Restoration of sole surviving World War II Goodyear blimp control car nearing completion after 20 years

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A sign at the Goodyear Airship project at the New England Air Museum.

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The Goodyear Airship project at the New England Air Museum.

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A U.S. Navy Airship Crew poses outside one of the ships.

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A view of a U.S. Navy Airship in flight.

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Goodyear ZNP-K Control Car
1942

This is the control car from the K-28, a Navy ZNP-K non-rigid airship 252 feet long, 63 feet wide (maximum), and filled with 425,000 cubic feet of helium. Two Pratt & Whitney R 1340 Wasp engines powered this craft to a top speed of 68 MPH. This example served during World War II as an anti-submarine convoy escort. In 1946, Goodyear acquired it for advertising experiments and as the “Puritan” (one of the famous Goodyear Blimps), it toured most eastern and midwestern states before retirement and storage in 1948.

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A sign with information on the Goodyear Airship Control Car project at the New England Air Museum.
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A U.S. Navy K-2 Goodyear Airship in flight.

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The machine gun on the front of the Goodyear Airship Control Car at the New England Air Museum.

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Volunteer Russ Magnuson inside the Goodyear Airship Control Car when it arrived at the New England Air Museum.

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Another view of what the Goodyear Airship Control Car looked like when it arrived at the New England Air Museum.

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The Goodyear Airship Control Car as restoration started at the New England Air Museum.
The Navigators work station on the Goodyear Airship Control Car project at the New England Air Museum.

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One of the two Pratt & Whitney engines on the Goodyear Airship Control Car project at the New England Air Museum.

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A sign that is part of the Goodyear Airship Control Car project at the New England Air Museum.

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A life vest onboard the Goodyear Airship Control Car at the New England Air Museum.

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A view inside of the Goodyear Airship Control Car at the New England Air Museum.

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The pilot controls on the Goodyear Airship Control Car at the New England Air Museum.

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The flare gun and flares on the wall of the Goodyear Airship Control Car at the New England Air Museum.

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All the comforts of home, the galley area in the Goodyear Airship Control Car at the New England Air Museum.

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The mechanics' ramp, which allowed the mechanic access to the engines outside the ship at the New England Air Museum.

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The mechanics' seat in the Goodyear Airship Control Car project at the New England Air Museum.

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Don Scroggs looks over a part he is working on, he is one of the volunteers working on the Goodyear Airship Control Car project at the New England Air Museum.

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The pigeon holder inside the Goodyear Airship control Car project at the New England Air Museum.

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George Diemer, one of the volunteers' working on the Goodyear Airship Control Car project, attaches an item to the ships' galley area, at the New England Air Museum.

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Russ Magnuson, a Volunteer at the New England Air Museum, stands inside the Goodyear Airship Control Car project, at the New England Air Museum.

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