February 3, 2011

Ms. Zaundra D. Jackson, Phillips 66 Aviation Brand Coordinator Houston, TX 77079

Dear Ms. Jackson:

I hope that you will enjoy reading this letter as much as I had in pulling these facts together. I am writing ConocoPhillips on behalf of my friend, pilot Arnold Zimmerman of Downers Grove, IL—a longtime Phillips 66 Aviation products advocate and customer. He has had a sponsorship from Phillips 66 in the past, and the company has used him to promote its products and highlight its participation in aviation events. Arnie is a well-known flyer, and that is simply because he has nurtured and grown a great dedication to general aviation that has endured for over five decades. In May 2010, he was inducted into the Illinois Aviation Hall of Fame in honor of his 55 years of humanitarian efforts in aviation.

The best way to introduce you to Arnie is by way of this letter and the attached photos, published articles and information that shows him doing what he loves most—giving free airplane rides to everyone who asks him for one.

His readiness to share the gift of flight with others "infects" his passengers with the excitement, romance and allure of flying for the pure pleasure of it. Nowhere is this more apparent than during EAA's annual AirVenture Oshkosh—that exciting, week-long aviation event held in late-July. During that time you will find Arnie Zimmerman flying his *Breezy* in the pattern, or taxiing to the flight line to pick up or drop off excited passengers. He flies literally all day, for the entire week of the convention.

Here's the clincher: Arnie has never charged anyone for giving an airplane ride or accepted money from a passenger—and it's been that way for the past 21 years. 2011 marks his 22nd year of offering free airplane rides at Oshkosh. And that's not counting the thousands of youngsters he's flown as Young Eagles at Clow Airport in Bolingbrook, IL, ever since the EAA Young Eagles Program began back in 1992.

With that introduction comes my request: That ConocoPhillips grant a Phillips 66 Aviation Fuel sponsorship to Arnold Zimmerman for the week of EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2011, and succeeding years.

At EAA AirVenture 2000, Arnie Zimmerman, Brig. Gen. Chuck Yeager and Mr. Al Neary received the Phillips 66 Leadership Award. Subsequently, Phillips provided the fuel for Arnie for AirVenture during 2000, 2001 and 2002. Arnie puts approximately 30 to 40 flying hours on his aircraft during Oshkosh week, using approximately 120 to 140 gallons of fuel.

Phillips 66 and Arnie have had numerous, enjoyable associations, and it was a wonderful humanitarian gesture on the part of Phillips to provide his fuel for those three years. Arnie also proudly displays the famous Phillips 66 Aviation logo on both sides of his Breezy, as shown in the attached.

Subsequently, Phillips Petroleum became ConocoPhillips and for the past eight years, Arnie has been assuming all costs associated with fuel and oil for every hour that his Breezy flies—a fairly substantial financial undertaking for a one-person, grassroots effort.

Please browse through the enclosed photos, stories, ads and articles. Arnie is featured front and center on a 2-page magazine spread in the Official Program for EAA AirVenture 2010, taxiing a passenger in his Breezy. The photo of him alongside Brig. Gen. Chuck Yeager was taken at the Phillips 66 Leadership award presentation. Another page, the cover of FAA's magazine, "R&D Review," features Arnie on final approach to Wittman Field's Runway 36 during AirVenture, with an FAA photographer as his passenger. You'll also read newsletter and magazine articles about his Illinois Aviation Hall of Fame induction last year, and even find him featured in a Dutch air show publication.

Arnie has flown people of all walks and ages in his Breezy at Oshkosh. One passenger was a Russian cosmonaut, who had a turn at the controls of the aircraft in the pattern at AirVenture! And speaking of honors—one of the greatest ever received by Arnie came by way of a changed life. Years ago, he met a young man, Joe Kenahan, and gave him a Young Eagle flight. That kindled a fire for aviation in Joe and the two began a friendship based on kindred aviation spirits. A few years later, Joe even flew home with Arnie in the Breezy from Oshkosh, a breathtaking adventure in the open-cockpit aircraft—then went on to obtain his private pilot's license. This year, Joe graduates from Stanford University and is vying for a career in aerospace. Here is a young man who has grown in his love for aviation and is now taking it seriously as a life commitment. That wouldn't have happened without Arnie's availability and commitment to people and aviation.

The lives of young people like Joe are proof that what Arnie does at Oshkosh is so essential. Everybody wins in this game... Arnie shares what he loves, boys like Joe Kenahan catch that vision, own it, and take it to the next level—and change the world. Whatever Joe ultimately chooses to do for his career will have had an original spark from Arnie Zimmerman, who was willing to give a boy a free ride in his airplane. And that's the best kind of role model.

It is my sincere hope that Arnie will be given an assist from ConocoPhillips in order to continue unabated in his humanitarian effort. If one young person is moved to pursue a

lifetime commitment to aviation, is that not a positive force for good in the world? People with passion can do extraordinary things, and unfettered vision gives them the energy to make incredible contributions to industry and the world community. And in his corner of the world, Arnie plays a strategic role, nurturing that vision through the simple, generous gesture of a free airplane ride.

ConocoPhillips has a unique opportunity to partner with Arnie Zimmerman in changing lives. Granted his activities don't center upon mass transportation, performing cuttingedge research into new energy technologies, or providing the military with needed resources to carry on strategic, tactical operations in far-off fields of conflict. Arnie's strategic operation is simply to fly, and share that passion. His mission is to introduce people to an exciting world filled with possibilities—and that changes lives one passenger at a time. It's also a lot of fun and quite exciting for the passengers.

I believe that Arnie's value within the aviation community was most aptly summed up in 2010 by an inscription made in granite, and paved into a commemorative walkway under the Brown Arch at EAA's convention grounds in Oshkosh. It reads,

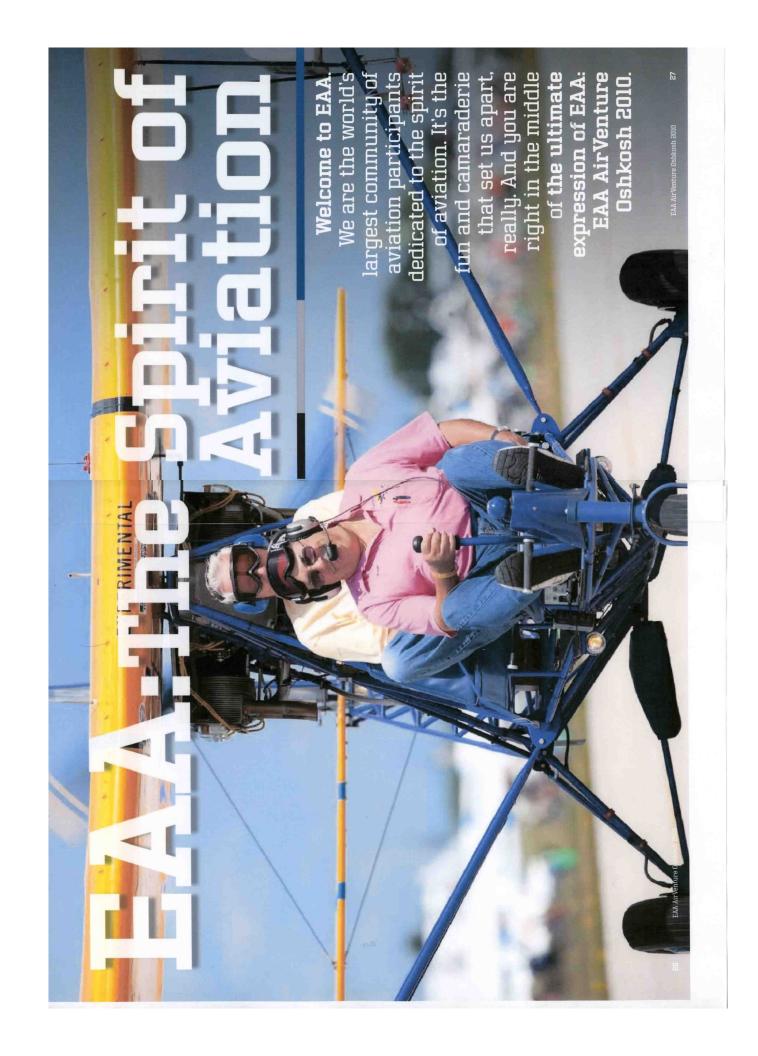
#### "Arnie Zimmerman... You have touched the lives of thousands, young and old, by giving them the simple but precious gift of an airplane ride. Thank you for sharing the magic of flight here at Oshkosh in your homebuilt 'Breezy.'"

Will you join Arnie in his continuing effort to carry on the legacy he so willingly and energetically supports... the gift of flight? The integrity of the Phillips 66 Aviation brand is already a significant part of that legacy. Please consider this request to sponsor Arnie during each week of EAA's AirVenture Oshkosh, beginning this year. I know that Arnie would be gratified to learn of your desire to be there alongside him on the flight line at Oshkosh, with a Phillips 66 Aviation fuel sponsorship.

Thank you for your respectful consideration of this request; I look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,

David E. Kent EAA # 165333 FAA Cert. # 2695995



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## **Illinois Aviation**

# ON HALL OF FAME

### WILLIAM E. SOMERVILLE

Billie Somerville came to the United States from his birth place in Scotland in 1892 and settled in Coal City, Illinois. He



became a successful business man and developed many patents for machinery to manufacture hemp and wire rope at the company he eventually came to own. Billie was elected mayor of Coal City in 1905.

Around 1908, Billie's interests turned to aviation. He flew gliders with Octave Chanute off the sand dunes near Gary,

Indiana. In 1910 he designed and built several airplanes and went on to develop a 160 acre site for an airport and a hangar. Many claim this may well have been the first airport ever built. Billie organized the Illinois Aero Construction Company with some local businessmen to build his airplanes. His designs included a biplane that would carry 7 people and may have been the first tractor type aircraft. His numerous patents and designs included winglets that are found on numerous airplanes flying today.

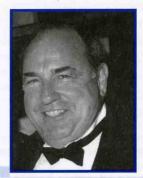
In 1911, Somerville inaugurated the first city to city airmail service in the United States. George Mestach, a Belgian pilot, flew the mail between New Orleans and Baton Rouge Louisiana. In the summer of 1913 Illinois Aero Construction Company signed a barnstorming contract with the Western Vaudeville Association for the spring and summer of 1914.

Somerville saw his share of failures and setbacks as did many of the early aviation pioneers. After a mysterious fire destroyed his company buildings and airplanes in December of 1913, Billie had to hire another pilot and aircraft to fulfill his contract obligations. Billie, like many others pioneers of the time, was sued for patent infringement by the Wrights and Curtiss.

In 1914, discouraged by the aviation business down turn, Billie Somerville went back to work full time in the wire rope business. He passed away in 1950 at the age of 81.

#### ARNOLD ZIMMERMAN

Arnold Zimmerman estimates he has given over 12,000 rides in his Breezy in the last



33 years, including many free rides in Oshkosh over the last 20 years. Among those who benefitted from Arnold's generosity was the DuPage Children's Museum. His Breezy ride donations aided in record breaking

contributions to make the museum a reality. Arnold has also flown over 1,000 Young Eagle missions introducing countless young people to aviation.

Arnold received the Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award for flying over 50 years without an accident. He currently owns a 1946 Aeronca Champ, a Piper Aztec and the Breezy which he built. Arnold was also the recipient of the Phillips 66 Humanitarian Award with Chuck Yeager.

Along with his many other aviation endeavors, Arnold Zimmerman is deeply involved with the development of the Illinois Aviation Museum at Bolingbrook Airport. The museum focuses on educating young people on all aspects of aviation including maintenance, engineering and flying.



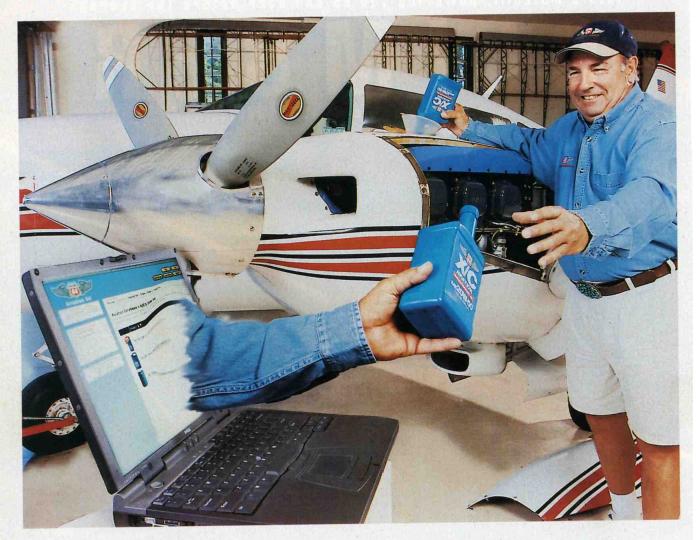
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#### **Phillips E-Store**

The Phillips 66 Company has announced the existence of its new aviation oil e-store. Pilots and mechanics can now • order aviation oil for piston-engine aircraft through the company's new Web site (www.phillips66aviationoil.com). Customers can also access the site through the company's main Web site (www.phillips66.com).

After purchasing the aviation oil off the Web site, the shipment will be delivered directly to your home or hangar for a minimal surcharge. For example, the base cost for purchasing a 12-quart case of X/C oil at the e-store will be \$23.50. There will be an additional cost for the shipping and handling.

Mark Wagner, Phillips 66 Aviation and Lubricants manager, said, "We are always looking for ways to provide added service to our customers and enhance the brand value of our products. The new e-store broadens the distribution base for our aviation oil and allows us to meet most customer's aviation oil needs in about 3 to 5 working days."

If customers would prefer to locate a Phillips 66 oil distributor nearby, a map search covering all 50 states and Canadian Provinces can be conducted. Once a customer pinpoints the desired location, the local distributor's name and location is displayed. The customer can then contact the distributor to purchase the Phillips 66 aviation oil product.

Wagner said, "Our e-store offers additional services as well. Pilots and mechanics have the opportunity to send their e-mail questions or comments to our technical staff. Whether it's an application or formulation question, our staff of highly trained lubricants experts will e-mail back suggestions and answers expeditiously. The customer simply clicks on 'contact us' and sends us questions or comments."

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# Phillips 66 Leadership Awards Announced

## **General "Chuck" Yeager Among Recipients**

hillips 66 Aviation has named Arnold Zimmerman, Al Neary and Brigadier General Chuck Yeager, USAF, Ret., recipients of its 2000 Aviation Leadership Awards.

Zimmerman of Downers Grove, Ill., Neary of Nipomo, Calif. and Yeager of Cedar Ridge, Calif., received their awards from Mark Wagner, Phillips 66 Aviation manager and Tom Poberezny, EAA President at AirVenture 2000 in Oshkosh, WI.

The award recipients were honored for their dedicated volunteer work with the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) Aviation Foundation's Young Eagles program which aims to introduce one million young people to flying by the year 2003, the 100th anniversary of powered flight.

The Phillips 66 Aviation Leadership Awards recognize individuals or groups that make outstanding contributions in building awareness and encouraging a wider appreciation of general aviation. Particular attention is given to volunteer work with young people.

"Each year it gives us great pleasure to hand out these awards," said Mark Wagner of Phillips 66. "These outstanding volunteers are helping ensure the future of general aviation and it is important to recognize them for their work."

Arnold Zimmerman has flown more than 500 Young Eagles since 1993, but estimates he has flown more than 5,000 people of all ages since he began flying 45 years ago. He said the appreciation shown by the young people he flies is all the thanks he needs.



General Charles (Chuck) Yeager receives the Aviation Leadership Award from Mark Wagner, Phillips 66 Aviation manager, at AirVenture 2000 in Oshkosh, WI.

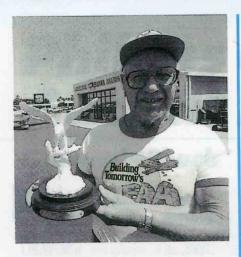
General Charles (Chuck) Yeager is best known as the world-famous aviator who first flew faster than the speed of sound in 1947, but he is also the honorary chairman and a dedicated volunteer of the Young Eagles program. He attends aviation events throughout the year to promote the program and has flown more than 150 Young Eagles to date, including Make-A-Wish and special needs Young Eagles.

Al Neary has been a pilot for 53 of his 83 years and is going strong as a volunteer for the Young Eagles program. He has officially flown more than 150 youngsters although he has been offering rides to young people 'unofficially' since the early 1980s. He is dedicated to the program simply for the enjoyment he receives watching a child's eyes light up on a first flight.

Phillips 66 Aviation has been a Young Eagles program sponsor since 1994 through its year-round aviation gasoline rebate program. Eligible pilots can apply to receive a \$1 rebate on each gallon of avgas used for Young Eagles flights. To qualify, pilots must purchase avgas at a Phillips 66 FBO with a Phillips 66 credit card.



## **Phillips 66 Leadership Award Recipients**



"I live to fly young people. I get overwhelming enjoyment watching their eyes light up after they've taken a flight," Neary said.

Neary has been very appreciative of the EAA program and Phillips 66 Aviation's involvement in it. Phillips 66 gives a lot to aviation. I think EAA really got the chance to reach its goal of flying one million Young Eagles when Phillips began donating the fuel through its rebate program. On my fixed income, I couldn't fly all these young people without Phillips 66," Neary said.

Neary says the excitement he sees in the faces of the Young Eagles he flies is all the appreciation he needs.

"The thank you cards I often receive say it all," said Neary. "Like the one I got from young Chris Theriot who wrote to me this year after his Young Eagles flight. It said, among other things, 'Thank you for letting me have an experience I will never forget.' That's what it's all about."

# Arnold EAA Chapter #461 Zimmerman

Arnie Zimmerman has one aviation goal to achieve by the year 2003. That is to fly 1,000 Young Eagles in the EAA Aviation Foundation program. To date, the Downers Grove, Ill., resident is more than half way toward reaching that goal, having flown over 500 Young Eagles in his Piper Aztec or his open-air Breezy. Since Zimmerman began flying 45 years ago, he estimates he has given 5,500 rides to all ages.

His enthusiasm for the Young Eagles program culminates each year at EAA's AirVenture in Oshkosh.

At Kitty Hawk this year, Zimmerman celebrated his 45th anniversary as a pilot.

"I stood on Kill Devil Hill and really felt a part of the Wright Brothers' first flight," he said. "Since retiring last year, I make it a point to fly to places I've always wanted to see. Also, I've increased my activities with the Young Eagles through my local EAA Chapter at Clow Airport in Plainfield, Illinois.

Zimmerman attended the University of Illinois and then went into the family's retail liquor business.

He bought his first airplane, a 1946 Cessna 140, in 1961. He has his commercial, multi-engine and seaplane licenses and is also a certified glider pilot.

"I have the best of all worlds for a pilot," Zimmerman said. "My house is adjacent to a taxi-way leading to an active runway shared by other local pilots. Instead of a garage, I have a hangar."

Zimmerman has had many memorable flying experiences. In 1992, he gave



Russian Cosmonaut, Commander Anatole Artsebarsky a ride at Oshkosh. He has also flown Astronaut Lt. Col. Tom Akers in his Piper Aztec.

Zimmerman shares his love of flying with children throughout the year and not only for Young Eagles events. Each year, he also gives rides to fourth graders at the Custer School in Berwyn, Ill., many of whom have never had the opportunity to fly before.

Zimmerman recalls in 1994 that he received a thank you note and \$10.00 check from a 12-year-old boy. "He was so impressed with his airplane ride in the Breezy at Oshkosh that he wanted me to use the money for gas to give rides to other youngsters so they could enjoy the experience. I had that letter framed and it is proudly displayed," he said.

Asked his greatest satisfaction as a volunteer pilot, Zimmerman said it was when "a youngster came to me at AirVenture last year and said 'Hi, Mr. Zimmerman, remember me? You gave me a ride in Breezy at Oshkosh in 1997 and today I am going for my private pilot's check ride." Het grootste nederlandstalige luchtvaartmagazine www.pilootenvlier

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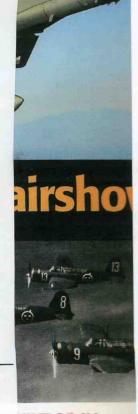
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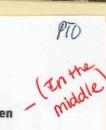


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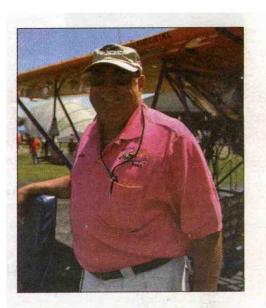


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### Downers Grove pilot elected to Hall of Fame

Arnold Zimmerman jokes that he doesn't like heights. That he really doesn't mean a word of it is evident when it is considered that the Downers Grove pilot has spent thousands of hours at the controls, aloft in any one of the many airplanes he's owned over the past 50-plus years. And he's had some awe-inspiring adventures high above the clouds.

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The two space travelers are among more than an estimated 12,000 passengers who have soared through the skies with Zimmerman, who was inducted, along with three other Illinois pilots, into the Illinois Aviation Hall of Fame. Arnie proudly displays Phillips 66 Aviation Fuel decals on his Breezy, N3AZ, as shown in this photograph...



#### Breezy Pilot Arnie Zimmerman to Join Illinois Aviation HOF



Arnie Zimmerman introduces two more people to flight in his Breezy at AirVenture.

**May13, 2010** — Congratulations to Arnold "Arnie" Zimmerman, of Downers Grove, Illinois, who next Wednesday, May 19, will be inducted into the Illinois Aviation Hall of Fame. Arnie, EAA 205374, is perhaps best known to EAAers as a pilot who has provided more than 12,000 rides in his homebuilt Breezy - many of them at AirVenture Oshkosh over the past 20 years. Among his passengers were Space Shuttle Endeavor Captain Ron Grave and Russian Cosmonaut Anatole Artesesky. Arnie also owns a 1946 Aeronca Champ and a Piper Aztec.

He received the Phillips 66 Humanitarian award in 2000 and in 2005 was presented with the Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award for being accident-free throughout his 50 years of flying.

Arnie founded a flight school at Chicago's Midway Airport and helped to found Brookeridge Aero Estates in Downers Grove. He is also a board member of the Illinois Aviation Museum at Bolingbrook's Clow Airport (1C5).

# NEWS

## Soaring on love of flight: Area man inducted into state Aviation Hall of Fame

By Ann Piccininni Staff reporter

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That day, he said, he was flying his Breezy, an aircraft he built himself. The tiny craft, which has no cabin — riders sit in an open cockpit — can carry a pilot and a passenger. Zimmerman said he usually takes it to an altitude of about 1,000 feet. It cruises at about 75 mph, he said, and with a fuel tank that can carry 21 gallons, has a flying range of about three hours.

"I still fly the Breezy. I've had the Breezy for 34 years," he said. Zimmerman was named to the Illinois Aviation Hall of Fame for his excellence as a pilot and his volunteer efforts and community involvement.

"We look at volunteer efforts," said Walter Kessler, president of the IAHA. "We have a lot of people that give their time and efforts to young people."

Kessler said Zimmerman and his three fellow 2010 honorees were chosen from a field of about 2,500 candidates and about 20 nominees.

"It's the highest honor you can bestow on anyone in aviation in the State of Illinois," Kessler said. "(Arnie's) been flying a little more than 50 years now. He's received quite a few awards."

Kessler added that one of Zimmerman's most recent efforts to reach out to youth interested in flying is his involvement with establishing an aviation museum at Clow International Airport in Bolingbrook.

Zimmerman said he began his love affair with aviation in 1955 as a college student at the University of Illinois in Champaign, when he got his private pilot rating after attending the Institute of Aviation in Savoy.

He bought his first airplane in 1961.

"In the late '60s, early '70s, I had a flight school at Midway Airport," he said.

In 1967, he was part of a group of more than 20 pilots who founded the Brookeridge airport and subdivision in Downers Grove.

Today, Zimmerman and his family live in the Brookeridge Aero Estates, where his house is adjoined by a hangar, where he keeps two of his three planes. A third plane, he said, is housed in a neighbor's hangar.

Zimmerman holds commercial, instrument, glider and seaplane ratings. He's been giving free rides at the annual Oshkosh show, held the last week of July, for the past 20 years.

"I go up there every year,"

said the 73-year-old. "There are people from all over the world."

Retired from a family business, he attends air shows whenever he can and continues to receive recognition for his efforts to educate young, aspiring pilots and share his passion for flying.

By his count, he's registered more than 1,160 young aviation enthusiasts in the Experimental Aircraft Association's Young Eagles Program, which was started in 1992.

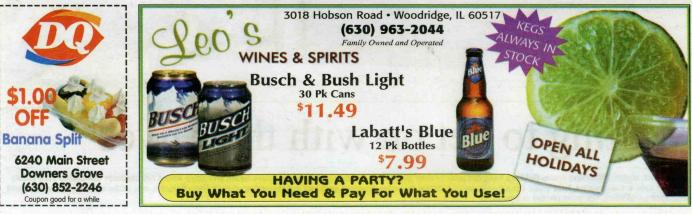
One notable alumni of that program, he said, went on to graduate from the U.S. Air Force Academy and fly F-16s.

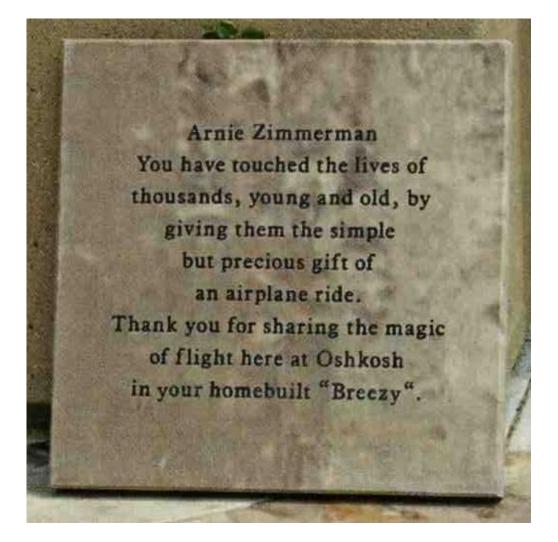
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"That's the object of flying. We try to stay safe," said Zimmerman. "There is nothing magical about making an airplane fly."

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During AirVenture Oshkosh 2010, the EAA permanently displayed this plaque underneath its Brown Arch among the greats of aviation who are commemorated there.

These plaques are there to honor men and women who love aviation and who have contributed to the legacy of flying, knowing that they have a duty to see that the public benefits by it, and continues to be thrilled by its contributors. Besides his long-standing contribution as a flight instructor, Arnie has also made himself available at Oshkosh every single year, giving free rides to people young and old, from flying enthusiasts to astronauts and fighter pilots.

Because Arnie has become a permanent institution at the annual convention, EAA honored him with this stone plaque.

It is our hope that ConocoPhillips, that great aviation stalwart, will honor Arnie's commitment to aviation (and theirs!) with a fuel honorarium.