

"Rising Above for Education" "Making Dreams Become A Reality"

#### September 2023

# Princeton Lions Fly into the Municipal Airport for Annual Breakfast

We were proud to participate in the 2023 Princeton Lion's Annual Breakfast at the Princeton Municipal Airport on Sunday, June 11th. After consuming heaping piles of fresh pancakes, a few very lucky youngsters had the opportunity to take an airplane ride with Flying Club pilot, Ryan Hanna.





# Tsunami Travels to the Final Reno Air Race

Flight Expo, Inc. would like to thank all the sponsors that contributed to the Tsunami's final trip to the Reno Air Race. The plane will be on display in our booth to educate and encourage others to "Make Dreams a Reality."

### Making Dreams Become A Reality!

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# Flight Expo QR Codes

### Have you notices those odd looking squiggly boxes on a restaurant menu, billboard or TV ad?



Scan with your Smartphone to go to our Flight Expo, Inc. website.

Those strange squares are Quick Response (QR) Codes. Think of them as a modern day bar code that a computer or smartphone can interpret faster than plain text. Most QR Codes are shortcuts to websites or apps. They were created to make sharing information easier but can be challenging the first time you encounter them. Here's how to make the QR code work:

Apple Smartphones

- 1. Open the Camera app and point it at a QR Code.
- 2. Tap the QR Code image with your finger.

Android

- 1. Download Google Lens or Google Photos.
- 2. Google Lens, open your photo of the QR code, and it will automatically scan the picture.
- 3. Google Photos, open an image of the QR code, press the three-dot menu in the right corner of your screen, and select "Search".

With all QR codes, only scan if you know and trust the organization sending them. Occasionally, they can be used by scammers to redirect people to malicious websites. Use common sense and you'll be just fine.



### Man Cave Sale

The Man Cave Garage Sales were a huge success!

Thank you to everyone that donated, volunteered and shopped.

Flight Expo was able to raise \$5500 this garage sale season!

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#### Halloween at the Princeton Municipal Airport



On October 28, 2023; Flight Expo, Inc. will be hosting their first Airport Halloween. There will be a candy drop at 12 pm on the taxi way.

**Cost of event: Free to the public** 



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Some of the Unlimited Class air racers assembled before the Gold Final race in 2014.

# 2023 National Championship Air Races

This year will mark the final Reno Air Races taking place at the Reno Stead Airport in Nevada on September 13-17. Bill Stead, a World War II Veteran, started the closedcourse pylon air racing event in 1964.

Spectators will have the opportunity to enjoy several hands-on educational displays and military demonstrations. More than 150 airplanes and pilots are expected to attend, racing in six different categories:



Unlimited Class Formula 1 Class Jet Class Sport Class Short Take-Off and Landing (STOL) Class T-6 Class

Although this will be the last year for air racing at the Reno Stead Airport, an Airshow is planned for 2024 to celebrate the race's 60th Anniversary.

Flight Expo is extremely excited to attend with Tsunami to educate and inspire!



L-39 Albatross trainers race around the course at Reno in the 500-plus mph jet class.

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# Move the STOOF

Flight Expo, Inc. was very fortunate to have an S2F Tracker (STOOF) donated to the program. The American Wings Air Museum at the Anoka-Blaine Airport can no longer store the plane. We are currently raising funds to move it to Princeton where it can be restored by mechanics, Build A Plane students, and veterans.



Transporting the Stoof from the Anoka-Blaine Airport to Princeton will involve a 64 mile trip under the cover of darkness during the early hours of the morning when fewer cars are on the road. Prior to making the

journey, we will send out a road surveyor to assess our route and make adjustments as necessary. The Stoof will be towed behind a small semi. One challenge will be making sure the tires are at the correct air pressure. During the move, we will increase and decrease the pressure as necessary to overcome obstacles such as underpasses and overhead electrical wires. Moving at a cautious 15-20mph, we anticipate it will take us most of the night. An alternate destination will be selected prior to the move in case the trip takes longer than expected and we need to move the aircraft off the road before morning rush hour begins.

Once moved, restoration will begin!

"A generation which ignores history has no past and no future."

-Robert Heinlein



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

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# Fall 2023 Build a Plane Session

We are looking forward to the start of the Fall Build a Plane session set to begin in October. More information will be sent out mid-September.

Build a Plane is for youth ages 12-18. Class meets Tuesday from 5:30pm-8pm and every other Saturday from 9am-12pm during October through December.

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

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