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HISTORY OF PIPER CUB J3
N88073**

PIPER AIRCRAFT COMPANY MANUFACTURED PIPER CUB J3 N88073 IN 1946. IN 1982, WHEN PAT'S SON SEAN WAS TWELVE YEARS OLD, PAT WANTED TO PURCHASE A PIPER J3 CUB SO THAT HE COULD START TEACHING SEAN HOW TO FLY. IN 1982, WHEN SEAN WAS 12 YEARS OLD, PAT, SEAN, GENE STROZIER, AND RUBIN BURD FLEW TO OSHKOSH TO THE ANNUAL AIR VENTURE IN THE SPARTAN EXECUTIVE. THE MAIN PURPOSE OF THIS FLIGHT WAS TO PURCHASE A PIPER J3 CUB.

AFTER THEIR ARRIVAL AT OSHKOSH, PAT FOUND A BEAUTIFUL, FULLY RESTORED J3 CUB IN THE CENTER OF THE CONVENTION CENTER IN FRONT OF THE EAA ARCH. THE PLANE HAD AN EAA FOR SALE SIGN ON IT. PAT IMMEDIATELY SAW THE QUALITY OF THE RESTORATION OF THE J3 AND WANTED TO PURCHASE IT. HOWEVER, THERE WAS NOT A SALE PRICE ON THE SIGN.

PAT IMMEDIATELY CONTACTED PAUL POBEREZNY, FOUNDER AND PRESIDENT OF EAA. PAT ASK PROBEREZNY THAT IF PAT WOULD GIVE HIM TWO SHEETS OF PAPER, ONE CONTAINING A GOOD PRICE FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE J3 AND THE OTHER WITH AN LIBERAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE EAA FOUNDATION, WOULD THE EAA SELL HIM THE PLANE. PROBERNEZNY ANSWERED YES, BUT HE COULD NOT REMOVE THE PLANE UNTIL THE AIR VENTURE WAS OVER.

AFTER THE END OF THE AIR VENTURE AND PURCHASE OF THE J3, PAT AND SEAN DEPARTED OSHKOSH. THEY FLEW OVER LAKE MICHIGAN AT 50 FEET AND MEIGS FIELD. THEY WERE ABLE TO SEE CHICAGO, AND IT WAS HUGE.

THEY STOPPED IN DOLLYWOOD, SAW THE SIGHTS AND PROGRAMS, AND SPENT THE NIGHT. THE NEXT DAY THEY FLEW TO KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, TO THE WORLDS FAIR. THEY SPENT A NIGHT AND DAY VISITING THE WORLDS FAIR.

THE NEXT DAY THEY FLEW HOME TO HARTNESS FIELD (SC1) IN GREENVILLE, SC. THE PIPER CUB WAS DONATED BY SEAN HARTNESS TO THE TRIPLE TREE AERODROME IN 2019 FOR THE EXPRESS PURPOSE OF IGNITING AND EXPANDING THE PASSION FOR AVIATION.