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## REDBIRD FOUNDER RECEIVES EAA'S FREEDOM OF FLIGHT AWARD FOR 2021

Oshkosh, WI (July 28, 2021) – The Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) has selected Redbird Flight Simulations (Redbird) Founder and Co-Chairman Jerry Gregoire as the recipient of the Freedom of Flight Award for 2021. EAA's Freedom of Flight Award is the organization's highest honor, bestowed annually to recognize contributions to aviation which closely mirror the integrity, innovation, and high standards EAA members have demonstrated for over 60 years.

“As the founder of Redbird Flight Simulations, Jerry Gregoire has helped to grow general aviation and enhance the safety of the pilot community,” said Jack J. Pelton, EAA CEO and chairman of the board. “His eye to innovation, real-world problem resolution and accessibility have left lasting impacts that will continue into the future.”

Gregoire, an avid pilot since 1973, founded Redbird Flight Simulations in 2006 after a career as Chief Information Officer at Pepsi Cola and Dell Computer company. Fifteen short years later, Redbird is known worldwide as the most popular and innovative brand in flight training and proficiency.

“I am very grateful for this award and the encouragement and support that Jack, the EAA Board and my fellow EAA members have given us on this journey. Everyone at Redbird is very proud to be a small part of the great work that EAA has done to promote pilot proficiency and safety,” Gregoire said. “EAA along with Hartzell, Jeppesen, NAFI, SAFE, Mindstar, CloudAhoj, Bose, UMA, and Community Aviation deserve our heartfelt thanks for the time, effort, and money they have annually committed to pilots everywhere.”

EAA will present the award to Gregoire today at its annual member meeting, which takes place at 8:30 A.M. in the Theater in the Woods on the AirVenture grounds.

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### **About Redbird Flight Simulations, Inc.**

Redbird Flight Simulations of Austin, TX was established in 2006 with the specific purpose of making aviation more accessible by using modern technology and careful engineering. Since its inception, Redbird has delivered innovative, reliable, and high-quality training devices to flight schools, colleges, universities, K-12 schools, and individual pilots around the world. With more than 3,000 devices in service worldwide, Redbird has quickly become the fastest growing and most innovative simulator provider in the industry. For more information, please visit [www.redbirdflight.com](http://www.redbirdflight.com).

### **About EAA**

The Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) is based in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, and embodies The Spirit of Aviation through the world's most engaged community of aviation enthusiasts. EAA's 240,000 members and 900 local chapters enjoy the fun and camaraderie of sharing their passion for flying, building and restoring recreational aircraft. For more information on EAA and its programs, call 800-JOIN-EAA (800-564-6322) or go to [www.eaa.org](http://www.eaa.org). For continual news updates, connect with [www.twitter.com/EAA](https://twitter.com/EAA).