



President's Message

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Welcome and thank you for spending a few moments of your time with us here at Super Petrel USA. I am pleased to state that the year 2020 was our most successful. We were able to position new aircraft in areas previously not visited. Perhaps the reason is simple, flying can be a great escape from the reality on the ground, or perhaps it is the fact we began focusing on our website to provide more information to potential customers. Perhaps, the Super Petrel name is just finally getting out there. During the year 2020 we positioned new aircraft in Montana, New Hampshire, Florida (3) Maryland, Arizona (2), Missouri, California, and Alabama. This Alabama aircraft will be the first Super Petrel LS in the USA to enter a flight school environment with Water Wings Seaplane School. <https://www.waterwings.com>

The year 2021 is already promising to be a very exciting. The new COVID19 vaccines hopefully, will enable us to get our lives back on track, allowing us to attend shows like Sun-N-Fun, AirVenture and hundreds of other aviation events. Nearing the end of 2020, we announced the "400 Series" version of the Super Petrel LS. It is the completion of our "bucket list" of changes to the aircraft that have been planned for three years. The changes included "Night VFR" (land operations only), increased takeoff and landing max gross weight (MGW) from 1,320 lbs. to 1,430 lbs. (land operations only). In the Rotax 912iS powered aircraft, this increase of 110 pounds, allows two 200 lb. occupants, full fuel, and 30 lbs. of baggage to fly for 6 hours at 100 mph. The factory installation of the Tri-Fan cooling system for the 912iS fuel injected engine provides for much cooler operating temperatures while operating a higher power settings with reduced engine airflow. The installation of a new fuel sensing probe for a much more accurate and dependable readout. The Garmin G3X suite that includes SiriusXM and NEXRAD weather data. External design graphics changes as well as a change to the aircraft interior representing the new "400 Series". Finally, the addition of "Roll Trim" on the Tosten hand grip, giving the pilot more trim control of the aircraft. As usual, all these items are standard equipment with the "400 Series" aircraft.

Last year we planned to hold our annual maintenance training event here in Ormond Beach, but due to the pandemic we were forced to reschedule. We are in hopes this year to hold the event in March with an expanded version to include pilot refresher ground and flight training. Check our website future events calendar for more information.

In this new year of 2021, we are looking forward to reaching a mile-stone for the Super Petrel LS with the production of serial number 400 and a total of 50 aircraft registered here in the US. That said, more of the final assembly of the aircraft will be performed here in Ormond Beach as well. This in turn will shorten the order to delivery time for a new Super Petrel LS to five months or less.

We are also pleased to announce the rollout of the "Super Petrel LS Owners Forum" at <https://www.superpetrelowners.com> This is developing into a great information source for owners to share best practices about the aircraft.

As we continue to expand our network of owners and aircraft, we are also expanding the flight training and maintenance opportunities around the USA. Water Wings Seaplane School in Alabama and Wings of Gold Aviation in Virginia for example and hopefully more by years end.

Remain safe and healthy, use your checklist and have a great 2021!

Roger Helton, President

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