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TEMPEST® SUPPORTS ABLE FLIGHT FOR MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

GIBSONVILLE, NC - Tempest Plus Marketing Group (TPMG) is pleased to announce its support for Able Flight as a Platinum Level Sponsor in 2015. With Tempest's backing over the next three years, Able Flight plans to train three pilots designated as recipients of the Tempest/Able Flight Scholarship In Memory of Lloyd Smith. "I am extremely pleased that Tempest is in a position to give back to our industry in such an inspirational way," says John Herman, President of Tempest. "We are encouraged by the work of Able Flight in helping to fulfill the dreams of flight for these wonderfully deserving people. Able Flight and all of the candidates and recipients are such an inspiration to all of us at Tempest, to follow our dreams no matter what the challenges that lay ahead. We are delighted we are able to honor the memory of Lloyd Smith by helping others fulfill their dreams."

"We are honored that Tempest has committed to make it possible for three deserving people to become pilots over the next three years," says Charles Stites of Able Flight. "Tempest is known for the quality of its products and for giving back to aviation, and it is especially gratifying that John Herman approached Able Flight with his wish that Tempest partner with us in this unique mission. We look forward to announcing the first recipient of the Tempest/Able Flight Scholarship In Memory of Lloyd Smith."

Lloyd Smith was an avid pilot and aircraft builder. "I'm having the time of my life messing around with these airplanes," he once said, and that sums up very well the positive influence that aviation played in his life. From the time of his first solo flight at age 23, airplanes had him hooked. His family, along with Tempest, would like to share that legacy with deserving men and women who wish to transform their lives with the challenge of flight. For more about Smith, visit his daughter's [blog](#).

Able Flight offers people with disabilities the opportunity to challenge themselves through the freedom of flight. Focused on flight and aviation career training, Able Flight was founded in 2006 by Charles Stites, and it fulfills its mission by helping people gain confidence and learn greater self-reliance. Able Flight pilots have earned more than 40 certificates through the program, which has awarded flight training scholarships to 39 people, and three "Return to Flight" scholarships for those seeking to regain their skills following a disability. In addition, Able Flight has awarded 11 aviation career training scholarships, with up to 10 total scholarships planned for 2015. The nonprofit plans its annual Able Flight Wings Pinning Ceremony on July 21, at EAA's AirVenture in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. Follow Able Flight at www.ableflight.org

Tempest's legacy product line of OEM pneumatic systems has been complemented by the introduction of its line of oil filters in 2004, and in December 2009, the acquisition of the Autolite spark plug line from Unison Industries. Tempest oil filters and spark plugs have design features that make them the products of choice of many aircraft owners, OEMs, maintenance shops, and aerobatic performers worldwide. Among the OEMs that have chosen Tempest as their supplier of choice for spark plugs and oil filters are Continental Motors and Robinson Helicopter. Follow Tempest on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [YouTube](#).

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