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The ground below me dropped away as I climbed higher and higher. I sailed in a clear blue sky on a cloudless summer day.

Gliding through the air behind the controls of my own plane.

I was free and having the time of my life...

Too good to be true for YOU? It's not! Let me explain...

Dear Member-Elect,

I admit it.

I'm wild about planes. And anything about flying. And the people who build or restore aircraft.

Every time I hear the hum of a plane overhead, my heart beats faster and a big, ear-to-ear grin spreads across my face. You'd think I'd found paradise—and you'd be right!

Crazy? To some people, maybe. But not to you and me.

Call us aviation nerds or geeks or dreamers—it doesn't matter. We feel alive when we're around planes. When we're around folks just like us who share the special dream. You know what I mean:

Once you've seen the world from the cockpit of a plane (especially if you built it yourself), things will never look the same.

But whether you are already a pilot or aspire to become one...own a plane now or dream of it...have a factory-built aircraft or built one yourself in your garage...or are just interested in having a good time and being around cool machines...it comes down to one thing:

YEAH! >

You're in it for the sheer love of all things aviation!

And because you and I share this zeal, I'm writing you about the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA).

Helps you live your dreams of flying

EAA is your ticket to the dedicated community of aircraft builders, pilots, pilot hopefuls,

history buffs, tinkerers and general aviation enthusiasts.

Rave comments
from members!

As one EAA member put it: "EAA makes flying even more interesting than it already is!"

Another member said: "Thank God for committed organizations like EAA to keep us flying!"

Take *Sport Aviation*, for instance—the amazing, award-winning magazine for EAA members. Every month, you'll meet the fascinating people who are building, restoring and flying their own planes...and get up-close to the planes themselves. Flip open any issue and you can read engaging articles, like:

- Cessna 195s and the people who love them
- A new spin on flying a Pitts biplane
- A family of paramotor pilots and their flight school
- A flyer who achieved his childhood dream and built his own Sonex aircraft
- How to write your own manual while you build your airplane

PLUS: you'll get jaw-dropping, full-color photo spreads that capture the magic...the essence...the unadulterated joy of aviation and the people behind it!

A strong advocate of your rights

Your voice and concerns will be heard by our government leaders, courtesy of EAA. We work collaboratively with the FAA to ensure that your rights are protected. That Light Sport designation? Thank EAA. Third Class medical? EAA again. Now we're tackling reasonable timelines and specifications for safety upgrades and other issues affecting your access to the sky.

Get to know people who speak your language

Want to hang out with other plane-crazy people in your area? There's likely an EAA chapter near you. Get as much or as little involved as you want—up to you. Attend an event, fly to a nearby town with another member for a "\$100 hamburger" lunch, roll up your sleeves on a fun project. Or just call on other members when and if you want to.

Professional-grade advice and access

You'll get rare "insider" access to experts and pros across the aviation industry who are there to help YOU with almost any issue you face or question that arises, like: flight advisors to help you plan your test flight or determine what you need from a training perspective for transition training...skilled mechanics to guide your repairs...medical practitioners to address regulatory concerns...or project guidance for your latest do-it-yourselfer.

PLUS: A slew of problem-solving tools and resources, such as hands-on workshops, videos, tutorials, and seven different e-newsletters tailored to your interests!