

The One. The Original. The RV-1.

Flying across America

See the original RV-1 when it arrives at an airport near you!

The original RV-1 has been restored to flying condition and is touring the U.S. and Canada on its way to permanent display in the EAA AirVenture Museum in Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

Learn about the tour route and see the tentative schedule of stops for the RV-1 by visiting rv-1.org online. At each scheduled stop on the route, the RV-1 will be on display for the public to enjoy. The pilot also will be available to answer questions.

Thanks, Friends of the RV-1

In 2011, a small group of RV-1 friends volunteered time, effort and a lot of elbow grease to bring the VanGrunsvan RV-1 back to flying condition.

See the restoration process by visiting the RV-1 website, rv-1.org. Photos, videos and news posts tell the story about this historic preservation.

You also can help support, foster and engage in aviation and aerospace education by donating to Friends of the RV-1. (Donations accepted through PayPal at RV-1.org.)



From Stits to RV

In 1963, Richard VanGrunsvan modified a Stits Playboy and created the first RV. Thus began the most prolific line of homebuilt airplanes in history . RV-3, RV-4, RV-6/6A, RV-7/7A, RV-8/8A, RV-9/9A, RV-10 and RV-12 . with over 7,600 completed and flying aircraft!

Van flew his refurbished prototype in March near the 2012 Sun-n-Fun Fly-In at Lakeland, Fla. Crowds gathered to see the historic reconnection of pilot, builder and plane.

Now, the VanGrunsvan RV-1 is on its way to an airport near you. Stops are planned across the Midwest, beginning in late May when the RV-1 is scheduled to re-enter the U.S. from its Canadian tour.

See the RV-1 here: