



John R. Sandberg Memorial Post-Secondary Scholarship Recipient

It is with great pleasure that we announce that the 2023 EAA Aviation Foundation recipient of the John R. Sandberg Memorial Post-Secondary Scholarship goes to

Ethan Sprague

The purpose of the scholarship is to invest in the lives of young aviation enthusiasts. Providing scholarships empowers and inspires a new generation to achieve their dreams, which will ensure that the future of aviation continues to grow and move forward.

Read more about Ethan on page 2

L-4 Piper Cub
We’re excited to share
that an L-4 Piper Cub,
nicknamed
“Grasshopper”,
has been
donated to Flight Expo.

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Happy Halloween

Join us at the Princeton Municipal Airport on

**Saturday, October 28th from 11am-1:30pm for
spooky fun family Halloween Event!**



Airplanes

Candy

Chili

And much more!

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Making Dreams

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JOHN SANDBERG MEMORIAL POST-SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

Ethan Sprague

I grew up on a small farm where instead of a rooster waking us up, we heard a thundering Pratt & Whitney Wasp Junior getting ready for the day. Being a crop sprayer, mornings like these were just another day for my old man, and for as long as I remember, I have always aspired to be like him.

Before long, I was helping in the family business where I started getting exposed to a new side of aviation. This exposure fueled my passion and drive to earn my private pilot certificate when I was 17, and further added my commercial at 19. I fell in love with the field of aviation, and when looking toward my next steps in life, there was only one answer: attend Northland Community and Technical College for their aviation maintenance program.



Getting my A&P mechanic certificate has been a significant step for me. Not only will it help the family business, but it also will grow my knowledge of this industry. When I was going through my pilot training, I was always curious about what was going on under the skin of the airplane I was flying. This curiosity helped me to thrive in our maintenance program and led me to be the first one in my class to earn my Airframe and Powerplant mechanic certification. In addition to soaking up knowledge about aviation maintenance, I also realized that school is a wonderful place to step out of my comfort zone and try new things. I am greatly honored to be awarded this scholarship. This will greatly help me along my aviation journey.

Once again, thank you so much!

Ethan Sprague

Thank you for your part in making Ethan's aviation dreams come true!



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HAPPY HALLOWEEN

11:00 am-1:30 pm

October 28, 2023

800 Airport Rd, Princeton, MN 55371

Come over to the Princeton airport to enjoy:

- Candy!
- Airplanes
- Bouncy house
- Food (We Have Chili!)
- Face Painting
- Painting Pumpkins

On October 28, 2023, Flight Expo, Inc. will be hosting their first Airport Halloween. Enjoy free activities for the family and check out some really cool airplanes! Hope to see you there.

Cost of event: Free to the public.



Making Dreams
Become A
Reality!

**AIRPLANE CANDY
DROP TIME: 11:45 am**

The drop will be along
the taxi way in front of
the Arrival/Departure
building.

Join us for some
hanger flying and a
bowl of chili!

Pilots—Need a place
for LUNCH—this will
be it!

Event will still be held
if it rains!

There are many various types of Drones. Commercial, fun, and educational drones. The United States Department of Agriculture has put out a warning that if you fly your drone near a fire, emergency or congested public area; you are putting others in danger. Please visit this website: <https://www.faa.gov/uas>; for more information. Stay Safe and informed.


United States Department of Agriculture



IF YOU FLY, WE CAN'T

DRONES NEAR WILDFIRES ARE NOT SAFE!

- FLYING DRONES OR UAS (UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS) WITHIN OR NEAR WILDFIRES WITHOUT PERMISSION COULD CAUSE INJURY OR DEATH TO FIREFIGHTERS AND HAMPER THEIR ABILITY TO PROTECT LIVES, PROPERTY, AND NATURAL CULTURAL RESOURCES
- FIRE MANAGERS MAY SUSPEND AERIAL FIREFIGHTING UNTIL UNAUTHORIZED UAS LEAVE THE AREA, ALLOWING WILDFIRE TO GROW LARGER.
- CONTACT YOUR NEAREST LAND MANAGEMENT AGENCY OFFICE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT UAS AND PUBLIC LANDS

 Forest Service

Move the STOOF

Our Move the STOOF Campaign is well underway! In three short months we have raised a total of \$5535.00! We still need additional funds.

As many of you know, the S2F Tracker (or STOOF) has been donated to the Flight Expo program. It currently resides at the American Wings Air Museum at the Anoka-Blaine Airport. It will be dismantled and scrapped if it is not moved.

This aircraft was instrumental during the Cold War. The primary threat to US Navy ships at the time was the Soviet submarines that hid under the vast ocean waters. Using a search radar mounted on the bottom of the fuselage, the plane traveled hundreds of miles of ocean on each patrol.

Our goal is to bring the aircraft to Princeton by the end of the year. To accomplish this goal, we need your help! The total estimated cost to move the aircraft keeps going up. The first company wanted \$12,000; the last company I just spoke to, the estimate was over \$30,000.

We also would consider in-kind donations; ie: Moving services, trailers, knowledgeable personnel, hotel stay for these people. Anything will help us make this move.

Please consider a generous donation today.



“History, despite it’s wrenching pain, cannot be un-lived, but if faced with courage, need not be lived again.”

-Maya Angelou

Thank you to all of our StooF (S2F) Donors!

Ronald Stauffer

Jacqueline Covington

AVMF Post #1

Steve Kisch

Elk River-Rogers VFW Post
5518

Maple Lake VFW Post 7664

Palmer Lake VFW Post
3915

Keep Zimmer VFW Post
1782

Roseville
Anderson
Nelson Post 7555

Eric Behne

Scott Liestman

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Justin Staas

Chris Carswell

Together
we can

**“Make Dreams
a Reality.”**

L4 Piper Cub Donation

Known for its lightweight frame and ability to make short takeoffs, the L4 was first used by the US Civil Aviation as its main training plane.

By 1941, the US Army Air Corp used the plane to observe and correct artillery fire.

At the beaches of Normandy, during WWII, the Piper Cub directed Allied Navy gunners while also transporting authorities. As the war continued, the aircraft was fitted with anti-tank rocket launchers (such as a Bazooka) for bold attacks on the enemy.

Following WWII, the Piper Cub played a vital role in the Korean War by evacuating casualties.

Now the plane is considered a War Bird and often used to commemorate the battles of the Second World War.

We look forward to restoring it to its former glory.

(We will post photos in the upcoming Newsletters)

**“It always seems impossible,
until it is done.”**

Nelson Mandela

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Fall 2023 Flight Expo, Inc. Build a Plane Session

Our Fall Build a Plane session set to begin in October 17, 2023.

Build a Plane is for youth ages 12-18. Class meets Tuesday from 5:30pm-8pm and every other Saturday from 9am-12pm. Students participate in hands-on learning in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering, Math and Aviation.

If you have a child that is interested in joining, send an email to flightexpoinc@aol.com for more information.

We still have two slots left for the Fall Program.

Help Wanted for Flight Expo, Inc.

**Our non-profit is looking for part time help with the following: Data entry, newsletters, email campaigns, miscellaneous tasks and more!
If interested, email flightexpoinc@aol.com.**