



Aircraft Restoration
Cultivating the Next Generation Through Aviation

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Airplane Restored by Youth Nearly Ready for Flight

Palmyra, Wisconsin (October 15, 2015) – A 1946 Taylorcraft airplane is currently undergoing a restoration that should be completed this month. It has been nearly 21 years since this aircraft has been flown. The restoration has been completed by youth aged 12 – 18 years old, along with the mentors of the 88CHARLIES aircraft restoration program.

Previously rebuilt in Palmyra in the 1980s by a father and son team, the airplane was then moved to Oconomowoc where it sat idle for many years. 88CHARLIES acquired the Taylorcraft in 2012 and brought it back home to Palmyra. More than 20 students have participated in the restoration efforts. The restoration project included rebuilding and repairing multiple aircraft parts, as well as recovering and painting the different components of the airplane.

Upon completion, the aircraft will go through a thorough inspection to ensure that it is airworthy, and then will be used for student flight lessons. "Aircraft of this era are worthy of preservation. They are a tangible bit of history that can be used to develop skills and talents in today's youth" said Alan Borré, 88CHARLIES board member. "88CHARLIES is unique in that it merges yesterday's technology with today's dreams."

The inaugural flight of the restored Taylorcraft is scheduled for early November 2015.

About 88CHARLIES

88CHARLIES is a non-profit 501c3 organization dedicated to promoting aviation. Founded by five local aviation enthusiasts and pilots, 88CHARLIES is named after the Palmyra Municipal Airport, which has the designation of 88C. 88CHARLIES is a grassroots effort that is making a difference in the lives of young people. The goal of the organization is to motivate students to expand their knowledge of aviation, science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and history through aircraft restoration with weekly workshops. For more information on 88CHARLIES, please visit 88charlies.com.

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