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Progress report, October 2026

Our volunteers have been very busy this month. We are preparing the control surfaces for paint stripping by taping over every opening in order to prevent the solution from getting inside. Each control surface will then be thoroughly inspected and repaired if necessary. The stripping will be done by the same company that donated their services to strip the fuselage.



Greg Dalke Taping Left Flap



Steve Kirk Taping Right Aileron

Work continues on the huge task of sorting through the wiring diagrams to identify every wire in the harnesses and the part numbers of each connecter, switch, hardware, etc. These part numbers will put on a list and then sent to Incora, who is donating the new parts in order for us to build a completely new wire harness to replace the original 62-year-old harness.



Jon Reisch Researching Wiring Drawings

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Every part removed from 23-003 must be tagged with its part number and, if applicable, serial number, then carefully stored in a known location for future repair, restoration or replacement. Also, every donated part is logged in with its paperwork, then safely stored for future use.



Katie Moneyhun Storing Parts



Katie Moneyhun, Bill Kinkaid Inspecting donated parts

Would You Like to be Part of the Restoration?

We need help in ***all*** areas! Sheet metal, A&P's, electricians and enthusiastic supporters!

We can use ***you***!

Currently, we work Tuesday and Thursday mornings from about 8:00am to noon.

Schedules are flexible to your availability! You don't have to be a former or current Learjet employee to volunteer!

Direct questions and to volunteer please contact our volunteer coordinator, Brenda Parks at: Brenda.Parks@ClassicLear.org.

We will contact you by email, so check your email regularly to see when you are needed.

We Need A&P Mechanics

We have an urgent need for volunteer A&P Mechanics to supervise the other volunteers as they work on various 23-003 restoration projects. We need A&P coverage commitment for 3 days a week from 8:00 am to noon. This can be one person for three days or three different

people, one day each. It does not involve Return to Service activities. Since we intend to fly 23-003 N200Y, we must follow the protocols for all maintenance accomplished on the airplane.

You don't have to be a former or current Learjet employee to volunteer!

To volunteer please contact our volunteer coordinator, Brenda Parks, through her email: Brenda.Parks@ClassicLear.org

Visitors, October 2026

To start this busy month, Wichita State University engineering students Megan Mazzarella and Samuel Wheeler visited 23-003 on October 3, 2026. CLJF board members Tim Walker, Bill Kinkaid, Jim Bolton, Rick Rowe and Ashfaque Mohib conducted the tour. Afterward, the entire group discussed the history of Lear Jet, 23-003 and the details of our mission to restore and fly 23-003 N200Y. Megan and Samuel expressed their desire to volunteer to help with the restoration project. Welcome to the team!



Megan Mazzarella, Samuel Wheeler



L-R: Tim Walker, Samuel Wheeler, Bill Kinkaid, Jim Bolton, Megan Mazzarella, Rick Rowe - (not pictured Ashfaque Mohib)

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On October 8th the students from the current Flight Safety M45 class toured our restoration. They were very excited about the history of 23-003 and posed a lot of questions to their guide, board member Ron Forshee.



FSI Students, Instructors Abe Vidulich (3rd from right), Tessa Hinshaw (far right)

The next group of visitors were from Great Plains Ventures. Susayn Brandes, CEO and Chairman, Marque Peer and Brian Brown came out on October 9, 2026. Susayn and Marque's father, Charles Peer, worked at Lear Jet in the early days on the environmental control system. After being laid off in 1968, he designed a new air mixing valve which he sold to various companies including Lear Jet. Susayn brought along an example of her dad's air mixing valve complete with a Lear Jet part label! Marque and Brian were very interested in looking at the actual ducts, fittings, etc. that we had removed earlier from 23-003. Rick Rowe and Dick Kovich conducted their tour and learned a lot from them about their dad and his invention.



Dick Kovich, Marque Peer, Susayn Brandes, Brian Brown, Rick Rowe

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Brian Brown, Marque Peer Holding 23-003 Duct



Charles Peer's Mixing Valve

On October 15, 2026 we were honored to be visited by the Governor of Kansas, Laura Kelly! Bill Kinkaid, CLJF president, gave her a brief tour and explained the mission of the Classic Lear Jet Foundation to restore and fly the first delivered Lear Jet, 23-003. Also, to educate people on the effect of this airplane on Lear Jet, the city of Wichita, the state of Kansas and the entire business jet industry. She was very interested and asked several questions. We are grateful that the Governor took time out of her very busy schedule to visit us and learn about our project!



Bill Kinkaid, Gov. Laura Kelly

Preserving aviation history takes a community.

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Flight Safety International (FSI) students from the Koch Industries Flight Department, Jeremy Martin, Matt Ziegrlbein and their instructor Abe Vidulich, came by on October 22nd to visit 23-003. CLJF board member Ron Forshee showed them 23-003 and answered their questions.



Abe Vidulich, Jeremy Martin, Matt Ziegrlbein

On October 28, 2026 we were honored to have U.S. Representative from Kansas, Ron Estes, pay us a visit. Representative Estes is a former Learjet employee in our Scientific Information Systems (SIS) Finance department. CLJF board members, Rick Rowe, Ron Forshee and Dick Kovich presented a brief history of 23-003, the restoration process and our vision of using 23-003 for future entrepreneurial education opportunities. Also, to take 23-003 to various events and allow people to experience a flight in this historic airplane.

We thank Representative Estes for taking time out of his very busy re-election campaign to visit and learn about our project first hand.



Dick Kovich, Rep. Ron Estes, Rick Rowe, Ron Forshee

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Visit 23-003

Would you like to see 23-003? You and your group are welcome to tour 23-003 N200Y. Contact Rick Rowe at Rick.Rowe@ClassicLear.org. to set up a tour of our restoration.

Volunteer Appreciation

Our annual volunteer appreciation dinner was held on October 8th at the west Deano's. About 30 volunteers and spouses attended the taco bar buffet. We are greatly appreciative of our dedicated volunteers because without them our restoration project would not be at a standstill. By the end of this month, they will have logged 4,000 hours of work.



Volunteers Enjoying Dinner



Volunteers Enjoying Dinner

The Classic Lear Jet Foundation - *Aviation History Worth Preserving*

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The CLJF board of directors have approved an official 'Restoration Crew' t-shirt for our dedicated volunteers.



Volunteer Shirt - front



Volunteer Shirt - back

CLJF in the Media

Lear Jet Restoration Group Marks Work on SN 23-003 – AINonline – 15Oct2026
https://www.ainonline.com/aviation-news/business-aviation/2026-10-02/vintage-lear-jet-restoration-group-marks-work-bace

NBAA-EBACE 2026

The Classic Lear Jet Foundation was represented at the 2026 NBAA-EBACE show in Las Vegas, Nevada, October 20-21, 2026 by Rick Rowe, Director of Public Relations, Tim Walker, Treasurer, and Karen Ryan, Membership Manager. Numerous people stopped by our booth to learn about our project and a few even became CLJF members. Aviation legend Clay Lacy, a CLJF Primary Acquisition Sponsor, graciously volunteered to be at our booth on the first day, October 20th, for a 'meet and greet'. Clay answered questions about his storied career, airplanes and his connection to Bill Lear. His strong passion for Lear Jet, CLJF and the preservation of 23-003 N200Y as a piece of aviation history was very evident to all who stopped by for a visit. Clay really enjoyed holding our original M23 control yoke and telling various 'flying' stories! Note that Clay has flown 23-003 N200Y!

On day two of the convention, Clay Lacy and Lynn Krogh, CLJF Primary Acquisition Sponsors, along with Emma Pham and Clay's friend David Copperfield visited the booth. It was Clay's Lear Jet 25-060 N564CL that David made disappear during his illusion on live TV a few years ago. In fact, David credits Clay's gift of the airplane used in the illusion with helping propel him to stardom.

During the two days of the show, we were able to make many important contacts that, hopefully, will develop into a valuable relationship that will help us with our restoration.

Thank You NBAA-EBACE for giving us the opportunity to have our own booth!

The first day, October 20, 2026:



Rick Rowe, Karen Ryan, Tim Walker in CLJF Booth



Clay Lacy 'Flying', Rick Rowe

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The second day, October 21, 2026:



Standing: Karen Ryan, Lynn Krogh, David Copperfield, Rick Rowe
Front Row: Clay Lacy, Emma Pham

October History

October was a very key month in Lear Jet history:

October 7, 1963 – Bill Lear's dream takes flight for the first time! 23-001 N801L takes off from runway 19 at Wichita's Municipal Airport for a 30-minute flight with pilots Bob Hagan and Hank Beaird at the controls. Bob performed the takeoff and Hank the landing.



23-001 N801L

October 13, 1964 – 23-003 N200Y becomes the first Lear Jet to be delivered. Chemical and Industrial Corporation of Cincinnati, Ohio, is the new owner. The business jet industry begins! [58 years, 4 months and 14 days later she was back in this exact position on the Lear Jet ramp awaiting purchase by CLJF!]

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23-003 N200Y

October 7, 1995 – First flight of 45-001 N45XL. 32 years to the day after the first Lear Jet takes flight! The crew: Pete Reynolds (pilot) and Jim Dwyer (copilot)



45-001 N45XL

October 7, 1966 – Lear Jet Industries, Inc. announces their first fire fighting vehicle. A Cushman Scooter modified with powder, CO2 and water fire extinguishers, a fire-resistant suit, fireman's axe and two Scott Airpacks to aid breathing.



Ed Bishop at Controls of Fire Fighting Vehicle

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Donations

A huge *THANK YOU* to all these donors of parts needed for our restoration of 23-003:

JFG Aircraft LLC of Doral, Florida answered our call for a set of new tires for 23-003.
THANK YOU JFG Aircraft for the donation, they arrived October 28th!



JFG AirCraft LLC
Leading Aviation Business

When our search for a set of original throttle knobs, needed for the restoration of the throttle quadrant, stalled, Paul Swearingen stepped up. Through his present company, 3D Stick and Rudder, Paul applied his vast aviation experience in reproducing aircraft components and supporting the preservation of aircraft history. When CLJF needed replacement throttle knobs, a need described in the August [2026] issue of RECHARGE, he undertook the research, prepared drawings and fabricated replicas of the original parts. The work included dimensional checks and supporting conformity documentation.
3D Stick and Rudder has also developed control wheel medallions for the Learjet 23, 24 and 36. Paul directed the development of a 3D, scale model of the entire Learjet 23 airplane, extending the company's work from individual cockpit details to a representation of the aircraft itself.
His support of CLJF continues a connection to Learjet that began with his employment at Learjet starting in 1981.



3D Stick & Rudder

On October 7th, we received a set of original (new old stock) throttle knobs donated by Cole Goldberg, founder of Sprucewood Aviation. They are based in Cleveland, Ohio, and are a manufacturer of aircraft tooling and ground support equipment. Cole has over a decade of aviation experience, much of that time focused on procurement. In addition to custom manufacturing tooling for the restoration efforts, Cole reacted to a Facebook post searching for these knobs by sourcing two new knobs to donate to CLJF. Inspired by the uphill battle CLJF

faces, Sprucewood hopes that sourcing harder to find components and building tooling will ease the efforts of returning a legendary aircraft to the sky!



SPRUCEWOOD AVIATION

CLJF Membership Program

[Looking for a unique Christmas gift?]

Newest CLJF Members

Here are the latest new CLJF annual members. Their membership kits are on their way!

Thank you for becoming part of the restoration of 23-003 N200Y!

Captain: Javier Vergara, Susana Luna, Leo Knaapen, Susayn Brandes, Skyward Credit Union, Marque Peer, Ashfaque Mohib, Jim Bolton, Larry Thimmesch, Joel Weber, Lynn Krogh, Jeff Epke, Brian Barents, Jim Edwards, Stan Tolle, Chris Zalusky, Chris Marshall, Richard Kovich, Tim Walker, Clay Lacy, Bill Kinkaid; Brenda Lear, Rick Rowe.

Cabin Crew: Joseph Turnbach

Lynn Krogh and Clay Lacy, our Primary Acquisition Sponsors, received their membership cards on the first day of the NBAA-EBACE 2026 exposition, October 20th. Bart Gray, CLJF vice president made the presentations of their membership cards.



Lynn Krogh, Clay Lacy with Membership Cards

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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIPS

The Lear Jet legacy is ready for takeoff — and we want you onboard.

The Classic Lear Jet Foundation is proud to announce our new Annual Membership Program — an opportunity to help preserve the history, innovation, and spirit of the aircraft that changed aviation forever. A new way for you to support the Classic Lear Jet Foundation mission on an on-going basis.

Your membership directly supports the restoration of **Lear Jet 23-003**, the first customer-delivered Lear Jet — a symbol of imagination, entrepreneurship, and the vision that transformed private aviation. Together, we celebrate the people who built it, flew it and believed that the future of flight could be faster, farther, and more accessible. Become part of the story. Help bring history back to life.

We encourage you to become a member of the Classic Lear Jet Foundation **TODAY!**

CABIN CREW

- Laser Engraved Metal Membership Card
- Name listed on website
- Foundation Patch
- Lapel Pin

$50 /year

FIRST OFFICER

- All previous perks
- 20 oz Thermal Tumbler
- Early Access to updates & events

$100 /year

CAPTAIN

- All previous perks + Challenge Coin
- Annual Luncheon *(Beginning in April/May 2027)*
- Restoration Progress Report for continued membership

$200 /year

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Restoration Documents Needed

We need help locating a complete set of these documents to support the restoration of 23-003:

- Airplane Accessory Kits (AAK)
- Airplane Modification Kits (AMK)
- Service Kits (SK)
- Service Bulletins (SB) – pre ATA code
- Service Bulletins (SB) – by ATA code

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CLJF Merchandise

[CLJF Merchandise would make great Christmas gifts!]



Checkout the new Classic Lear Jet Foundation Online Store at: https://store.classiclear.org

Celebrate the remarkable history of Lear Jet 23-003 N200Y while helping fund its future preservation.

Thank you for your continued support of the Classic Lear Jet Foundation and for helping us preserve the innovation, craftsmanship, and pioneering spirit that made the Lear Jet an aviation icon.

Support the Mission. Preserve the Legacy

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Kansas Aviation Museum!

The Kansas Aviation Museum (KAM) gift shop, Amelia's Landing, carries some of the most popular Classic Lear Jet Foundation merchandise! You can visit the KAM gift shop at 3350 George Washington Blvd, Wichita, Kansas 67210 or by phone 316-683-9242. See their open hours on their website: https://kansasaviationmuseum.org/

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