

THE EAGLE FLIGHT

Instilling the Spirit of Exploration !

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WELCOME!

Congratulations to adventurer Steve Fossett and his team upon completion of the longest nonstop flight in aviation history with an emergency landing Feb 10th, flying 26,389 miles in about 76 hours but stopping early because of mechanical problems. Challenges included 750 pounds of fuel lost during his takeoff, as well as the plane's ventilation system which also malfunctioned midway through the trip, causing temperatures in the 7-foot cockpit to rise to as much as 130 degrees. Weak winds over the Atlantic and severe turbulence over India had Fossett prepared to ditch the plane. His voyage broke the airplane distance record of 24,987 miles set in 1986 by the lightweight Voyager aircraft piloted by Dick Rutan and Jeana Yeager.

Fossett already holds the record for flying solo around the globe in a balloon and for being the first person to circle the globe solo in a plane without stopping or refueling.

Amazing feats by people filled with the *Spirit of Exploration!*



Facts : Eagle Flight

Number of People to Summit Mt. Everest

Over 1950 people

Number of Solo World Flights

71 people

Read about the challenges we face for a RTW flight and what choices have been made regarding international travel, world politics and making this flight a reality. Thank you for your ongoing support!



Global Flyer does it again!

From the Cockpit– Jared Aicher, Pilot

As I write this month's column, Iran has begun the process of enriching plutonium, and the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq continue. A cartoon drawn by a news columnist in Denmark against the Muslim prophet has also started riots all over Asia and Europe where individuals have died, buildings burned and more

threats against westerners made. The mission of the Eagle Flight is to "Instill the spirit of Exploration" to youth from countries all around the globe by offering free flights in more than 20 countries to children between the ages of 8 and 17 years of age. Our goal this summer was to circumnavigate the globe in June and early July. The aircraft

we are flying has a fuel range of roughly 750 miles. Flying through Russia is impossible due to the non-availability of fuel through out the country, and flights from Africa to Australia or India are beyond the fuel range of the aircraft. Therefore to get around Africa and Russia, we had to fly at least 3000 miles through Middle Eastern countries. Before the current confronta-

UPCOMING EVENT

Idaho Aviation Festival
Friday, 1pm-8 pm
Saturday, 9am-4 pm
March 10-11, 2006

Boise Center on the Grove
This years festival will include

- Educational seminars,
- Trade show
- hands-on activities for children,
- Flying Flicks
- Keynote Speakers Bill Lishman (pilot, Film maker, Inventor, Artist & designer)
- and more!

Jared will be hosting several classes that discuss the Phase II World Tour– don't miss it. A non-perishable food item for the Boise Rescue Mission is requested.

For more information see their website at:

<http://www.itd.idaho.gov/aero/AviationFestival/2006/>



Check it out!

From the Cockpit, cont.

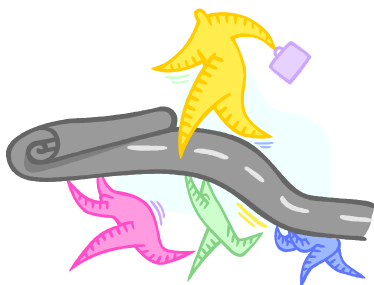
tion with Iran, our route was to take us through Egypt, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates and Oman before moving on to India, which are all relatively friendly and safe countries, until all the recent drama. The route would have forced me to stay at least one night in the United Arab Emirates, before crossing the Bay of Bengal into India. The route also kept me within 100-200 miles of the Iranian and Pakistani coastlines. Another issue with the Middle East dilemma is the higher fuel costs. The Eagle Flight is a non-profit organization that is fully funded through grants, advertising, sponsorships and in-kind donations. Our current budget was calculated on the fuel costs that are below the current worldwide level, and with the threat of Iran, I can only see the fuel prices rising even more if the U.N. embargos are placed. The entire Eagle Flight team, our insurance company and many friends and family have been watching the situation closely and paying close attention to any news trickling out of the Middle East. Last week I received a call from our insurance agent and we discussed the situation. The fact that our circumnavigation of the globe has enough obstacles and hurdles to cross without involving the current downward slide of peace in the Middle East dictates that a hold be placed on our departure date. Safety is our number one concern and placing an unnecessary risk on myself and the aircraft is not prudent. With that said, we have been forced to delay the launch of the circumnavigation until conditions improve throughout the Middle Eastern region and gas prices drop to affordable rates once again. Because of the Middle Eastern situation, the Eagle Flight team has prepared a secondary plan and will still take flight on June 17th and begin the world tour. The Eagle Flight team will fly more than 100 youth as we tour each of Canada's 12 provinces, Alaska and also North Dakota and Colorado which were cancelled last year due to weather and other circumstances. In early December, the team will take off for the Caribbean, which was cancelled last year due to the record breaking hurricane season, and offer more than 100 free flights to the youth of these Island nations. During the spring and summer of 2007, the Eagle Flight team will fly to each of the countries in Central and South America and then fly to more than 20 countries in Europe offering another 200 + rides! The entire Eagle Flight team would like to thank everyone involved with our project to date and we hope you continue to follow the Eagle Flight! A closing note - More people have climbed Mount Everest and flown into space than have flown around the world solo – our task isn't an easy one, but we will complete it!

Sincerely, Jared Aicher

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would like to thank
those that help
pave the way to a
brighter future!*

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- 6"x 6" (small) logo on aircraft

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- Company brochures distributed throughout 2006 flight around the world
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