



Holiday Tree of Hope

Help Us Bring Smiles to
Children in Hospitals During
the Holidays!

Date: Saturday, December 2nd, 2023

Time: 8am-12pm

Location: St. Cloud Regional Airport, Hanger H

Bring: New, unwrapped toys for Boys and Girls
ages 1 month-18 years.

Gifts are especially needed for ages 12-18.

Tree of Hope was started in 1990 by Ray and Celeste Shefland who noticed that there were many children that spent time in the hospital over the holidays. Some of them were dealing with a major illness, some recovering from surgery or an accident. They were often far from home and missing their families and friends.

They saw this need and gathered their aviation friends to help provide joy and hope for these children by bringing toys as they gathered to enjoy potluck dinner at the Nary Airport near Bemidji. As pilots flew into the airport, they were greeted by a brightly lit “Tree of Hope” a the end of the runway.



The tradition continues and we'd love for you to get involved to support the mission of this very important group.

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Making Dreams Become A Reality!

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- Kruse Aviation, Inc.
- Fall 2023 Build a Plane
- Help Wanted

From our Students

Meet Owen Larson, Former Flight Expo
Build A Plane and Flying Club Student



Owen started Build A Plane at the young age of 12. He continued until he finished High School. Joining Flight Expo's Flying Club gave him the amazing opportunity to fly the Cessna 150 with John Johnson, his private instructor. By the time he finished High School, he had completed his Private Pilot License, saving him thousands of dollars later on.

Now he is continuing his schooling at Mankato State University. He's finishing his instrument rating and is currently working on his commercial rating. He hopes to be done with all his ratings in about 2 years or less. Upon graduating from Mankato, he'll have his Bachelor's of Applied (BA) in Professional Flight.

Great job Owen! Keep up the hard work!

Halloween at the Princeton Municipal Airport



Spooky fun at the Airport!
Thank you to everyone that
came.



Move the STOOF!



Flight Expo's S2F (STOOF) will travel again on the Anoka-Blaine Airport. After moving it recently, we received word that it needs to be stored in a different location on the airport. We are planning on resituating the aircraft next week.

We are excited to announce that we've raised \$7400 in our Move the StooF Campaign! We've made great progress but we need to continue our efforts to raise more. At the end of September, we received a firm quote to move the plane for \$25,000. We've asked them to revisit this and hopefully, this number will shrink slightly.

We want to send a special thank you to all the individuals and groups that have made donations thus far. You are our heroes and we cannot thank you enough. Together, we are "Making Dreams Become a Reality."



[Watch the Video of Flight Expo Moving the StooF on the Anoka-Blaine Airport.](#)

**"Those that fail to learn from history are doomed to repeat it."
Winston Churchill**

Thank you to our StooF (S2F) Donors!

Onamia Post 955

Princeton Lions Club

Jack Arduini

Post 1776 Apple Valley

Ronald Stauffer

Jacqueline Covington

AVMF Post #1

Steve Kisch

Elk River-Rogers Post 5518

Maple Lake Post 7664

Palmer Lake Post 3915

Keep Zimmer Post 1782

Roseville Anderson
Nelson Post 7555

Eric Behne

Scott Liestman

Jay Jones

Justin Staas

Chris Carswell

Go to Flightexpo.org to make a donation today!



Tree of Hope, an aviation-based charity, collects donations on the first Saturday of December. Once collected, they are sorted and bagged to be sent to hospitals across Minnesota. The parties and gifts help the children and their families to forget their fears and pain and just be a child for a few hours.

Thank you for your support!

Tree of Hope Serves:

- * 37 Minnesota Hospitals
- * 2 Wisconsin Hospitals
- * 1 North Dakota Hospital
- * 2 Catholic Charities Child Shelters



Mail monetary donations to:

Tree of Hope
c/o Deb Klier, Secretary & Treasurer
10110 161st Street W
Lakeville, MN 55044
612.718.6672
In Memo Line, please add: Tree of Hope

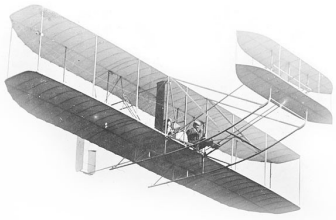
Flight Expo will be collecting gifts at the Princeton Municipal Airport Arrival & Departure (A&D) Building and at the Kruse Aviation Hanger until December 1, 2023. Drop off your gift early with Flight Expo, or deliver them (by plane or car!) to the St. Cloud Airport on December 2nd.

Princeton Municipal Airport A&D Building
800 Airport Road
Princeton, MN 55371

Kruse Aviation
1101 19th Ave
Princeton, MN 55371

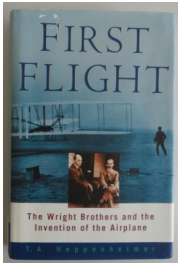


November is National Aviation History Month



National Aviation History Month encourages us to research, explore and celebrate past accomplishments in the field of aviation. Aviation history refers to the history of the development of mechanical flight—from kites and gliders to the supersonic jets and space flights that are flown today.

We hope you enjoy learning about the following aviation history topics:



*First Flight: The Wright Brothers and the Invention of the Airplane.

*NASA's First 50 Years: Historical Perspectives: NASA 50 Anniversary Proceedings



*National Smithsonian Exhibit: [America By Air](#)

Boyington—Black Sheep Leader

Special Edition Magazine for the 80th Anniversary of the WWII

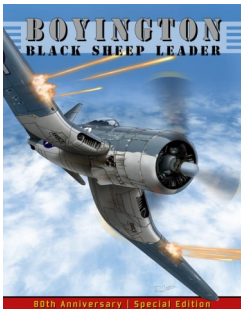


Own a piece of history by purchasing a Special Edition magazine featuring **original artwork** to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of the famed WWII Black Sheep Squadron.

Gregory "Pappy" Boyington was a World War II Ace fighter pilot, Commanding Officer of VMF-214, Prisoner of War, Navy Cross, and **Medal of Honor** recipient. The Black Sheep were some of the most effective combat units in the Pacific.

To celebrate and remember, click on the link below:

[Special Edition Magazine](#)



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Become A
Reality!

Interested in
joining
Flying Club?

Contact Us:

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L-4 Donation

Pictures of the L-4 Grasshopper that was donated to the Flight Expo Program. We are very excited to get to work on restoring this historical aircraft!



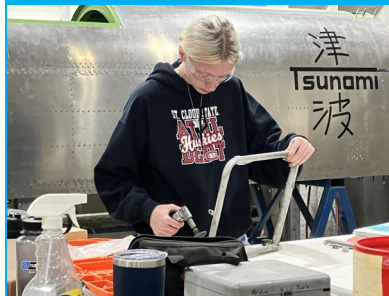
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Fall Build A Plane Session is Underway!



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.