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## **Build A Plane Kids Will Construct Glasair Sportsman in 'Two Weeks to Taxi' Program!**

**Oshkosh, WI, July 29, 2008**—Build A Plane announced today that it will build a Sportsman 2+2 as part of Glasair's *Two Weeks to Taxi* Program in Arlington, WA. The aircraft will be built by young people, assisted by factory professionals compliments of Glasair Aviation.

"I always thought that our Two Weeks to Taxi program was a perfect match with Build A Plane," Glasair chief executive officer Mikael Via said. "Since Build A Plane encourages kids to build airplanes, why not have them come to our factory where they can build a brand new airplane in 14 days?"

Via's idea of offering the opportunity for young people to build a Glasair Sportsman was immediately embraced by members of the aviation community. The project became a reality thanks to the support and generosity of the General Aviation Manufacturer's Association, Garmin, Lycoming, Hartzell, The Thomas Wathen Foundation, Advance Flight Systems, Aircraft Spruce & Specialty, Pacific Coast Avionics and many others.

"Build A Plane always wanted an aircraft to travel the country, appearing at air shows and visiting schools interested in adding aviation to their curricula," said Build A Plane's Lyn Freeman. "We looked at a variety of options for an official Build A Plane aircraft. When Mikael Via suggested the Two Weeks to Taxi program, I knew immediately this was an out-of-the-park homerun."

Glasair's Two Weeks to Taxi program has been in operation since 2006. The Build A Plane aircraft will be the 100<sup>th</sup> Sportsman 2+2 completed. Learn more about the program at [www.twoweekstotaxi.com](http://www.twoweekstotaxi.com).

Build A Plane kids will begin working with Glasair factory professionals on August 11<sup>th</sup>. The Sportsman aircraft will roll out of the hangar two weeks later, with its first flight following shortly thereafter. An example of a completed Glasair Sportsman is on display at the General Aviation Manufacturer's Association booth during AirVenture.

Build A Plane, working in formal partnership with the Federal Aviation Administration, promotes aviation by donating aircraft projects to schools at no charge. Currently there are more than 70 aircraft projects in schools where kids are constructing or restoring real airplanes. The number is expected to rise to more than 100 before the year's end. For more information, visit [BuildAPlane.org](http://BuildAPlane.org) or call 920-279-3321.