



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.



Luke Lindley, *Apprentice Carchaologist & Aero Technician*

Luke joined Kip Motor Company in May of 2020 as an intern upon graduating from McPherson College with a degree in Automotive Restoration Technology assisting in parts production. With a mechanical knack and desire to understand how all things work, Luke fit right in with our Production team. By the end of the summer, he was promoted to *Apprentice* making authentic reproductions for KipAero's aviation projects and for our customers. As Luke states, "crafting or making things give me a

satisfaction that not much else does."