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**Subject:** Flying Jonathan to His First Pancake Breakfast Fly-In

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Jonathan and I posing for a picture by our Cessna 152 just after landing at Rockford International Airport for the EAA Pancake Breakfast Fly-In



Jonathan was so incredibly excited to see all the aircraft... He kept (literally) screaming: "Oh, Daddy, come look at this one!". We never did make it to the breakfast line because all he wanted to do was walk the flightline



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Did I mention Jonathan \*LOVES\* jets?



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on the girls to go!



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My son (and future pilot) Jonathan [4] just before departing our homebase Dupage Airport (KDPA) to Rockford International Airport (KRFD) for his first EAA Pancake Breakfast



Jonathan (future pilot) & Gary (father/pilot) in the cockpit and ready for takeoff



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