



About KipAero

KipAero started as an offshoot of Kip Motor Company in 2016 when craftsmen re-invented the Liberty Distributor Cap. Previously, Kip Motor had twenty years' experience in reproducing authentic parts for uncommon antique British vehicles perfecting small batch manufacturing processes. These experiences plus the love of aviation history led to the production and fabrication of WWI aeroplanes, mainly the Sopwith family of flying machines. Hence, KipAero was formed to serve the vintage aviation enthusiast. Our goal is to assist the vintage aviation enthusiast by providing the parts and expertise needed to accurately build, restore, repair and maintain vintage aeroplanes.

As a pilot and prodigious student of naval history, Kip's dream is to experience what it was like to fly in the Great War. After thorough research, no authentic options existed commercially. He selected the Sopwith line of aeroplanes – specifically the Pup, 1½ Strutter, Triplane and Camel – to build as their design was structurally sound and proven and they share many of the same metal fittings and components. These early Sopwith aeroplanes, the workhorses of WWI, are available in kit form or fully assembled.

Upon meeting Tony Wytenburg of Classic Aero Machining Services at an Aero Engine Historical Society annual conference, a partnership was formed as Tony was manufacturing new production Gnome Monosoupape rotary engines. In the day, the Gnome rotary was fitted to many early aeroplanes including the Sopwith Pup and Strutter. KipAero needed an authentic rotary engine and CAMS needed Sopwith aeroplanes.

Kip Motor Company is celebrating its' 29th anniversary providing parts, service and restoration for antique British, European and exotic Domestic vehicles and vintage aircraft. Located in Dallas, Texas, the company employs ten full time artisans who study history, culture, craftsmanship, marketing and period manufacturing processes to thoroughly understand the vehicles entrusted to their care. We call this process Carchaeology. By employing a combination of old world skills, extensive knowledge of period processes and cutting edge technology, we are able to ensure that yesterday's antique or collector vehicle can be restored, maintained and preserved for current and future generations.

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