

## HISTORY OF TAYLORCRAFT NC 27619

*This is a 1940 Deluxe Taylorcraft. It was previously owned by Walter Douglas of Tucson, and was based at the old Freeway Airport, just west of Tucson.*

*During the 1940's, it was part of a fleet of planes used as trainers in a program known as the Civilian Pilot Training Program, which prepared aviation cadet applicants for future training in the Air Corps. The students received 10 hours of dual instruction at U.S. Government expense, while attending college.*

*Frank Borman, the astronaut, soloed this aircraft in 1944, while he was in high school.*

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*Tom and Eileen Macario of Tucson, bought this airplane in December 1990, from the Douglas estate. The airplane had not flown in 30 years, and had been stored in an unused hangar. The structure was perfect, with no damage or corrosion. The Macario's stripped the airplane, removed the wings, towed it to their home on La Cholla Airpark, and began the restoration.*

*The airplane has been restored to original, showroom condition -- from the spinner cap to the steerable, non-swivel Heath tailwheel. The original instruments were overhauled and a new instrument panel was fabricated. Engine, carburetor and mags were completely overhauled.*

*The Taylorcraft is covered with Ceconite 104, a total of 16 coats of dope, with hand sanding every third coat, and finished with Randolph Madrid Red.*