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Hi fellow BD-4 Enthusiasts, I wanted to give you a Team Aviation update.

Our move to Las Cruces has been successful; we now have a hangar/warehouse here at the Las Cruces airport in southern New Mexico, (KLRU). For those of you who have never been in the region, we are approximately one hour northwest of El Paso Texas. We have stunningly good weather out here with about 360 VFR flying days each.

We are busy reorganizing the inventory, and are working to beef up the areas where we have either low or no parts in stock. The most troublesome areas have been in finding parts not in stock and in identifying undocumented parts. In cases when parts are not documented or unknown as to source these parts must be replaced and/or the source must be established.

We have two teams working on assembling the demo BD-4's one a tri-gear, the other a taildragger. Both will sport Lycoming O-320s and will be available for demonstration flights and transition training. Team Aviation is not offering complete kits at this time. Our efforts will be concentrating on obtaining the necessary parts and hardware for those kits which were sold by Team Aviation out of the Huntsville office. The records need to be organized. An added chore is verifying the parts are correct and approved for the kits being built. In the cases when the parts are not in stock the parts must be manufactured.

Along with our efforts to establish a complete inventory of BD-4 parts we are committed to a customer oriented shop. Tools and equipment are being installed. Jigs for wings and stabilators are being manufactured. This shop will be used by those builders wanting quick construction of these components under a builder supervised program. The shop must be set up before this work can be started.

We encountered a major setback with the airplane undergoing flight evaluation. This airplane had a Continental IO-360 engine with a constant speed prop. This combination proved to be nose heavy. The engine and prop is being replaced with a Lycoming O-320 with a fixed pitch prop and the flight evaluation will resume soon.

We had planned to have a Bede Fly-in May 16- 18 but time has gone by so fast we have found ourselves not ready due to all the activities involved with the company's relocation. We would like to host the fly-in sometime in October-08 and would appreciate help from you in selecting a date and help in organizing and getting the word out about the 40th Anniversary of the BD-4. The date of the fly-in will be selected very soon. This date will be selected in order to accommodate Jim Bede and Scott Degaynor. I feel sure most of you will agree these two gentlemen are essential to this event.

Aircraft attending this event will most likely be arriving on a Friday. Those attending the Fly-in wishing to have more time at the facility early arrivals are encouraged. Seminars, demo flights and a Team Aviation "Open House," will be held Friday and Saturday. Plans are for Scott Degaynor to conduct an open forum seminar.

Saturday afternoon is happy hour followed by a buffet-style dinner. Later that evening BD-4 designer Jim Bede will speak. Sunday morning EAA chapter 555 will offer up a pancake breakfast for all attendees before their departure. Adventure Aviation will be the FBO hosting with assistance from EAA Chapter 555.

For more info, please call 575-525-0500 or email me at newt727@aol.com. Stay tuned to the Team Aviation website at www.teamaviation.us for updates concerning this event.

I appreciate your comments, advice and help in making Team Aviation's transition to Las Cruces a success. Please call me with ideas on fly-in dates in October. We at Team Aviation invite you to come to the sunny southwest this Fall and help us celebrate a great and enduring design as well as the pilots that build and fly them – you!

Sincerely,
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Managing Director