



RECHARGE!

Special Edition

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HOLIDAY SPECIAL EDITION!

If you receive the RECHARGE newsletter, we assume you are already a valued supporter or donor to the Classic Lear Jet Foundation. We want to wish you a happy holiday season and we feel it appropriate to provide feedback on just what exactly your support has provided over the last year. Our mission is to restore the aircraft to an airworthy condition and return it to its 1964 original appearance.



Due to its historical significance, we are looking much more in depth than a traditional aircraft inspection. Every part of this aircraft is being removed, inspected and cataloged for future repairs, restoration and reinstallation. Our electricians are fully documenting the electrical wiring in the aircraft, carefully identifying each individual wire and preparing to remanufacture that wiring. With 147,000 inches (2.3 miles) and hundreds of engineering changes that's a big job.

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We also spend a lot of time evaluating the necessary repairs and restoration of the aircraft structure and systems. We have made many field trips in search of aircraft structural and system components. Most of which are long obsolete, some of which we have found, some remain elusive, some we will have to fabricate. Another area of activity is seeking out donors for services, such as fabrication of replacement parts, (Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul) and necessary aircraft verification services.

Behind the scenes, these hours are worked by a team of 7 individuals who donate their time every Tuesday and Thursday. As of this writing our volunteers have donated approximately 1900 aircraft labor hours with 1400 being logged since January 1.



Merry Christmas from the aircraft restoration team: L to R Hartney Hummer, Dave Dendurent, Cliff Ives, Al Goodwin and John Reisch. Not Pictured, Jim Tidball, Dan DeMott & Katie Yaverski

Our goals were to get the aircraft fully disassembled, identify the major issues with the structure, remove the interior foam and start the Non Destructive testing on the airplane. As of this writing we are very proud to say we have accomplished those goals.

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Equally important and time consuming are the fundraising and project awareness activities that we accomplish. We conduct aircraft tours, participate in local and national media interviews, attend local aviation functions, perform merchandising activities, and hold special events that require extensive preplanning coordination and execution by both the directors and supporting staff. As a partial example, in 2025 we supported:

- The Polar Mission
- The Polar Mission Pre-Party
- The Clay Lacy meet and greet Luncheon
- NBAA
- EAA airshow at Jabara airport
- Flight Safety Tours
- FAA Wright Brothers and Charles Taylor award ceremonies

We're very thankful for Global Jetcare for performing the Polar Mission as a donation to the foundation. Needless to say, their time spent in preparation of this epic journey was huge. We also want to thank Mr. Clay Lacy and Mr. Lynn Krough, our primary aircraft acquisition donors, and Mrs. Bill Lear Jr. (Brenda) for donating their time and money in support of our foundation.

Going forward in to 2026, with your continued support, you can expect more great things to happen at the Classic Lear Jet Foundation! THANK YOU!



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