

Autumn W. – student participant

My name is Autumn W., I have been part of the sedan project for about 6 months. I first heard of the sedan project when I went to the Superior Airport to take an airplane ride as a Young Eagle. When I was told about the sedan project I got very excited even though I really didn't have too much interest in building airplanes. I have wanted to be a pilot for almost 8 years, and I realized that if I participated in the sedan project, I could learn a lot more about planes, and perhaps fly more. That is why I joined the project. Since I started working on the sedan, I have learned so much about the airplanes I want to fly, and I have learned many problem-solving skills. These can benefit me in many ways, now and in the future. I believe that participating in the sedan project will help me in life and I have no regrets in participating.



Denise LaGraves – parent of two participants

I have two children involved with the Spirit of Katrina Sedan project; one who has loved airplanes since he knew what one was and has loved figuring out how things work and another who just wanted to try something new.



My son has loved every minute he has gone to 'airplanes'. He has developed a friendship with a mentor who has had the patience to answer all of a 8 year old's questions and helped him be comfortable in engaging in conversation and fulfilling his need to learn.

My daughter had been coming with to drop her little brother off; one day I asked if she would like to join in and she got wide eyed and said 'yes!' She has loved learning about new tools that she says she 'would never have learned about' had she not started working on this project. She has had a concentration while working that she doesn't normally display on other projects.

Both of my children look forward to going to the Spirit of Katrina Sedan project every week and have enjoyed sharing their experiences with not only me, but their grandparents and even their great-grandfather who, at 92, said if he were ten years younger, he would be right there next to them!

The Spirit of Katrina Sedan project is a wonderful opportunity for all generations to connect, share experiences and create friendships and memories.

Project Sponsors

Aircraft Spruce & Specialty,

Jim Irwin:

Open book support of parts need for project

Burl Aviation, Burl Rogers:

Wing inspection S.B. 2012-04-10 compliance kit (\$350.00)

Jonathan Aero, Jon Messerer:

Other 1/2 of S.B. 2012-04-10 kit (\$350.00)

Tom Setter:

Wing Skins: 2 sheets of 2024 Alum. .025" x 48" x 120"

Mike Hoag, Pres. National Aeronca Association:

Loan of tools to cut holes in wings in compliance with S.B. 2012-04-10

Donation of horizontal stabilizer and elevator halves

Donation of templates for all wooden bulkheads and floor boards

Cabin Door

Lower Aileron Pulleys (attached to bottom of control column)

Control Column Pivot Spacers (fig 25-33 & 25-38)

Lincoln Electric:

Welding Hoods, jackets, hats, sleeves & gloves

Chris Penny, Precision Powder Coatings:

Sand blast and epoxy prime fuselage and Powder coat Control Column

Ken Peters:

Wooden stringers for fuselage formers

Mark Marino, Hangar 10 Aero:

Polyfiber epoxy varnish for finishing wooden bulkheads and stringers, 4130 tubing for repair of fuselage

William E. Amorde – Twin Ports Flying Service

Coordination of goods, donations, and contributions to the project

Superior Skydivers

Jim Brown

Superior Curling Club

Ellen Oakes



Since the founding of our chapter of the Experimental Aircraft Association in 1966, part of our mission is to involve local area youth in aviation. We sponsor Young Eagle rides for kids from 8 to 17 years old with over 5,000 kids flown to date. We provide scholarship support for kids wanting to attend EAA's Air academy located in Oshkosh, WI. Since 2012, we have sponsored at least one kid to air academy each year.



EAA 272 also provides scholarships to area students who are attending college and are pursuing an aviation career. Our chapter is constantly looking for new ways to involve youth in aviation.

In 2013, our chapter was given the opportunity to obtain a non-flying 1948

Aeronca sedan to use as a long-term youth project to rebuild the airplane.

Build A Plane and The Spirit of Katrina

Build a Plane (BAP) is a non profit organization which began operations in 2003, matching aircraft donors with organizations such as our local EAA Chapter. The purpose is to give youth hands-on experience, education and opportunities in aircraft construction and design.

Katrina Bradshaw was the executive director of BAP when we were first offered our Aeronca Sedan in the summer of 2013. While we were arranging the transfer of ownership of the aircraft, Katrina unexpectedly passed away due to illness. Anne Arcamuzi, who was second in command, took over and completed the transfer. We have since learned of Katrina's love

for and long career in aviation, educating youth in aviation and promoting aviation through organizations such as EAA, AOPA, NBAA and more.



Katrina, by all accounts, was loved by all who knew her. When talking with Desiree Czaplinski, Marketing Manager of Aircraft Spruce and Specialty Co., about sponsorship, she asked if we had a name for our airplane. I said no. She knew Katrina and asked if we could name it after her. I thought it

was a very good idea. Mike Arcamuzi, Anne's husband, suggested "Spirit of Katrina", and the rest is history! We consider this aircraft an extension of Katrina's work with youth in aviation and we are proud to have our Aeronca Sedan carry her name.



We have several aircraft builders in our chapter who are volunteering to provide their guidance and expertise to the kids during the rebuilding project. We are funding the project with donations of money and materials needed during the rebuilding of this classic airplane.

How Can You Help?

Our sedan project fund is a separate account that is to be used strictly for the funding of this project. Your generous contribution to restore the sedan to its former glory will be used strictly for this purpose. Since our chapter is a 501c3 non-profit corporation, your contribution or donation is tax deductible.

Letters of contribution for IRS purposes are available as well.

PLEASE HELP US PROMOTE YOUTH IN AVIATION BY MAKING A GENEROUS CONTRIBUTION TO THE SEDAN PROJECT



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COMMENTS FROM OUR PARTICIPANTS

Tom Betts – EAA Chapter 272 President

When we "adopted" our Aeronca Sedan project my thought was; "This is going to be a challenge, can it catch on?" Quickly, my opinion evolved to; "This is a worthy project and I want to be part of it!" As more adult mentors, youth and their parents joined the effort we saw how it was going to work and adjusted where necessary. Aeronca Sedan experts from around the region are offering advice and donating parts for the project as well. For me, it's great to show the kids another career or hobby to consider in their future. You can't wipe the smile off their faces.



Arron Breikrentz – chapter member and parent/participant

Mentorship had a major impact on strengthening my aviation interests as a young adult. I enjoy providing similar opportunities for the next generation through working with a talented team of mentors on "The Spirit of Katrina" project. With diverse experiences and backgrounds ranging from general aviation pilots, professional pilots, jet engine mechanics, and those who have built their own airplanes, everyone contributes valuable perspective to the project. The dedicated team of volunteers show up

weekly to eagerly and patiently share their knowledge with youth participants. I continue to be a proud part of a team which offers a unique and enriching learning opportunity for area kids. Being a mentor on the "Spirit of Katrina" project has also allowed me to share my aviation interests with my nine-year-old son, Tyler. From an early age, Tyler has shared in my enthusiasm for all things aircraft related. Exposure to the project has given him the rare freedom to get "hands on" experience with a real-world aircraft rebuild. Such exposure and experience have proven invaluable in promoting his curiosity and advancing his interests in STEM subjects. I am hopeful other participants share in an equally rewarding.

Dave Gramstrup – student participant



My love of airplanes had been there for my whole life and I was about to take it one step further by getting my hands dirty on one. I came to this program with many questions regarding my plans to become an airplane mechanic in the future. Was it right for me? Did I have a passion to work on them? What would I learn from the experi-

ence? After becoming a part of this project, the answer to all those questions is a happy and definitive yes. Since the first day I started they welcomed and guided me as I developed skills I would use while pursuing my goal of becoming an A&P mechanic. The mentors keep you engaged and focused on learning so much that before you know it's time to head home with another work session completed. So, whether you're interested in historic planes or just want to get your hands dirty, join the Aeronca Sedan project!

Jon Thro - student participant

Working on the Aeronca Sedan project has been a great experience. This project offers a unique opportunity where I get to work on something that may eventually fly. I love that I get to use tools, learn skills that I've never used before, and continue to increase my knowledge about aviation. The pilots at these work sessions have been really helpful, kind, and willing to teach valuable skills. It's amazing to think that one day my contributions to this aircraft might be flying around in the sky. One of my bigger hopes is that one day I can become a pilot and maybe even fly this aircraft.