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2020 Airman of the Year



This year's NATA Airman of the year was born on March 21, 1948 in Norfolk, Nebraska. He grew up between Elgin and Clearwater, Nebraska and spent his early days working, hunting, fishing, and developing a love for motorcycles.

Growing up around his father's piper cub he developed an early love for flying airplanes. He also found his true love for motorcycles and at an early age. Growing up he spent many days alongside one of his best friends Jack Hixson of Clearwater. One of their favorite stories is when they both took off from Clearwater, Nebraska in 1965 on a 305 Gilera and YDS3 Yamaha and rode to the black hills. With \$85.00 between the two of them and nothing but a tarp and sleeping bags it was quite a journey, only to find out they missed the Sturgis rally by one week. The many stories that came out of that trip were only the beginning of many motorcycle adventures that are still going on today.

In 1967 he enlisted in the Air force and became a heavy equipment operator. He spent 1969 in Vietnam mainly around the Phanrang Air base involved in many construction projects running TS-24 scrapers.

In 1971 he returned home and pursued his education at the University of Nebraska Lincoln. During his time in Lincoln he lived with some great friends at French quarters apartments and worked for Don Drowd at his Yamaha Shop. In our airmen's own words, "I would have graduated a lot sooner if I didn't have such a motorcycle addiction". Eventually, he graduated with a degree in Entomology and returned home to start a crop scouting business and farm.

In 1983 he committed to a Commercial Pilots license, building time in a rented Bellanca Scout and in 1984 with a senior pilot sign off from Carol Rutebories started Schindler Flying, Inc. based in Neligh Nebraska with a Piper Pawnee.



He spent the 80's like most trying to make a dollar and not give it all to the bank. In the late 80's he purchased John Weatherly's second airplane and after replacing the left spar, used it in the spraying operation until purchasing an A model cat from Gary Wells in the early 90's.



In 1994 he began selling Ag chemicals as the Creston Dealer in the area and the business continues today. In the late 90's he converted his 450 Ag-Cat to a Garret -1 and began using it as the flagship aircraft for his business. As fungicide business grew he purchased a B model Ag Cat and converted it to a -1. Currently, he and his son Nick operate two Goering Thrushes, two Weatherlys and his original Pawnee in Neligh, NE while his son Jason operates his business 40 miles west in O'Neill, NE.

He now has five grand kids between his three children Jason, Amanda and Nick. He spends much of his time pursuing his love of riding motorcycles, flying airplanes and visiting with farmers. He has been a long time member of the NATA and continues to stay involved in the industry. He is a true patriot and devotes time to the Legion Riders and the causes they support. He has also always given time and resources to starting new individuals in the business. Five of them have gone on to form their own Part 137 Agricultural Operations.

The 2021 Airman of the Year is Rick Schindler



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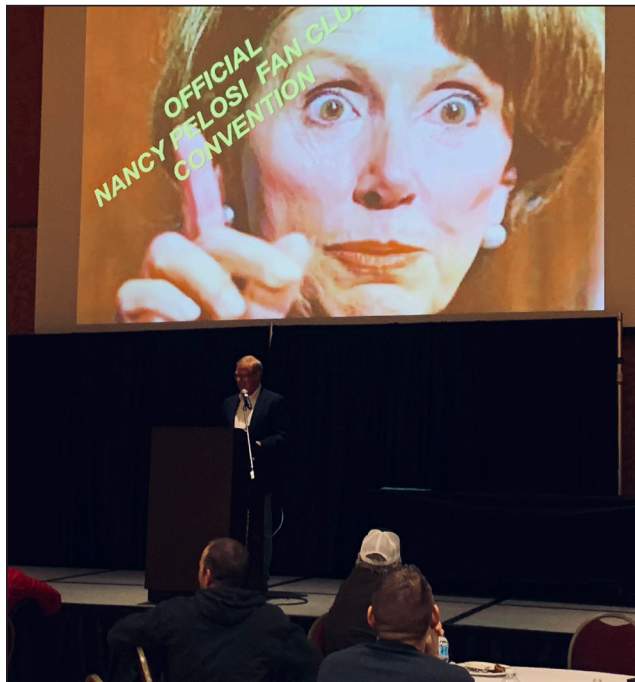
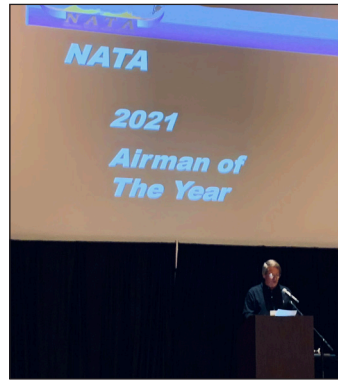


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2020 Airman of the Year
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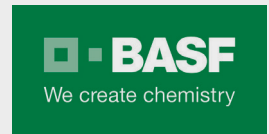
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2021 Convention Comparison

Convention Attendance	2018	2019	2020	2021
NATA Members	137	126	137	70
Spouses	12	10	11	11
Tuesday PAASS Only	12	15	11	10
Convention Only	20	13	25	5
PAASS	108	108	114	76
Exhibits	52	48	47	30
Exhibitor Reps	92	112	88	61

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Application forms must be received by March 15, 2021. The form can be found online at www.gonata.net.

Please read the general instructions before completing your scholarship packet. The essay topic is: "Why is Agricultural Aviation Important?" The essay must be a minimum of 400 words and must be typed and double spaced.

Application must include the signature of a Voting member of the Nebraska Aviation Trades Association.

If you have any questions, please contact Taylor Moore, Nebraska Aviation Trades Association at 531-289-8323 or email: taylor@youraam.com

Please send the completed application form to:
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