



On the front page of the Mineral County Independent-News issue on December 12, 2019 was a picture of the Mount Grant General Hospital Radiology staff with the check for \$1,288 Million for the purchase of a

new CT Scanner for the hospital here in Hawthorne. The donation came from the William N. Pennington Foundation. Hugh Qualls, Hospital Administrator, reported that it is a modern 64 slice CT scanner, much greater than the current 16 slice scanner, and it has key advances in Cardiac Viewing capabilities and in Lung Cancer Screening results.

In January I received a call from Allen Layman P.E., President/Principal Mechanical Engineer of Nexus Engineering in Modesto, California and he asked if a vehicle would be available for 5 people to go to the hospital and they were



The leading edges of the wings and tail are deiced by pneumatic boots that inflate and cycle to pop the ice off when pilot activated.



The Hartzell props use thermal-electric systems the pilot activates to remove icing on the propellers. The windshield is deiced from a tube that sprays alcohol on it.



coming in a Baron. Of course cars are available and there was no problem getting them to the hospital for the few hours they were here. I didn't ask for details but he said he would answer anything I needed to know for the article by email.

Here is what he explained: "We use the plane all the time to get a group of engineers and architects to remote hospitals to do the investigation necessary to complete the designs for the projects that will be later built by the contractors. In this particular case, we had the architect, the structural engineer, the electrical engineer and the mechanical engineer (me). We were working on the design for the new CT scanner that will be installed at the hospital." Thank you, Allen.

The use of the Baron is another example of how important General Aviation (GA) rather than airlines is to the business world. They were able to fly directly from Modesto to Hawthorne and back in a matter of hours. Think of how much more time it would have taken for the trip if they had to go by airline timing and rent a car to get here from Reno and back. We have doctors that fly here too.

Chuck Sanders, the pilot, was great and showed me the plane for photos and answered my questions. I always enjoy visiting with pilots.



The cockpit is a mix of steam gauges and glass avionics and can be flown single pilot.

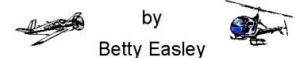
The Baron can be arranged to carry 4 - 6 passengers with

large windows for light. There is easy access with a back door and the front door on the right side of the plane. Storage space is behind the seat and also in the nose of the Baron.



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Airport Happenings



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