

The Cherry Story Will Continue



Dear Members of the Cherry Community

Following the tragic crash of the Cherry in Sundsvall, Sweden on the 15th of June, 2009, it was not immediately clear if and how our father's life work might be carried on.

It greatly pleases us to announce that with Wolfgang Spang (Cherry D-EWSK), we have found a worthy successor who is an experienced and well-versed Cherry builder.

Wolfgang will be available in the capacity of construction consultant for each Cherry matter and/or any possible future modifications.

He is also authorized to issue official licenses for the Cherry BX-2. He is also the "clearing house" for future exchanges of experience and information. Thanks to his exemplary and clearly laid out homepage (www.spang-air.de), the important connection to Cherry community members can be maintained.

We would like to express our sincere thanks to Wolfgang for his dedication and spontaneous commitment and wish him every success and satisfaction – may all of his (and your) Cherry flights be wonderful and happy.

In the name of the Braendli family,
Markus Braendli

A note concerning the accident:

All of us who are passionate about flying understand implicitly the risks associated with flying but know that these can be minimized with conscientious planning and meticulous preparation. No one was more aware of this than Max, who had flown his Cherry on so many previous occasions.

He and Dani Gerwer, the pilot in command who reported problems with the motor shortly before the crash, knew the aircraft perfectly and they had unreserved respect for each other's judgment.

The specific circumstances that led to the accident cannot be resolved. A placement of blame is neither possible nor, in our opinion, appropriate. Both of our families have lost a loved one and our great loss has given us enough to deal with.

1 March 2010