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Bo Ellis Reno, NV



N314BE • "Echo" The Bodad Miniwagaon Legend Cub w/Skywagon Tail

JULY 20 - 26, 2026 ★ ★ ★ ★ OshKosh, WI (OSH)

Bo Ellis began his aviation career as an aircraft mechanic, working his way through every pilot rating while turning wrenches for a skydiving operation in Colorado. Determined to stay close to airplanes, he flew anything that would keep him in the air—jump operations, freight runs, canyon tours, and countless other flying jobs that helped build his experience and reputation.

Bo spent more than a decade flying in the rugged bush country of Northwest Alaska, honing the skills that would become the foundation of his flying career. Today, he flies for a corporate aviation operation, funding what remains his true passion: low-and-slow backcountry flying.

When he's not working, you'll likely find him at his private grass strip near Reno, Nevada, nestled in the Sierra Nevada mountains. There, Bo spends his time building and refining aircraft, always preparing for the next adventure—or the next STOL Drag competition.

A lifelong aviator and builder, Bo embodies the hands-on spirit, determination, and passion that define the backcountry and STOL communities.

Engine: Titan O-370 190HP

Gross Weight: 1550lbs **Empty Weight** 1165lbs **Tires:** 26" Bushwheels

Performance Mods: TK Gear, Squared Wings, VG's, Aux Fuel, Slats, Wing mounts



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D. Kerley Bee Cave, Tx



N11HL • "Grasshopper" Just Aircraft Highlander

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Dave Kerley came to aviation later in life, but quickly developed a passion for bush flying and the freedom it provides. He enjoys exploring remote, uncrowded places and appreciates the unique access that STOL aircraft offer to destinations beyond traditional airports.

An active competitor in both STOL Drag racing and traditional STOL competitions, Dave is a regular participant in aviation events across the country, including the prestigious SUN 'n FUN STOL Invitational. He values every opportunity to sharpen his skills, learn from fellow pilots, and connect with others who share a passion for backcountry flying.

For Dave, the greatest rewards of aviation are the friendships, experiences, and memories created through the STOL community and the adventures that begin where most roads end.

Engine: Rotax 912 with Edge Performance Fuel Injection & Supercharger
Gross Weight: 1550lbs **Empty Weight** 750lbs **Tires:** 26" Alaskan Bushwheels
Performance Mods: Tundra Tailwheel, Carbon Concepts Fixed Slats

Michael Busuenitz: STOL Creek

Eric Jarema Spicewood, MI



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**N353LW • Backcountry
Super Cub SQ-2**

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Eric Jarema is passionate about backcountry aviation and STOL flying, having competed in five STOL events throughout Michigan, flying both a Super Cub and an SQ-2.

Over the past year, Eric has logged approximately 150 hours of off-airport and STOL flying.

He is a current Certified Flight Instructor, and instructs approximately 150–200 hours annually while professionally flying for a Part 121 carrier.

Eric brings with him a strong foundation of experience and safety and is passionate about promoting responsible STOL operations within the backcountry aviation community.

Engine: Aero Sport IO-375 200HP **Gross Weight:** 2400 **Empty Weight:** 1400 **Tires:** 35" Alaskan Bushwheels **Propeller:** 86" Catto Ground Adjustable **Performance Mods:** Slats, P-STOL Flaps, 6" Extended Gear, TK Shocks, T3 Tailwheel Suspension, VGs C

Eric Massey Anchorage, AK



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N824EM • "Patches"
CubCrafters FX2

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Eric Massey is an Alaska-based pilot with a growing reputation in the STOL community. Flying his CubCrafters FX-3, Patches, Eric has competed in 13 STOL events across Alaska and Canada since 2023, earning a 1st Place finish at the 2024 Skwentna Fly-In.

His best performance to date came at the 2025 Valdez Fly-In, where he achieved a combined score of 186 feet, consisting of a 90-foot takeoff and 96-foot landing.

While relatively new to organized competition, Eric has accumulated an estimated 10 hours of official STOL competition time and hundreds of hours of dedicated practice, steadily refining his skills in some of the most challenging flying environments in North America.

Engine: 186 HP Lycoming IO-360 CubCrafters CC363i Edition **Empty Weight:** 1,202 lbs **Performance Mods:** Stock, no modifications. Aircraft is exactly as delivered from the CubCrafters factory builder assist program.



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Joe Dory Jr. Star, ID



N8YS • "Pacedog" Experimental Pacer

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Joe Dory Jr. has spent more than 30 years flying STOL aircraft and is one of the most experienced pilots in the field. A respected figure within the community, he has been selected as an Oshkosh STOL Demonstration Pilot eight times, showcasing his skills and passion for backcountry and short takeoff and landing flying before thousands of aviation enthusiasts.

Engine: 180 HP conversion **Empty Weight:** 1100lbs **Tires:** **Propeller:** Sensenich STOL Prop
Performance Mods: Vetterman Exhaust, Leading Edge Cuff, Slats, Extended Wings, Big Tail Feathers



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Joel Dopson Oltewah, TN



N5122A • "Moxie" Cessna 172 Taildragger

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Joel Dopson's passion for aviation began as a child growing up beneath the approach path of an airport in Monroe, Louisiana. That passion led to a distinguished 20-year U.S. Air Force career flying the F-16 Fighting Falcon.

A graduate of Louisiana Tech University and Euro-NATO Joint Jet Pilot Training, Joel served as a combat pilot, Joint Terminal Air Controller, F-16 Instructor Pilot, and Aggressor Pilot. His military service included deployments supporting Operations SOUTHERN WATCH and IRAQI FREEDOM, earning him the Air Medal and Bronze Star Medal.

Following his retirement from the Air Force in 2017, Joel joined Delta Air Lines, where he currently flies the Boeing 737. Away from the airlines, he enjoys STOL and backcountry flying, embracing the challenge, adventure, and community that make the sport unique.

Joel and his wife, Christy, have been married for more than two decades and are grateful for their family, faith, and lifelong love of aviation.

Engine: Lycoming O-360 **Gross Weight:** 2200lbs **Empty Weight:** 1500lbs **Tires:** 8.5 x 6 Desser Aero Classic **Propeller:** Hartzell Trailblazer **Performance Mods:** Sportsman Stoll wing cuff, Vortex Generators

Luke Strandlund Mora, MN



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N749DM • ""

Murphy Super Rebel

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Luke Strandlund began flying in 2014 after spending seven years racing dirt-track cars and has been hooked ever since. He has flown a variety of aircraft, including the Seneca II, PA-31P, Murphy Moose, Zlin Savage, and now a Super Rebel, which he began competing with in National STOL in 2023.

A Minnesota-based structural steel and metal fabrication business owner, Luke enjoys the experimental aircraft community for the freedom to modify and improve his airplanes. Last season, he spent nearly 10 months and more than 1,000 hours upgrading his Super Rebel with new gear, shocks, avionics, and engine improvements.

He earned the National STOL Most Consistent Award at Music City STOL, and he was selected to compete in the 2026 SUN 'n FUN STOL Invitational.

Engine: Aircraft Service and Parts Lycoming IO540, liquid cooled twin turbo 600+HP **Gross Weight:** 3000lbs **Empty Weight:** 2000lbs **Tires:** , 37" sandrail tires **Propeller:** MT Propeller Reversible **Performance Mods:** vg's, Carbon Concepts Slats, **Other Mods** Shock Monster gear and shocks, T3 tailwheel shock suspension system, Willwood Brakes



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Matt Dorssom Lancaster, KS



N95RF • "Charlie"
Kitfox 4 • Team Mad Dog

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Matt Dorssom began competing in STOL events in 2023 and quickly established himself as one of the sport's top performers.

Flying his Kitfox 4/1200, "Charlie," Matt has competed across the National STOL circuit, including Arklahoma, Sodbusters, Swamp STOL, Heritage STOL, Pony Express STOL, Appalachian STOL, Music City STOL, Lone Star STOL, and the National Finals. In 2025, he captured the National STOL Sport Class Championship and earned a victory at New Holstein STOL.

Matt practices STOL flying nearly every weekend and estimates 250–300 hours of STOL-specific flying experience over the last five years.

Engine: Yamaha Apex 160HP **Empty Weight:** 800lbs **Tires:** 29" Alaska Bushwheels
Propeller: Performance **Mods:** TK1 gear legs and tailwheel, Beringer brakes, Piggyback STOL kit wings

Michael Buesenitz Whitewater, KS



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N236MB • Zlin Norden

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Michael Buesenitz is a pilot, A&P mechanic, and owner of STOL Creek Aviation in Whitewater, Kansas. His aviation journey began as a teenager when he earned his private pilot certificate while still in high school. Shortly thereafter, he served alongside a missionary pilot in remote Mexico, an experience that sparked a lifelong passion for backcountry aviation and aircraft capable of reaching remote destinations.

In 2017, Michael and his wife, Hannah, built STOL Creek Aviation from the ground up on their own 10-acre property, complete with an 85-by-80-foot hangar home and a 2,200-foot grass runway. Today, STOL Creek Aviation serves customers nationwide as a dealer and service center for EDGE Performance engines, a distributor for Zlin Aircraft, and a Rotax repair center.

With more than 20 years of flying experience, Michael regularly test flies aircraft as part of his work and remains active in the STOL community. He competed in three National STOL competitions in 2025 and has logged approximately 125 hours of STOL flying over the past five years. His passion for aviation is rooted in precision, safety, and the freedom that backcountry flying provides.

Engine: EDGE Performance EP918Ti (185 hp) **Gross Weight:** 1760lbs
Empty Weight: 950lbs **Tires:** 29" Tires **Propeller:** 82" Catto **Performance Mods:** Beringer brakes, TK1 shocks, built-in slats and double slotted flaps.

Nathan Rehak Wasilla, AK



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N2129P • "Angry Bird" Experimental PA-12

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Nathan Rehak is a lifelong Alaska backcountry pilot with 20 years of flying experience and a proven record in Alaska's highly competitive STOL scene. Flying his self-built CAW-12 "Angry Bird," Nathan has competed in every major Alaska STOL event since completing the aircraft in 2022.

His accomplishments include multiple first-place finishes at Valdez Alternative Bush, Yukon STOL, Skwentna Fly-In, Seldovia STOL, and Sourdough Fly-In events.

When he's not competing, Nathan spends much of his time exploring Alaska's remote backcountry, operating from glaciers, river bars, and tidal flats. He flies approximately 200 hours annually, including at least 50 hours dedicated specifically to STOL flying and practice, making him one of Alaska's most active and experienced grassroots STOL competitors.

- **Engine:** Lycoming O-360 (Carbureted) 200HP **Empty Weight:** 1271lbs **Tires:** 35" Alaskan Bushwheels **Propeller:** 86" Catto GA Propeller **Performance Mods:** 6" Extended Gear, P-STOL Flap, Slats, VGs, STOL Cuff, Increased Angle of Incidence, Extended Wings, P-Mags, Extended Rudder, Extended Elevators, Extended Ailerons



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Rick Ness Escanaba, MI



NX717YC • "Yooper Cub"
PA-18 Exp. Super Cub

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Rick Ness is a highly experienced backcountry pilot based in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, where he spends much of his time flying and training in real-world STOL conditions. Since certifying his Super Cub in September 2015, Rick has logged more than 700 hours in the aircraft, operating from remote airports, beaches, river bars, farm fields, and snow-covered terrain throughout the region.

Rick has been actively involved in the STOL competition community since 2017, participating annually in the New Holstein Super Cub Fly-In STOL Demonstration, where he has consistently finished among the top competitors. He has also been a fixture at the EAA STOL Invitational since 2018, initially serving as an alternate field judge before competing in the event beginning in 2019. In 2023, Rick earned an invitation to the SUN 'n FUN STOL Invitational and has been invited back each year since.

A dedicated advocate for general aviation and grassroots flying, Rick is an active member of the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA), the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA), and the Recreational Aviation Foundation (RAF).

Engine: Aerosport Power Lycoming O-320 B2B, Duel P-mags, 180 hp

Gross Weight: 2200lbs **Empty Weight:** 1270lbs **Tires:** 31" Alaskan Bushwheels

Performance Mods: WirlWind Ground Adjustable prop, Mackey Slats, Extended Square wings, VG's, 6" extended gear, TK1 shocks, T3 Tail Suspension

Robbie Staton Lonoke, AR



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N13SC •

Javron PA-18 Replica

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Robbie Staton is a veteran Arkansas pilot with 35 years of flying experience and a strong reputation for safe, disciplined STOL flying. Flying a lightweight Javron PA-18 replica, Robbie has earned multiple second- and third-place finishes in STOL competition, including a third-place finish at the National STOL Championships and a victory at the Backcountry Event at Byrd's Adventure Center.

Known for prioritizing safety over aggressive competition tactics, Robbie focuses on consistent performance and solid flying skills. When he's not competing, he spends countless hours practicing STOL techniques throughout Arkansas, continuing to refine his craft while enjoying the backcountry flying lifestyle.

Engine: Lycoming O-340 **Weight:** 1,090 lbs **Performance Mods:** Leading edge cuff, 6-inch landing gear, Longer flaps, Lightweight build