

# 2026 SUN 'n FUN AIRCRAFT JUDGING AWARDS

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Award Winners	City	St	Year	Aircraft Type	N#	Award Presented
<b>ANTIQU</b>						
Ken Bollenback	Dunedin	FL	1940	Piper J3	N32743	Custom Bronze Age Champion
<b>CLASSIC</b>						
Pamm Howerton	Bartlesville	OK	1954	Cessna 195	N2168C	Best Daily Flyer
Gavin Kimble / Tyler Woodside	Rixeyville	VA	1950	Ryan Navion	N5401K	Best Work In Progress
J. M. "Frog" Jones	Madison	GA	1948	Globe Swift GC-1B	N3824K	Outstanding Classic Aircraft
Gerald Davidson	Okatie	VA	1949	Piper PA-16	N5222H	Outstanding Classic Aircraft
Joseph Mapes	Stevens Point	WI	1946	Ercoupe 415C	N99092	Best Custom Classic 0-100 HP
Juan D. Londono	Auburndale	FL	1956	Cessna 170B	N3465D	Best Custom Classic 101-165 HP
Monte Houk	Marysville	WA	1953	Cessna 180 Skywagon	N180MH	Best Custom Classic Over 165 HP *
Judson Brandt	Greenville	GA	1953	Cessna 180 Skywagon	N180WD	Best Custom Classic Over 165 HP *
Ryan Melendez	Palma Valley	CA	1954	Piper PA AT	N8180C	Most Highly Modified
<b>CONTEMPORARY</b>						
<b>Christian Campbell &amp; Madison Murray</b>	<b>Senoia</b>	<b>GA</b>	<b>1961</b>	<b>Beechcraft Bonanza</b>	<b>N214MC</b>	<b>Grand Champion - Contemporary</b>
<b>Ed Campbell &amp; Kyle Campbell</b>	<b>Ocala</b>	<b>FL</b>	<b>1959</b>	<b>CASA 1.131 Bucker Jungmann</b>	<b>NX4270</b>	<b>Reserve Grand Champion</b>
Miles Malone	Camarillo	CA	1963	Beechcraft Travelair	N234M	Best Twin Contemporary
Michael Trost	Fishers	IN	1959	Cessna 182B	N77XD	Best In Type Contemporary

HOMEBUILT						
Chris Christiansen	Maricopa	AZ	2022	GYRFALKN	N269GR	Grand Champion
Scott McElroy	St. Matthews	SC	2021	Vans RV8	N332RT	Reserve Grand Champion
James Carey	St. Charles	IL	2016	Vans RV10	N415JS	Outstanding Workmanship Homebuilt
Elliott Abel	Terre Haute	IN	2025	Bearhawk Five	N847EM	Outstanding Workmanship Homebuilt
Mark & Vicki Stringfellow	Lexington	KY	2023	Vans RV10	N278S	Outstanding Workmanship Homebuilt
Chris Christiansen	Maricopa	AZ	2022	GYRFALKN	N269GR	Spirit of Homebuilding
Andy Larson	Lakeland	FL	2023	Rans S-21 Outbound	N1255L	Outstanding Workmanship Homebuilt
Ray Mello	Prescott	AZ	2024	RV-7	N174AR	Outstanding Workmanship Homebuilt
Dwight Mattmuller	Spring Hill	FL	2025	RV-10	N88810	Outstanding Workmanship Homebuilt
LIGHT SPORT AIRCRAFT						
Spirit Engineering	Grand Junction	CO	2026	Spirit SE1	N4027V	Grand Champion
Bristell	Waukegan	IL	2025	Bristell B23M	N251ML	Reserve Grand Champion
747 Captain Corey West	New Braunfels	TX	2024	Powerchute Airwolf	N747YY	Best Powered Parachute
ROTORCRAFT						
None Awarded						
SEAPLANE						
Rod Lewis	San Antonio	TX	1947	Grumman Mallard G-73T	N147MV	Grand Champion
Steve Ratcliff	Conroe	TX	1947	Skywagon A-185-F Amphibian	N147MV	Reserve Grand Champion - Seaplane
MacLean & Jennifer Barclay	Benton	KS	2007	Husky A-1B	N682AM	Best Fabric Float Seaplane

James Harms	West Palm Beach	FL	1977	Nomad GAF22	N22NM	Best Metal Float Seaplane
David Carracino	Providence	NC	1945	Grumman G-44 Widgeon	N68102	Best Amphibian
<b>ULTRALIGHT</b>						
<b>Michael S. Ostrander</b>	<b>Rantoul</b>	<b>IL</b>	<b>1984</b>	<b>Quicksilver MX UL-1</b>		<b>Grand Champion</b>
<b>Ed McMahan</b>	<b>Leicester</b>	<b>NC</b>		<b>Phantom X1 UL-2</b>		<b>Reserve Grand Champion</b>
Shane Hammac	Landrum	SC		Pahontom X1 UL-3		Best Ultralight
<b>WARBIRD</b>						
<b>Rod Lewis / Air Legends Foundation</b>	<b>San Antonio</b>	<b>TX</b>	<b>1945</b>	<b>Lockheed C-121 Constellation</b>	<b>N422NA</b>	<b>Grand Champion Post WWII</b>
<b>Pete Kourtiz</b>	<b>Centerville</b>	<b>AL</b>	<b>1945</b>	<b>Piper L-4J</b>	<b>N4967V</b>	<b>Grand Champion WWII Warbird</b>
Darren Butcher	Lakeland	TN	1952	Cessna LC126C	N1ZB	Judges Choice
Shane Phillips	Gadsden	AL	1979	Aero Vodochody L-39 GXT	N439ML	Best Jet Trainer
Roger Luznar	New Smyrna Beach	FL	1942	Stearman PT-17	N68984	Best WWII Trainer
Kenny Brown	Penscola	FL	1986	Sikorsky UH-60	N1075B	Best Helicopter
<b>COMMERCIAL DISPLAY</b>						
<b>Met-All Industries</b>	<b>Oviedo</b>	<b>FL</b>		<b>Exhibitor B-078</b>		<b>Best Indoor Commercial Display - Patriotic</b>
<b>Southern Cross Aviation</b>	<b>Ft. Lauderdale</b>	<b>FL</b>		<b>Exhibitor MD-006A</b>		<b>Best Outdoor Commercial Display - Patriotic</b>
<b>* Two Awards for this category were presented due to a clerical error - Very similar aircraft and N#s</b>						