

## Ward Story

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as when we were at the Service Center sooooooooo.

January 15, 2002 - Pack Velocity on trailer once more and return to Sebastian to finish installation of the Lycoming engine, construct our beautiful instrument panel with the help of Wayne Lanza and Scott Brown, add the wings and there - IT'S A VELOCITY !!!!!

July 11, 2002 - FAA inspection completed and we receive our Airworthiness Certificate. Finally, July 15, 2002 test flight day has arrived. Engine sounds great, everything looks right. John, doing his own test flight, starts N120RJ (wedding anniversary 1 / 20 and Romeo Juliet, for Rose and John) and away he goes. Everything looks great and what a beautiful sight with all the Service Center people watching in anticipation of this maiden flight. What a nerve wracking twenty minutes for Rose, listening on the radio for any sign of trouble. After a few tweaks and adjustments he takes off for the second flight. Afterward, we keep saying "We really did it!" or "Can you believe this!" - A great feeling of awe and accomplishment not to mention satisfaction. At this point we must say we have the utmost respect and admiration for all you builders who do what we did at home in your garage or hangar - How do you do it?

Everybody at Velocity and the Service Center has been wonderful and so helpful and encouraging. It is THE place to build and we've made many very good friends. Thanks to you all.

After flying off the required twenty five hours, we'll head back to Alabama, only this time we'll be flying a beautiful, awesome airplane that we plan to enjoy for a very long time.

See you in Branson in October.

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