

TRIPLE TREE AERODROME

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The Triple Tree Aerodrome is proud to support BenFlies.com. This event is the culmination of years of planning and developing our Aviation Centered Education Portfolio or ACE. ACE is a comprehensive group of educational programs designed for current and aspiring aviators of all ages.

One of the program participants, Ben Templeton, has asked to fly the iconic Triple Tree Aerodrome J-3 Piper Cub to all 48 states over the summer of 2021.

The inspiration for this flight came from the founder of the Triple Tree Aerodrome, Pat Hartness. Pat's son Ryan flew across the country and back when he was 18 years of age in the same J-3 Cub. Ben saw firsthand how the journey helped develop Ryan into not only an excellent pilot but a productive citizen. Ryan is now employed with FedEx as a 777 Pilot and Ben shares the same goal of one day becoming a commercial pilot.

Ben will also serve as a youth ambassador for the Triple Tree Aerodrome to fulfill our mission to ignite and expand the passion for aviation. Ben has meticulously planned out his journey to fly to 48 states and will land at over 100 airports. Some of his highlights along the way will be to compete in the International Miniature Aerobatic Club (IMAC) international competition at the Academy of Model Aeronautics Headquarters in Muncie, Indiana, and landing at Amboy Airport on the iconic Route 66 in California.

Ben will graduate in June and after walking across the stage to get his diploma, he will head to the airport to begin his 8300-mile journey. According to Ben's calculations visiting all 48 states will take a little over 2 months. After completing the trip, he will fly to Middle Georgia State University, where he plans to Major in Aviation Science Management.

Ben estimates the cost to be \$15,000, including fuel, lodging, food, and maintenance. He will be actively fundraising to finance this trip.

Please visit the website www.benflies.com to donate to the trip and to follow along with Ben on his journey! For further questions or how you can help support this trip, please email info@tta.aero

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About: Triple Tree Aerodrome is a 501c3 non-profit organization located in Woodruff, South Carolina. The facility is home to many remote-control and general aviation events, including the world-famous Joe Nall and Triple Tree Fly-In, as well as year-round educational opportunities within our Aviation Centered Education (ACE) portfolio.