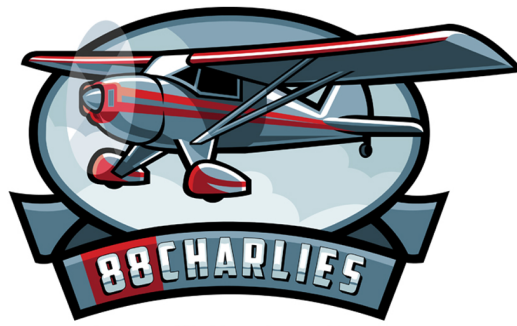




Aircraft Restoration
Cultivating the Next Generation of Aviation

Fact Sheet

- 88CHARLIES Inc. was launched in August of 2008 in Palmyra, WI to educate young people through aviation.
- Local pilots Alan Borré, Dave McCoy, Bill Rosman, Mike Rosman, and Steve Sorge originally created the 501C3 non-profit organization.
- The mission of 88CHARLIES is to use the empowering experience of restoring and flying old airplanes to teach young people responsibility, leadership, planning, and teamwork.
- 88CHARLIES currently has a volunteer staff of 12, with 19 students enrolled in the program and participating in aircraft restoration.
- The allotted enrollment numbers at any given time are limited to 20 students to ensure an adequate one-on-one, hands-on learning environment.
- Corporate and private donors provide funding for 88CHARLIES.
- There is no cost to students or parents participating in this program.
- Classroom hours are exchanged for student flight lessons.
- Goals for the next 5 years include:
 - To continue youth outreach
 - Expand the learning environment
 - Construct permanent headquarters
- Aircraft restoration projects motivate students to expand their knowledge of aviation, science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and history.
- Interpersonal skills are also built through the promotion of leadership, responsibility, planning, and teamwork.



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- The majority of the aircraft restored by 88CHARLIES are vintage 1930 – 1960 aircraft in the economical, low horsepower category.
- 88CHARLIES promotes aviation in a positive, educational manner.
- Since the founding of 88CHARLIES, the volunteers of the organization have mentored 50 individual students accumulating over 15,000 hours of volunteer work with related public charities, local benefits, and corporate sponsored events.
- According to the Federal Aviation Administration, there are 211,619 private pilots in the United States, with the number steadily declining since 1980.
- Two students that participated in 88CHARLIES were encouraged to earn their Airplane and Power Plant Mechanics licenses, and one student achieved a degree in Aviation Engineering. Other students have earned pilots' licenses, both private and commercial.
- Each of these students achieved their goals by the mentoring and developed skills they initially received through participating in 88CHARLIES.