

Christopher R. Beskar

Founder & CEO, Stavatti Aerospace



Chris Beskar is the founder and CEO of Stavatti Aerospace, Ltd. The creative force driving Team Stavatti, Chris is responsible for the design of its aircraft, as well as the company's strategic direction.

A father, a thinker, an artist, an aviator, an entrepreneur, an industrialist, a physicist, a futurist and an engineer, Chris's workday focuses on the advancement of aerospace, transportation, defense, powerplants and propulsion systems, materials and energy technologies. A vocal advocate for Close Air Support (CAS), Chris is responsible for the SM-27 Machete and SM-28 Jet Machete all-weather attack aircraft.

Revolutionizing aerospace, in concert with the Machete family, Chris is spear-heading next generation projects including the SM-150 Sport Aircraft, the SM-26 Sleek Sportplane, the SM-36 Stalma Multi-role fighter, SM-39 Razor Air Dominance Fighter and others. Committed to dramatically reducing the cost of general aviation while increasing aircraft utility and cabin comfort, Chris is also concentrating upon new sport aircraft that are affordable to own and operate.

Flying airplanes since the age of nine, Chris was introduced to aviation by his father, a commercially rated flight instructor and Alaskan Bush Pilot. Designing his first airplane while in the eighth grade, by the tenth grade Chris had submitted an unsolicited proposal for an advanced fifth generation fighter aircraft to a DoD user agency. The positive reception and subsequent project development funding resulting from that proposal launched his career in the field of military aircraft design before he graduated high school. Culminating in a classified demonstrator project, this effort formed the foundation for future Stavatti combat aircraft designs.

Chris attended the University of Wisconsin-River Falls where he earned a BS in Physics and a Minor in History. While a sophomore he founded Stavatti Corporation to design and produce tomorrow's military, commercial, and general aviation aircraft as well as manned space vehicles. In 1995 while a junior in college he established a division of Stavatti called Stavatti Reconnaissance Systems (SRS) to satisfy special access/compartmentalized contracts focused on Intelligence Surveillance Reconnaissance (ISR) aircraft to support a defense intelligence customer. In 1996, while a senior, Chris was the Grand Prize Winner for the NASA TechBriefs Technology Transfer-Letter Writing Contest which focused upon the transfer of NASA spin-off technology to private industry.

Upon graduation, Chris joined Stavatti full-time. In April of 2014 Chris reorganized the company, founding Stavatti Aerospace Ltd. Chris is currently the CEO and Chief Designer for Stavatti Aerospace. Initially concentrating upon air defense fighters, Stavatti's focus has broadened to include the diverse array of new designs now under development today forming the basis of an enterprise that will last generations to come.

Chris has also served on the Boards of a variety of other companies including Hybrid Technology (a manufacturer of Oil Industry equipment), the Yakataga Mining Company and from 2008 until 2014, Skytruck, Inc, a new aircraft company based in New Orleans, LA. Actively pursuing a variety of new technology and business endeavors, Chris has developed proprietary high performance alloys for aerospace structural and military ballistic protection applications, has pioneering innovative approaches to controlled high temperature Hydrogen-Boron fusion and is laying the foundation to establish enterprises to produce manned interplanetary and interstellar spacecraft.

With respect to professional associations, Chris has been a member of the American Institute for Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA) where he was the youngest member to ever serve on the Technical Management Committee where he served as the Chairman of the Awards Subcommittee for the Hap Arnold and Von Braun Awards for Excellence in Aerospace Program Management from 2003 through 2013. Chris has also been a member of the AFA, EAA, AOPA, Society of Physics Students and other associations.

As a private pilot, Chris has over 2,000 hours in various aircraft.