



Heli-Expo 2023 Roundup

Robinson enjoyed a successful Heli-Expo 2023 in Atlanta, Georgia. On display at the Robinson booth was an R66, featuring the new optional pressure refueling system, a Raven II, and a Cadet. An R66 Turbine Police Helicopter with an NVG-compatible cockpit was displayed in the static hall. At his press conference, company president Kurt Robinson reported 258 deliveries for 2022, a slight uptick from 2021. The R66 accounted for 101 deliveries and, for the second year in row, out sold the Raven II. At the conclusion of the show, the R66 was delivered to Gardner Aviation Specialist (Peachtree City, Georgia), and SKY Helicopters (Garland, Texas) took delivery of the Cadet.

Terry Hane, RHC's Director of Sales & Marketing, Retires



Terry Robinson Hane, RHC's Director of Sales and Marketing, retired on 10 March 2023. Terry worked for RHC for 26 years not counting 1974 when she was tasked with cooking lunch for the engineers working in Robinson's home. After college, Terry briefly worked for Robinson in Accounting. In 1997, after starting a family, Terry once again returned to RHC. She eventually became the Director of Sales and Marketing where she truly enjoyed assisting and working with Robinson's worldwide network of dealers. Terry, thank you for your hard work and dedication. You will be missed.



Fly Fishing with Pesca Azteca

The Robinson R44 Clipper I is the helicopter Pesca Azteca relies on to find tuna in the vast Pacific Ocean. Pesca Azteca, the largest tuna fishing operation in Latin America, purchased their first Clipper in 2001 and now have a fleet of 27. The bright orange helicopters serve as aerial platforms for locating schools of tuna. Flying 25 miles ahead of the ship, the pilot and observer scan the water for signs of tuna, saving the fishing vessel significant time and fuel. Once a school is found, the pilot radios the location to the ship then remains with the school until the ship arrives and the fishing process begins. The economical Clippers have proven extremely reliable, flying multiple flights per day and averaging ninety flight hours per month even while operating in harsh environmental conditions.

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Seitz Receives 2023 RHC Whirly Girl Scholarship



Leah Seitz is the proud recipient of the Robinson 2023 Whirly Girls R66 Safety Course Scholarship. Leah's ambition to become a helicopter pilot stems from watching firefighting helicopters battle a wildfire near her family's Northern California home in 2017. Leah says the Safety Course improved her understanding of the R66 and has made her a better lead flight instructor and 135-tour pilot.

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Les Gillespie, Gardner Aviation's sales manager, picks up an R66 Turbine Marine at Robinson.

Dealer Highlight - Gardner Aviation Specialist

A Robinson R22, R44, and R66 dealer and service center since 2013 and part of the Precision Aviation Group, Gardner Aviation Specialist (Peachtree City, Georgia, USA) strives to be a one-stop shop for helicopter operators in the southeastern United States, providing sales, maintenance, overhauls, and flight training services. Sales manager and CFI, Les Gillespie emphasizes customer service, often taking, at his own expense, perspective customers to HeliExpo to see the latest innovations in the industry. Gillespie is a firm believer in the mission determines the helicopter, and spends considerable time with customers to hone in on what they really need. A passion project of Gillespie's is giving flights to elderly residents of nearby communities who have always wanted to fly in a helicopter.

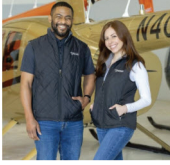
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