mph. A very interesting, unique feature of this plane is that it can be equipped with wing tip extensions which will make it more docile (recommend for the first flights) and add an extra 100 lb. useful load besides improved performance. They will also increase the range from 1200 miles to 1475 miles. He's looking at approximately an 8 gallon burn per hour at 55% power with a wing load of 25.8 lbs. per square inch.

This project was started: "I don't know exactly when but Jack Yoder picked it up for me in a 6 ft. x 6 ft. x 30 ft. box from a freight depot in Saginaw sometime in the early 1990's". The construction was started in his garage then later moved when he purchased his present hangar at Barstow; Neil Fuller was a great help in the early years of this project.

Lee plans on red trim to contrast with the white airplane and an EFIS panel in the cockpit; the N number will be N642G very similar to his Long Ez's N42 LE (left to the reader to determine the letter part of the N number).

Lee grew up in Midland and first started to fly with a friend who had a twin Beach Travel Air and Lee though it would be fun to get his license which he achieved in the early 1970's.

He plans to 'travel the country' in his Glasair when it's complete and his wife, Lana, is cheering him on. She started her SEL rating and will probably pursue it at a later time.

He's hoping that retirement will come at the same time that his plane is ready to 'travel the country'.

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