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More than \$135,000 in Scholarships Awarded Through AEA Educational Foundation

Scholarship Recipients Announced During Official Convention Opening

WASHINGTON, D.C., April 24, 2008 — During the official opening of the 51st annual AEA International Convention & Trade Show today in Washington, D.C., the Aircraft Electronics Association announced the names of 35 individuals who were awarded more than \$135,000 in scholarships for the 2008/2009 academic year through the AEA Educational Foundation.

Last year, the AEA Educational Foundation announced three new sponsor companies: Rockwell Collins, Southeast Aerospace and Duncan Aviation. This year, the foundation announced three additional sponsors, including four \$5,000 sponsorships, totaling \$20,000, from The Sporty's Foundation for recreational pilot certificates for AEA member technicians; two \$1,000 scholarships from Texas State Technical College; and a \$2,500 award from the Don C. Hawkins Memorial Fund for an additional AEA member private pilot's license.

"AEA continues its leadership in supporting aircraft technician training and education, and is proud to add the support of these companies to the largest aircraft technician scholarship program in the world," said Mike Adamson, vice president of member programs and education for AEA.

Individuals who were awarded scholarships today through the AEA Educational Foundation for the 2008/2009 academic year are:

- Leon Harris/Les Nichols Memorial Scholarship to Spartan College of Aeronautics & Technology: Andrew Stamps, Chicago, Ill.
- Tom Taylor Memorial Scholarship to Spartan College of Aeronautics & Technology: Michael Schultz, Conroe, Texas
- Thomas J. Slocum Memorial Scholarship to Redstone College (three awards): Marcus Dejesus Martinez, Fresno, Calif.; Jeremy Wilcox, South Jordan, Utah; Keith Charles, Denver, Colo.
- Texas State Technical College (two awards): Kelly Maples, Waco, Texas; Cory Davis, Harper, Texas
- L-3 Communications Avionics Systems Scholarship: Seth Richards, Grayson, Ga.
- Lee Tarbox Memorial Scholarship: Justin Rue, Beaverton, Ore.
- Garmin Scholarship: Mark Hestand, Miami, Okla.
- AOPA Scholarship: Mark Merrell, Fort Worth, Texas
- Plane & Pilot/Garmin Scholarship: Benjamin W. Thompson, Conestoga, Pa.
- Sporty's/Cincinnati Avionics Scholarship: Raymond White, Indianapolis, Ind.
- Honeywell Scholarship: Eric Bader, Campbell, Mo.
- Field Aviation Scholarship: Bahman Farsi Dooraki, Bedford, Nova Scotia, Canada
- Duncan Aviation Scholarship: Nathan Schuler, Ellis, Kan.
- Mid-Continent Instruments Scholarship: Ripley Atkinson, Pinellas Park, Fla.
- Rockwell Collins Scholarship: Matthew Denault, Kanakee, Ill.
- Southeast Aerospace Scholarship: Trevor Thorne, Tacoma, Wash.

- Sporty's Foundation Recreational Pilot Certificate (four awards):
Derrick Sweitzer, Baltimore, Md.; David Sinclair, Konnawarra, Australia;
Dirk White, Saint Libory, Neb.; Daniel Prash, Fulton, Mo.
- Kei Takemoto Memorial: John Koppel, Fort Gratiot, Mich.
- Bud Glover Memorial Scholarship: Kevin Ketter, Minneapolis, Minn.
- David Arver Memorial Scholarship: Chris Vogt, Wauwatosa, Wis.
- Dutch & Ginger Arver Memorial Scholarship: Lauren Brauer, Gurley, Neb.
- Johnny Davis Memorial Scholarship: Corey Norris, Opp, Ala.
- Lowell Gaylor Memorial Scholarship: Andrey Trabskiy, Kalamazoo, Mich.
- Gene Baker Memorial Scholarship: Kate Juber, Dayville, Conn.
- Chuck Peacock Memorial Scholarship: Williams J. Rojas, Killeen, Texas
- Jim Cook Honorary Scholarship: Micaiah Shahan, Lone Jack, Mo.
- Don C. Hawkins Memorial Scholarship for AEA Regular Member Private Pilot's License:
Justin Hahn of Spirit Avionics, Columbus, Ohio
- *Flying Magazine's* Private Pilot's License (two awards): Aaron Redlaczky of Ford Air Transportation,
Detroit, Mich.; Leo Keelan of Columbia Helicopters, Aurora, Ore.

The AEA Educational Foundation awards scholarships to students pursuing a career in the general aviation maintenance and aircraft electronics industry. The intent of these scholarships is to identify and reward those individuals who best exemplify the qualities that lead to success in the aviation industry.

The Foundation was started in 1990 to enhance, promote and secure the future of aviation and the AEA by furthering the education of students, technicians, members of the AEA and others as determined by aviation industry needs.

Since its inception, the AEA scholarship program has awarded more than \$1 million in scholarships. Numerous awards are available, ranging from \$1,000 to more than \$35,000 each.

Requests for complete scholarship packages for the 2009/2010 academic year can be made after Sept. 1, 2008, online at www.aea.net/Scholarship. The deadline for returning applications is Feb. 15, 2009.

Descriptions of each scholarship and applications are available online. These scholarships will be awarded during opening of the 52nd annual AEA International Convention & Trade Show, which will take place from April 1-4, 2009, in Dallas, Texas.

For more information about the AEA Educational Foundation, contact Mike Adamson at 816-373-6565 or send e-mails to mikea@aea.net.

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The Aircraft Electronics Association represents more than 1,300 companies from throughout the world specializing in maintenance, repair and installation of avionics and electronic systems in general aviation aircraft. AEA membership also includes manufacturers of avionics equipment, instrument repair facilities, instrument manufacturers, airframe manufacturers, test equipment manufacturers, major distributors, engineers and educational institutions.

