



THE 1940 AIR TERMINAL MUSEUM
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**1940 AIR TERMINAL MUSEUM ANNOUNCES WINNER OF VINTAGE PLANE IN
RAFFLE FUNDRAISER AND UNVEILS NEXT RAFFLE PLANE**

(Houston, Texas – July 18, 2009) The independent accounting firm of Mosher, Seifert & Company has selected Larry Smith of Friendswood, Texas as the winner of the second annual “Win Your Own Plane” raffle contest fundraiser held by The 1940 Air Terminal Museum at Houston's Hobby Airport. The Museum presented Larry Smith with a beautiful 1957 Cessna 172 airplane shortly after his name was selected. Larry Smith is a professor in the aviation department at San Jacinto College, and is a gold seal certified flight instructor.

The 1940 Air Terminal Museum has also unveiled its next raffle plane, a vintage 1958 Cessna 175. Raffle tickets for the new fundraising contest are available for \$50 each, and no more than 2,500 tickets will be sold. The winner will be announced at the Museum's July 2010 Wings & Wheels open-house, or a sooner Wings & Wheels if all tickets have been sold. The raffle airplane will be on display at the Museum's monthly Wings & Wheels open houses, at fly-ins and airshows and at popular flying destinations throughout the contest. All proceeds from the raffle go towards the Museum's operational expenses.

The Cessna 175 is a higher-powered version of the Cessna 172, the most popular light airplane in the world. It is easy to fly, and inexpensive to operate and maintain. It carries up to four people at over 125

miles per hour and uses less than ten gallons of aviation gasoline per hour. The raffle plane is fully restored and highly customized. It is believed to be one of the nicest Cessna 175s in existence and sports blue trim over a white aluminum airframe. “At the Museum, we meet people every day who have always dreamed of flying,” explained Museum president Drew Coats. “This contest will give one lucky winner the chance to realize that dream and enjoy the freedom and adventure that comes with owning his or her own airplane. It will also provide a vital and sustainable funding source for day-to-day operations as our young museum grows.”

The 1940 Air Terminal Museum is located at 8325 Travelair Road, on the west side of Hobby Airport, and is open Tuesday-Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and on Sunday from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. The 1940 Air Terminal Museum is operated by the Houston Aeronautical Heritage Society, a Texas non-profit 501(c)(3) organization. For more information, to schedule an interview, or for high resolution photos, please contact Drew Coats at (832) 541-8134 or email at Coats@1940AirTerminal.org.

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