



THE EAGLE FLIGHT

The Journey begins 5/05

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Phase I Complete !

2005 DVD's are NOW AVAILABLE for pre-order!

Reserve your **2005 Phase I DVD documentary** today! Join pilot Jared Aicher as he circumnavigates the United States sharing his love of aviation with children in 41 of the lower 48 States. Enjoy the breathtaking aerial footage, footage of tropical storm Arlene, and interviews with several of the Young Eagles he flew along the way. Also included is information on Jared's upcoming circumnavigation of the globe slated for Summer 2006.

Screen savers are also available from this summers trip as well as a **trip photo album** available on CD.

Jared is also currently composing the **music** for the 2005 Phase I DVD. The CD will be available



for purchase at this Falls Night for Flight fundraiser slated for November 5th, 2005 in Boise, Idaho.

To pre-order your DVD or CD, or for more information, please visit our website at www.theeagleflight.org, E-mail info@theeagleflight.org, or call (208) 713-2519.



2005 Phase I Statistics

Mission Days: **33**

of states visited: **41**

Weather cancellations: **5**

We successfully provided flights in 41 states this summer! 4 states were cancelled due to weather (ND- icing, LA/ MS- prolonged IFR conditions, AZ- high winds.) 3 states were unable to confirm Young Eagle passengers (GA, CO, KY.) We were also unable to get to the Caribbean this summer due to continuous storms systems moving through the region.

Total miles flown:

~15,300 miles

(includes YE flights)

Total flight time: **152.7 hrs**

Total fuel used: **1224 gal.**

of youth flown: **107**

Girls: **43** Boys: **64**

Age range: **8-17 years old**

From the Cockpit- Jared Aicher, Pilot

It's hard to imagine that Phase I is complete and the countdown clock for Phase II is already ticking. Since my return, I have laid in bed many nights recapping my journey and trying to find the right words to describe it to friends and family. Seeing the United States from only a few thousand feet above the ground and meeting so many people

from so many different backgrounds was incredible.

I have heard many times that astronauts often have a different outlook on life and the world we live in after returning from space. During our trip we never came close to experiencing what the men and women from NASA see, but I can certainly say I see things

differently than I ever have before.

It was a wonderful opportunity to share my love of aviation with the children and young adults of our country. Some of the children I flew had never flown before, while others were preparing for a career in aviation and already enrolled at a local flight school. The goal of the Eagle





From the Cockpit, cont.

Flight journey wasn't necessarily to make pilots out of these kids, but to let these children see the world in a way they never have before.

Some of the children would tell me that they were nervous and afraid of flying while I was helping buckle them into their seats. I would assure them that there was nothing to be afraid of, and as soon as the propeller started spinning, smiles would form on their faces. Once airborne, they would start to notice how small the trees appear from the air as well as the houses, cars and rivers. Many would comment that the world seemed so small from up above and then point out the local swimming pool or their house. With that, my goal was accomplished.

So how do I explain my trip to friends and family? Simple – Those kids and my crew help me to see the world in a way I never have before. I can only imagine what Phase II will bring!



[A few words from the Crew](#)

Stacey Commer- Media / Logistics Coordinator

Trip Date: May 28-June 8, 2005

I met up with the Eagle Flight team in Billings, MT to join them for the first two weeks of the trip, helping to co-ordinate the logistics and media work. I was a bit apprehensive because I had never flown in a small aircraft before and was really hoping I wouldn't get airsick, knowing I would be spending about 10 days flying in the Cessna. I am happy to say that I logged about 50 hours in the airplane and have the UNUSED airsickness bag as a souvenir! The entire trip was incredible. Seeing the United States from a few thousand feet above the ground is amazing, and our goal to bring the joy of flight to children was accomplished. I remember a young girl in New Hampshire who was going to be flying with Jared. She approached me and whispered that she was kind of scared because she had never flown before. I told her that Jared was a great pilot and he would explain everything to her and she had nothing to worry about. It was a great feeling when she got out of the aircraft after her flight with a huge smile and said, "It was so much fun, I am not afraid to fly anymore!" That was the best part of the trip for me—the smiles. Many of these children had never flown before and to be a part of something they will remember for the rest of their lives was amazing. I also want to give a special thanks to the EAA chapters that helped make this trip happen. The members were fantastic and many went above and beyond what was expected of them. Several chapters provided meals, accommodations, transportation and fuel for us. Thanks again for all your help.

Memories from this trip will last a lifetime. Flying around Devil's Tower in Wyoming, along Lake Michigan with the Chicago Skyline right outside my window, and seeing the terrain change from farmland to trees as far as the eye can see was something I will never forget. I am also proud to say that thanks to Jared, I can now look at the sky and the clouds and know exactly what to expect from the weather for that day, and I also picked up some new navigating skills. Thank you also to Dustin Berlin and Kenny Downing from Utah Valley State College. They were a great help with every aspect of the trip. Thanks to Project Manager Kerry Widmer, without her, none of this would have happened. Lastly, thanks to Jared Aicher—without his desire, patience and hard work, The Eagle Flight would not exist. I am honored to be involved with this project and am looking forward to helping with Phase III!

A few more words from the Crew!

Kerry Widmer– Project Manager

Travel dates: June 7– July 1

It was inspiring to see this idea become a reality! When the project launched and I wasn't there first hand, I could not wait until my arrival in Florida! Reading each daily journal entry brought a tear to my eye with excitement. Being there in person was better than I ever expected. It has been my personal motto to live to inspire and assist others, so for me, the most rewarding part of the trip was meeting others that go out of their way to support and believe in projects such as the Eagle Flight. The lessons I have learned along the way will be with me, and the memories created will be shared among many. To date, I know of at least 3 EAA Chapters across the country that kicked off their Young Eagle programs around our visit. Thank you to everyone for your support through meals, lodging and comradre - we will be counting on you to see this trip through its Global vision in 2006. Please continue to monitor our progress, talk to your friends about our project and keep this spirit alive! As they say- Clear skies!

EAA CHAPTER PARTICIPATION SUCCESS!

We would like to thank the following EAA chapters for their hospitality and participation when the Eagle Flight visited this summer:

Idaho Falls, ID - Billings, MT - Cody WY- Sioux Falls, SD- Sioux City, IA - Norfolk, NE –
Rushford, MN - Grand Rapids, MI -Oshkosh, WI - Fort Wayne, IN– Petersburg, WV -
Athens, OH- Indiana, PA - N. Kingston, RI- Rutland, VT - Hammonton, NJ-
W. Lebanon, NH Biddeford, ME– Hanson, MA– Hartford, CT- Ithaca, NY– Wilmington,
DE– Franklin, VA– Lexington Park, MD– Smithfield, NC-Greeneville, TN – Columbia, SC–
Pell City, AL– Mt. Vernon, IL– Jefferson City, MO– Rogers, AR– Garden City, KS– Fort
Myers, FL- Stillwater, OK- Amarillo, TX– Albuquerque, NM– Show Low, AZ– Salinas, CA–
Wenatchee, WA - Reno, NV.

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