

To: International Formula One Owners,  
Pilots, Crews,  
Aerobatic/Racing Pilots flying 180-240  
HP aircraft  
Former and future customers



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Dear Friends:

I decided in April of 2015 to retire from propeller making since demand had dropped off drastically. After my announcement I quite literally had people begging and bribing me to make them another prop but I had made up my mind and moved on to other things. This continued for a few months after the announcement and I began to ask the question: "If these are still valuable and there is a market why doesn't someone buy the business from me?"

I assume this concept began to spread through the proverbial grapevine and eventually I had one gentleman with composite experience visit to see my operation. He thought \$5000 would be fair for 26 years of experience resulting in a detailed, refined, repeatable, and proven process, a 20+ year winning record at Reno, 20+ world records set by planes using my props, 25+ molds, a lot of custom equipment, and a long reputation for providing safe, lightweight, and high performance propellers.

I politely declined his generous offer.

Enter Mr. Eric Dienst of Rev'd up Composites, LLC in Maple Park, IL.

Eric was referred to me by Jon and Patricia Sharp of Nemesis Air Racing. Over a period of several months we were able to hammer out a purchase agreement for the propeller making assets of Twisted Composites, LLC.

Eric has more diverse aircraft experience at his age than I did. He has been building custom composite items for racing machines, is building a Formula One race plane, raced drag bikes, is a power and glider pilot, an aerobatic pilot, has been an A&P for 19 years, works on jets, helicopters, general aviation aircraft, and sailplanes, and is a small businessman. He grew up in an aviation family and has recently started his own aviation family.

I worked with Eric to show him how to make the all-composite racing and aerobatic propellers I have been making since 1988. I was immediately impressed with Eric's attention to detail, mechanical skills, composite knowledge, and his ability to work with composite materials, hand tools, and machine tools. I was able to demonstrate a task once and then watch him perform it with skill. He listened and paid attention to what I told and showed him. We worked non-stop to produce some props to give him the training necessary to start making props on his own. The props he has made under my supervi-

sion were nearly flawless cosmetically and were well balanced right out of the molds. He is willing to establish a baseline by doing everything my way first before deciding if improvements can be made. He understands my process and the necessity to "inspect as you go." He has better access to some technology in the Chicago area than I do here in New Mexico so I expect him to be able to improve some areas.

It is my opinion that Eric is a man of integrity and morals, with excellent craftsmanship and attention to detail and is the perfect man to continue my work. He has sworn the following oath in front of witnesses:

"I acknowledge that propeller failures often result in the loss of the aircraft and I swear that I will never allow a customer to unknowingly become a test pilot and that I will never allow my work to be compromised by money, profit, or schedule."

Eric can be contacted at 815-970-3716

Sincerely,

*Steven S. Hill*

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