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### **Happy New Year and Good Morning to All of you!**

Over the last six days, I have received numerous e-newsletters from various organizations stating how thankful they are that 2020 is over with. I don't know about you, but one day in this month's calendar does not seem to be able to wipe a full year away!

What did 2020 represent to Duane and I?

- 1) For the first time in over 30 years I had only one aviation event to attend. Without all of the other events, scrambling to produce product, and pay for travel and booth expenses, I was able to focus more on:
  - ⇒ Fine-tuning Flight Expo's various programs;
  - ⇒ Reach out to the local community about Flight Expo.
- 2) Duane and I had our first non-aviation vacation in over 10 years!
- 3) We finished a lot of little projects that were started years ago.
- 4) We cleaned the pole shed and re-organized it (although it still needs some work).
- 5) We liquidated items/merchandise that we were never going to use again.
- 6) We started making our own coffee, and now we like ours better than McDonald's!



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- 7) Most importantly, we helped and encouraged two young men earn their private pilots rating. Also:
- ⇒ A **16/17 year-old** has obtained his written private pilots and will soon take his practical.
  - ⇒ A **twelve-year-old** started taking flying lessons.
  - ⇒ A **seventeen-year-old** started flying lessons and is close to soloing and obtaining his private pilots written.
  - ⇒ **Piper Colt**—the wings, surfaces and fuselage have fabric on them. Wings and surfaces have several coats of primer on them.
  - ⇒ **Cessna 172**—the wings are ready to paint; fuselage has the instruments in and the inside is primed.
  - ⇒ **Tsunami**—John, Wally, and Aaron have been going steady with the fuselage. They are in the final process of getting the center section together.



Wow! It was a tough year; but a GREAT YEAR after I see this list.

+ Sharon Sandberg

## 2-Day Fabric Covering Class

**\*January 30-31\***

Join us for a 2-day course designed to teach you general fabric covering techniques using the Stewart System process. The course teaches you how to install and secure fabric, shrink fabric to calibration, and apply chemical coatings. Instruction will also be given in the proper use of rivets, fabric clips, and pop rivets. Finally, rib lacing techniques and chemical spraying techniques will be taught.

\*For more information, visit [flightexpo.org/fabric-covering](http://flightexpo.org/fabric-covering).

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# Sweepstakes Update - ACT NOW!

This fall I gave a challenge to the Build-A-Plane group that if they sold 30 sweepstakes tickets they would receive a brand-new leather jacket.

I am happy to announce that Matthew has sold all 30 of his sweepstakes tickets and has received his leather jacket!



Our sweepstakes ticket sales are right on track with our goal for our first sweepstakes fundraising event. The first drawing will take place on 1/29/21 via Facebook live stream for one of the Soft Shell Jacket prizes.



Over the last month I have received several questions concerning the sweepstakes. I would like to address some of those questions:

- 1) **How many tickets are we selling:** We will sell up to 4,000 tickets.
- 2) **Cost of the tickets:**
  - \$50 for One (1) ticket
  - \$250 for Five (5) tickets
  - \$400 for Ten (10) tickets
- 3) **Where can I purchase tickets:**
  - ⇒ Flight Expo's website ([www.flightexpo.org](http://www.flightexpo.org))
  - ⇒ Flight Expo's office: 31340 125th Street, Princeton, MN 55371
  - ⇒ Flight Expo's office phone number: 763-568-3360
  - ⇒ Greg Anderson Auto in Princeton, MN
  - ⇒ Elite Auto Care in Princeton, MN
  - ⇒ Nordic Glass in Princeton, MN
  - ⇒ Rum River Auto in Princeton, MN

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# We Need Your Support!!!

4) **What is the purpose of the sweepstakes fundraiser?**

After all of the expenses are paid, the balance of the money donated in will go towards an educational facility to house Flight Expo's and G.A.L.S. Technology's educational programs.

5) **Who benefits from the educational programs?**

Youth ages 11 and up; the goal is to prepare them for various careers, including:

- ◆ Aircraft and Power Plant Mechanic
- ◆ Pilot
- ◆ Business Owner
- ◆ College Preparation
- ◆ Graphic Arts With a Flair

6) **What geographical area do we run our programs in?**

Our location is in Princeton, MN, but our programs contain youth from: Sherburne County, Mille Lacs County, Stearns County, Isanti County, and others.

Buy your ticket(s) TODAY! Support Our Future Generation!

Both Flight Expo, Inc., and G.A.L.S. Technology are 501(c)3 organizations who do not, I repeat, **DO NOT** receive any funding from the government. We rely exclusively on your donations and support.



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# SWEEPSTAKES

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**G.A.L.S.**  
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[WWW.FLIGHTEXPO.ORG](http://WWW.FLIGHTEXPO.ORG)

*Flight Expo and G.A.L.S. Technology have partnered to host a 2020-21 sweepstakes this winter. Multiple drawings for smaller prizes will be held in the weeks leading up to the final drawing which is scheduled for March 5, 2021. A drawing for the grand prize will consist of the winner's choice of either a brand-new 2021 Polaris General or \$15,100 cash! But more importantly, contributions toward this year's sweepstakes will assist these two Princeton non-profit organizations in their mission to educate youth and adults through their various learning programs and services. More information about how you can enter can be found on the following page.*

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# Drawing for our specialty items starts January 29, 2021



## How to Sign Up:

### ♦ *Online*

- ♦ Go to [www.flightexpo.org](http://www.flightexpo.org)

### ♦ *By Mail*

- ♦ Mail to **P.O. Box 155 Zimmerman, MN 55398**

### ♦ *In-person*

- ♦ See us at **31340 125th St, Princeton, MN 55371**

*Thank you for your support!*

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# Our Journey Continues...

In June 2020 we watched Owen Nitz—one of our first students (6.5 years in the program) graduate from high school with a two year associate degree. Owen will pursue another two years at college for a Bachelor’s in Business, and then he plans to go into the Navy to fly. He will continue to participate with Flight Expo as a board member and a member of Flight Expo’s flying club.



This Spring session will be both Charlie and Cade’s last session with Flight Expo, Inc. Build A Plane program. Charlie has applied to get into the ROTC program. Once graduated from high school,

Charlie will continue his education at the University of Minnesota. Charlie obtained his pilot’s license this year and plans to head to the military after graduating from college.

Cade is currently working on his pilot’s license with the Flight Expo’s Flying Club and plans to continue his education next year at North Dakota State University with an emphasis in flying.

This Spring session we are adding a new option to the Build A Plane program. Every week those students who would like to participate will be studying and answering questions out of the Aviation Maintenance Technician Handbook—General part. There are three different written sections/tests that a person must pass to be able to



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take the practical test for an Aircraft and Power plant license:

- 1) Generals
- 2) Air Frame
- 3) Power Plant



They will be encouraged to keep track of hours for both the practical and the written portion and sit with our Inspection Authorization (Duane Kruse) to both tell him about the entries and to have him sign off these entries.

By adding this section to the program, our goal is to have the students ready to either start a career in aviation as a Aircraft Mechanic or be able to support themselves in the aviation field as they pursue their next stage in life.

With your continued support we can continue making opportunities for youth to experience various facets of aviation and obtain credentials they can use in the future.

Thank you for your continued support in **Making Dreams Become A Reality!**

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