

## MEDIA RELEASE: History Remade - CAMS Aero Engine Gnome Serial Number CAMS 001 officially launched

“As a teenager back in the 1970s I became fascinated by ‘round’ aero engines” said aviation expert Graham Orphan at the official launch of new build CAMS001 Gnome Rotary Engine. “Throughout the 1970s I read in the aircraft magazines stories about people who were going to build a new rotary engine. Then the 1980s, 1990s and on into this century. No one achieved it – until today. This really is history remade.” Thus heralded the official launch by Marlborough Mayor Alistair Sowman of CAMS Aero Engine’s first Gnome rotary. Along with the Mayor and the CAMS team around fifty invited guests were on hand to witness the historic moment. The launch function celebrated the culmination of a long held dream of CAMS owner Tony Wytenburg – now turned into a very loud reality – of bringing the classic aviation world new built classic aircraft engines.

“The first time we started the engine was incredibly exciting. And a huge relief. It’s one thing to reverse engineer then manufacture and assemble all the parts. It’s another thing altogether to bring it to life.” “Were you relieved?” asked the TV3 news reporter. “You might say that.” responded Tony with typical Kiwi understatement.

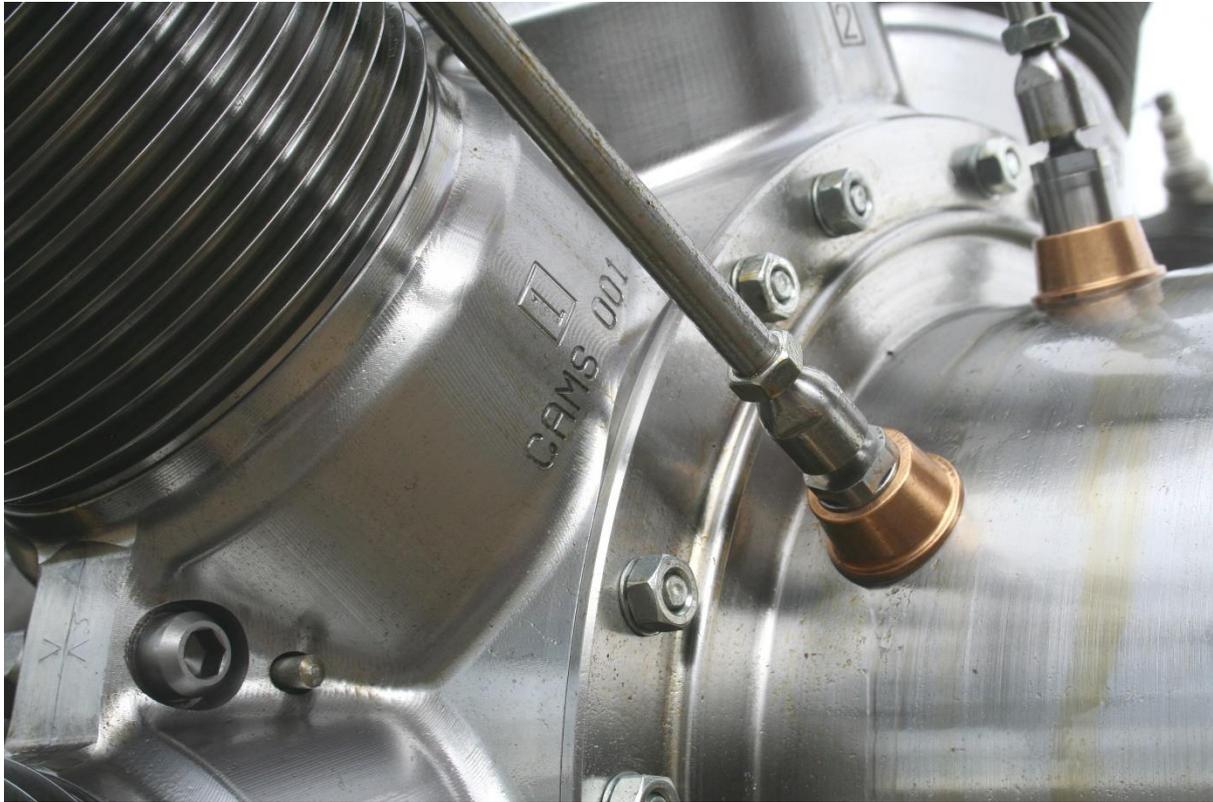
The engine is as near to original as possible with improvements like aluminium pistons instead of steel to improve safety and operational life. It looks like the original. It smells like the original with the unmistakable odour of burned castor oil. It sounds like the original and it most certainly feels original. The experience is visceral. “You feel the engine as much as you hear it.” says owner of CAMS001 Andrew Carter from The Australian Vintage Aircraft Society. We are so proud to have been



CAMS Engineer Dan Melling fires CAMS Gnome Rotary Serial Number CAMS 001 into life.

involved with the remaking of history that this engine represents.”. CAMS001 is to be fitted to TAVAS’s E1 Eindekker.

The engine is now going through an extensive testing programme before delivery to TAVAS. Then work will begin immediately on CAMS 002 (destined for the USA) along with any new orders received.



CAMS 001 showing serial number CAMS 001. Valve lifter rod in foreground, cylinder behind.

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