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## Biography of ERICK M. DAVIDSON

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Erick M. Davidson of Beaverton, Oregon, received \$5,000 to help him with his expenses at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. He plans a major in Aerospace/Aeronautical Engineering. As a student at Aloha (Oregon) High School, Erick graduated with a 3.96 GPA.

An AMA member for six years, Erick completed his first Radio Control aircraft at age 11. Since that time, he has built several powered airplanes and one glider. At present, he belongs to the Fly-A-Ways RC Club. Erick has many other interests, but wants to pursue aviation and aerospace as a career.

In the three years that Erick was entered in the Portland State University Truss Competition, he gained a first and a third place. Other science-oriented efforts placed him on the TEAMS group (Test of Engineering Aptitude/Mathematics & Science) and the Science Bowl Team, which successfully competed against 22 other Oregon high schools.

Erick has also experimented with origami and origami architecture and is a member of the Japanese Club. Other scientific pursuits involved building wind tunnels and testing airfoils.

In music, Erick has played the French horn with his church ensemble for five years. For three years, he held the first chair in the Symphonic Band in addition to being Marching Band mellophone squad leader.

He is a weight-lifting specialist, holds six Oregon records, and has placed nationally in the 52 and 54 kg weight classes. Erick enters Olympic-style competition, specializing in snatch and clean-and-jerk lifts.

To earn funds, he worked for the Oregonian newspaper for six years, and has since held jobs at KPFF (an engineering firm) and a sports company. In between times, he repairs his own vehicle and conducts experiments with a music synthesizer.