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HOWARD S/N 509

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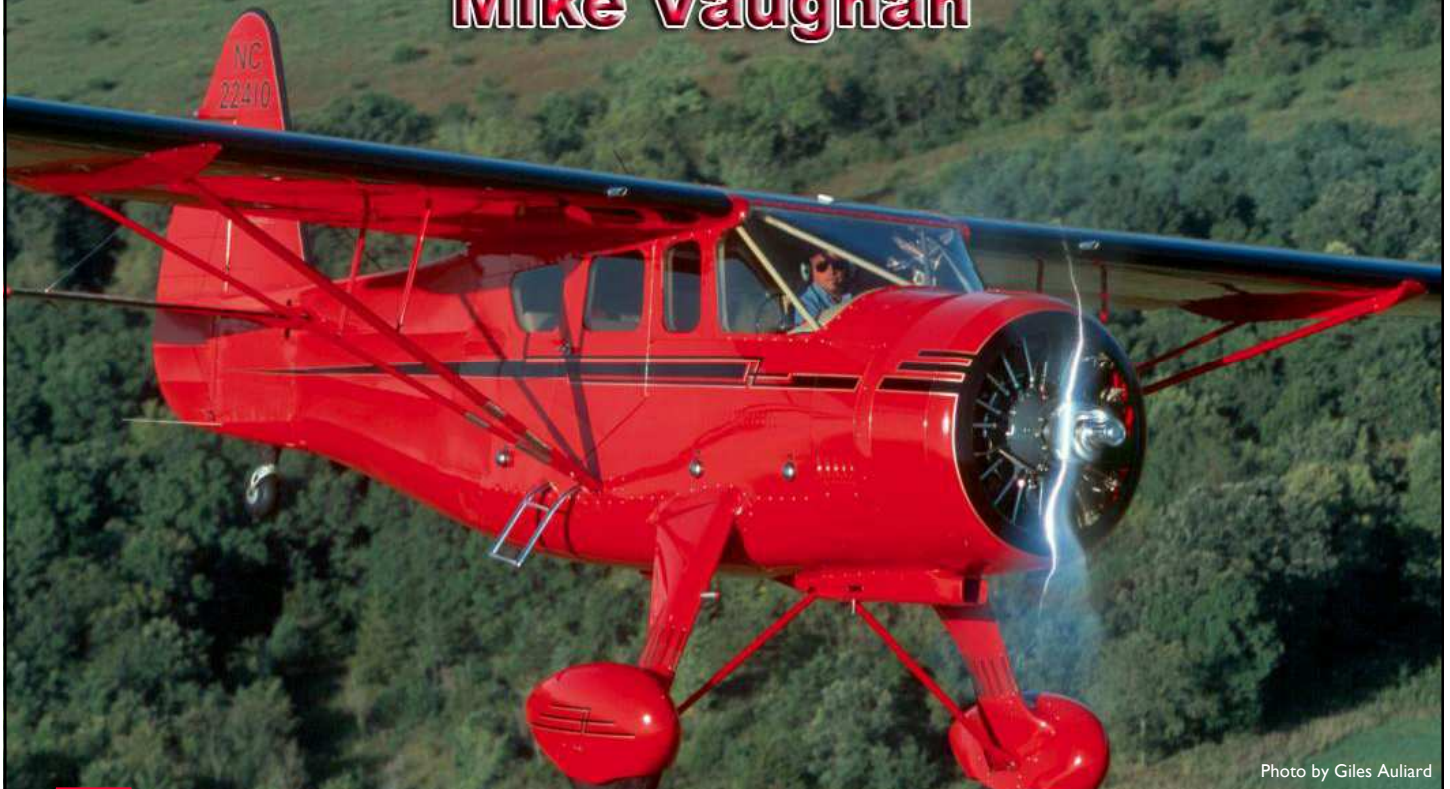


Photo by Giles Auliard

This is the story of a Civilian Howard DGA 15P. I would like to start by going back to July 2, 1940. On that date the Howard factory rolled S/N 509 out the door with a U.S. registration number of NC22410. Next I can imagine a proud Howard employee giving S/N 509 a pat on the empennage as the big Pratt & Whitney takes its first breath of air in preparation for a test flight. After a few good stretches, S/N 509 would be ready to show its stuff to a new owner.

The history of owners was slow to begin as the Howard factory retained ownership for the next seven months. I can find no information as to why S/N 509 was kept so long or for what purpose it may have served. However, on February 19, 1941, 509 was sold for \$10 and other valuable consideration to L. L. Stephenson of San Antonio, TX. Changes were made a short time later which included additional radios for night instrument certification, and a spinner.

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