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Your T-51 Mustang and Mk-26 Spitfire Agents Downunder

## Oshkosh Airventure '09 Update - Mustangs

Another massive EAA Airventure passes by, and as per usual there was plenty to see and do, along with some exciting news for those Titan Mustang fans. This year was the biggest airshow attendance for a while, with no aircraft parking space available at some stages during the week long extravaganza.



The Titan crew flew in with 3 of their Mustangs...one with a Rotax 912, one a Suzuki V-6, and the long awaited Honda 3.5L V-6, putting out an adequate 240 hp and cruising at around 3000 rpm. This engine coupled with the compact Neil Hintz gear drive (N.Z), and Whirlwind 4-blade constant speed 84" prop appears to be the package of choice from the factory...and it goes beautifully according to John Williams of Titan Aircraft and anyone else who has had the pleasure to see or feel it.

The Suzuki and Honda V-6 pair put on a short flying display during Airventure...they looked and sounded great together, and the Honda definitely has a mean note to it. Now you can have the benefits of a V-8 with this neat elegant V-6 package...plenty of power, lightweight, reliable, relatively cheap, and of course it sounds great.



But wait there's more....the new B model variant has finally been unveilled, as shown here. The extra depth of the razorback gives the aircraft a more noticeable presence as a scaled replica, and as you can see here it looks fine. The one shown is the first of its type and will be heading to the U.K to take to the skies...we hope to see one in N.Z asap! Current B model kit pricing is US \$62 900.

## ...IN BRIEF...

The full scale Titan Mustang continues to undergo development at the Titan factory in Ohio, U.S.A. We are expecting to see completion of the prototype by this time next year.

A number of N.Z Titan T-51 Mustang projects are progressing well nationwide, with several in the North Island flying, undergoing flight testing, or very near completion...N.Z is home to the largest percentage of T-51s per capita worldwide, and is now close in numbers to the very popular RV kits nationwide.

We hope to have two V-6 T-51 projects nearing the test flight process in the next few months from our home base, Loburn Abbey. Jerry Chisum will be doing the test flying.



The new Titan Mustang T-51B model unveilled at EAA Airventure 2009...the razorback is back at last.

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