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Build A Plane Donates Avemco Insurance Salvage Plane to Vero Beach School

Lakeland, FL April 23, 2009—Build A Plane announced today that it has facilitated the donation of a salvaged Piper Saratoga to Vero Beach High School in Vero Beach, Florida. The aircraft was a donation to Build A Plane by Avemco Insurance Company.

The Piper PA-32 was salvaged from a 2007 insurance claim filed with Avemco. After determining that the aircraft could not be repaired due to extreme water damage, Avemco offered the aircraft to Build A Plane as a hands-on educational tool for one of the program schools. Vero Beach High School is one of 250 schools on the Build A Plane roster registered to receive donations.

“We are so excited about the possibilities that this donation means for our students, they’ll be able to actually work on a real airplane to further their understanding of the principles of aerodynamics that we’ve been teaching in the classroom” said Susan Deblois, Instructor at Vero Beach High, a school within the Indian Rivers School System.

The donation was coordinated by Avemco’s claims administrator , GAB Robins Aviation, in Frederick, Maryland. A further donation for moving the aircraft to the school was made by Air and Sea Storage, Inc. of Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

“Since 2001, we’ve been proud to be able to support the good work that Build A Plane does in aviation education for schools and youth organizations,” said Jim Lauerman, President of Avemco. “Although these salvage aircraft will never fly again, we are thrilled that they make such excellent teaching tools for teachers and students.”

Build A Plane and Avemco have been working together for several years on the donation of salvaged aircraft to schools with aviation programs. After Hurricanes Katrina and Wilma that hit the gulf coast in 2006, Avemco donated 17 salvaged aircraft to Build A Plane who then worked with its list of schools to find homes for the educational projects.

“Science, math, engineering and technology education all come together in aviation and that’s why Build A Plane facilitates the donation of aircraft projects to schools around the world. Avemco has been our largest project donor and we’re honored to have them as one of our biggest supporters,” noted Lyn Freeman, Founder of Build A Plane.

Build A Plane, working in formal partnership with the Federal Aviation Administration, promotes aviation by donating aircraft projects to schools at no charge. Currently there

are more than 100 aircraft projects in schools where kids are constructing or restoring real airplanes. For more information, visit BuildAPlane.org or call 804/843-3321.