



KipAero Squadron



Kip Lankenau, President

Kip is the founder and president of Kip Motor Company, a parts, service, and restoration facility specializing in antique British automobiles and now, vintage aeroplane ignition components and kits through a division, KipAero. A member of the Antique Automobile Club of America by the age of five, antique automobiles and history are his lifelong passion.

A frequent speaker, Kip has presented at numerous conferences including British Motor Trade Association, Aviation Week & Space Technology Innovation Challenge, the Aircraft Engine Historical Society conference in Dayton, Ohio (October 2016), a guest commentator at the US Air Force Museum WWI Dawn Patrol Rendezvous and EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2016, 2017, and 2018.



Dave Spradling

Director, Research & Development

A very talented artisan, Dave holds degrees in Math and Physics from East Texas State University. Joining KMC in July of 1991, his primary responsibilities of product development and manufacturing consume most of his time, although his technical and training skills are likely to be engaged during any phase of vehicle troubleshooting, restoration and repair.



Lloyd Faust

Master Carchaeologist & Chief Engineer Aero Division

Lloyd has been around the British auto industry longer than Kip and is absolutely fluent in anything MG. Never too old to learn new tricks, he is "taking off" in a new direction, and has added Sopwith to his vernacular. He can now be found knee deep in 100 year old engineering drawings as lead engineer is the production of our Sopwith 1½ Strutter.



Nathaniel Holman

Apprentice Carchaeologist & Aero Technician

Nathaniel joined Kip Motor Company in the spring of 2016, assisting in parts production. Possessing a knack for anything mechanical and the ability to understand the 'why things work', he quickly advanced to working on projects for the Aero Division working on magnetos and assisting in rebuilding early aero engines, especially Curtiss. With an affinity for Alfa Romeo's, he can also be found reassembling our many restoration projects.