



1929 Hamilton Metalplane

NC-879 H was built in 1929 at the Hamilton Metalplane Division of Boeing Aircraft Company in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Although originally licensed as NC-875 H, its number was changed to NC-879 H by Jack Lysdale so that he could restore it using the Northwest Airways logo and number 27 thereby making it more authentic. This H-47 model, powered by a Pratt & Whitney Hornet engine, was sold originally to the Ontario Provincial Air Service in 1930 with Canadian license CF-OAJ. It was used primarily as a float plane. After going through several owners, it was eventually stored at Deering, Alaska. Its logbook showed it had a total time then of 5183 hours.

In 1951 Capt. Harry McKee of Northwest Airlines learned of the Hamilton which had been pretty much abandoned since its last flight in July 1947. McKee obtained the Hamilton from Don Cross of Deering, and, with the assistance of fellow Northwest Airlines employees and the Airline itself, it was brought to the Mpls/St. Paul International airport. Utilizing volunteer help from present and past employees, work was begun to make the Hamilton into a static display. The project moved slowly, and finally, due to lack of progress and increasing expenses, the aircraft was placed in storage.

In December 1972, Jack Lysdale, in whose hangar at Fleming Field in South St. Paul, MN the aircraft had been stored, obtained ownership. Lysdale made the decision to restore the Hamilton to 100% airworthiness. To do this it was necessary to completely disassemble the aircraft which nullified previous restoration efforts.

After taxi tests were made, the first flight of the restored aircraft was made on August 12, 1975. That same month it was displayed at the Blakesburg, IA Antique Fly-in where it took five first place honors including Grand Champion.

Hamilton NC-879 H is the only surviving airworthy Hamilton in existence. It received meticulous restoration, and it has been hangared at Fleming Field, South St. Paul, MN since its last flight on June 12, 1978. The aircraft logbook shows it has accumulated 46.25 hours in addition to the 5183.5 hours prior to restoration.

ERIKSSON AVIATION now has this only flyable Hamilton for sale. Please do not hesitate to contact us for further information.

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