



September 20, 2017 19th Annual Alaska Airmen Raffle Plane Alaska Airmen Association corey.hester@alaskaairmen.org FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

ANNOUNCING THE 19TH ANNUAL ALASKA AIRMEN RAFFLE PLANE

Above Alaska Aviation, LLC won the 19th Annual Bid for the Alaska Airmen's Raffle Plane

2018 Raffle Plane

ANCHORAGE – The 2018 Alaska Airmen Association's Annual Raffle Plane Bid was awarded to Above Alaska Aviation, LLC in Talkeetna, Alaska.

The culmination of every <u>Great Alaska Aviation Gathering</u> is the Association's giveaway of a raffle plane. Each year the Association sends bids to aircraft builders to build a new refurbished plane. Above Alaska Aviation was selected to build the 2018 raffle plane. This is the 19th year that the Alaska Airmen Association has raffled off an airplane, making it the largest raffle prize you can win in Alaska. It also marks the 3rd consecutive year that Above Alaska Aviation will build the refurbished PA 18-150 Super Cub.

The 2018 Raffle aircraft will be a completely refurbished FAA certified and registered Piper PA-18-150 Super Cub. Marketing research has shown a steady, growing trend in general aviation nationwide, for short field performing aircraft. Social media groups are spurring the trend along and several fly-ins are adopting competitions with this type of aircraft in mind.

Above Alaska Aviation will restore a Piper PA-18-150 to replicate original production line standard with "hidden" Alaska modifications. It will include an original factory paint scheme, gross weight increase, vortex generators, two sets of landing gear, floats and extended baggage among other modifications. Keep checking back for an updated equipment list, the 2018 Raffle plane sponsors, and comprehensive coverage of the build.

Tickets for the 2018 Alaska Airmen Raffle plane will soon be available for purchase. If you would like to purchase tickets over the phone, call the Alaska Airmen Association at 907-245-1251 or 1-800-464-7030. Tickets are \$60 each or 5 for \$275. There are only 8750 tickets being offered for sale, so get your tickets today! The Super Cub will be raffled off at the Great Alaska Aviation Gathering on May 6, 2018. No need to be present to win. You do not have to be a US Citizen to purchase tickets.

Tickets can be purchased in person at the following locations: Above Alaska Aviation, The Alaska Airmen office, Glacier Air, Northern Lights Avionics, Reeve Air Motive, Delcourt Aviation, and Stoddards among others.

The Association has a gaming permit through the State of Alaska and proceeds from the raffle help fund the Association's annual budget and mission.

The Alaska Airmen Association is a 501c3 non-profit membership organization whose mission is: "Protecting, Preserving, & Promoting General Aviation in the Last Frontier since 1951." The Airmen have one of the largest general aviation memberships in the country.

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For more information about the 2018 raffle plane you can visit www.AlaskaAirmen.org or www.AboveAlaska.com Questions can be directed to Corey Hester, Executive Director, Alaska Airmen Association at corey.hester@alaskaairmen.org or Drew Haag, Owner, Above Alaska Aviation at drew@abovealaska.com