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I worked for Fighter Rebuilders on the project after it was moved to Chino. I think I first met your dad when we were doing some work on Topsy Too after Chuck Hall had bellied it in at Reno, if not before that. Anyhow, by the time Tsunami came to Chino I had graduated from engineering school and was working for Douglas Aircraft. I drove to Chino in the evenings after a full day of work at Douglas, and then did full days on the weekends. I remember sitting in the plywood cockpit mockup, watching the first installed engine run (at night with no prop) and of course watched the first flight. I was really struck by the enthusiasm and the demand for quality your dad had on the aircraft. I remember going to Reno and Janet your sister getting pissed off when you found out I had bought my own pit pass, so Janet reimbursed me. Janet, your dad and Janet's husband always struck me as being real nice quality folks that cared about others.

Nowadays I'm an engineering manager at Boeing (which bought out McDonnell-Douglas where I started my engineering career). I've been married for almost 11 years to my wife, Wendy, and have a 3 year old son named Arlen.