



## KipAero Squadron



### **Kip Lankenau, President, Pilot & Aviation Enthusiast**

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, 2018 and 2019.

### **Bruce Kimme, Chief Safety Officer**

Bruce brings 48 years of aircraft maintenance experience and management processes to KipAero as our Chief Safety Officer volunteer. Receiving his A&P license in 1972, Bruce works in the general/corporate aviation field and for the last 35 years as Director of Aircraft Maintenance for a Fortune Top Ten corporate flight department. Currently, Bruce is focusing on our test flight program's procedures to safely operate and fly a Great War aeroplane. We are rediscovering and documenting the flying characteristics, learning valuable information from every flight, fine tuning safety checklists, ground crew operations and maintenance procedures to share with other aero enthusiasts.



### **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 and aero troubleshooting, restoration and repair.



### **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 refurbishing magnetos and assisting in rebuilding early aero engines, especially Curtiss. He's attended EAA AirVenture with KipAero since 2017 and is quite familiar with Sopwith assembling preparing the aeroplane for travel and flight. With an affinity for Alfa Romeo's, he can also be found reassembling our many restoration projects.