



THE EAGLE FLIGHT

The Journey begins 5/05

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WELCOME !

EAA CHAPTER PARTICIPATION UPDATE!

We would like to thank the following EAA chapters for agreeing to help when the Eagle Flight lands in their city:

- Idaho Falls, ID - Billings, MT -
- Sioux City, IA - Omaha, NE -
- Traverse City MI -Oshkosh, WI -
- Fort Wayne, IN- Fairmont, WV -
- Indiana, PA - N. Kingston, RI-
- Rutland, VT - Hammonton, NJ-
- W. Lebanon, NH - Ithaca, NY-
- Wilmington ,DE- Lexington Park, MD-
- Ashville, NC- Pell City, AL-
- Macon, MS- Pineville, LA-
- Owensboro, KT- Mt. Vernon, IL-
- Jefferson City, MO- Rogers, AR-
- Garden City, KS- Amarillo, TX-
- Pueblo, CO- Los Alamos, NM-
- Show Low, AZ- Salinas, CA-
- Reno, NV-



Any other chapters interested in helping out, please check our route map on the website and see if we are landing in your city. If you can help, please contact::

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Welcome Seattle Avionics!

On Thursday, March 10, 2005, Seattle Avionics joined the Eagle Flight team by sponsoring flight planning software that is out of this world. Not only does the software help plan our route, but it automatically downloads the most current NOAA weather information to determine the best altitudes based on wind speeds while taking terrain along the entire route into account.

Sponsorship update

The Eagle Flight would like to thank the following sponsors for joining the project over the past few weeks:

The following hotels have agreed to provide rooms for the Eagle Flight Crew during Phase I of the trip in 2005:

Park Plaza Hotel-

Oshkosh, WI

Radisson Memphis

Airport-Memphis, TN

Holiday Inn-Ithaca, NY

Holiday Inn-The Grand Montana-Billings, MT

Red Lion Inn -Pendleton, OR

We are in negotiations with hotels in several other cities along the route for sponsorships as well. If you know of a hotel that may be interested in becoming a sponsor at one of the other stops, please let me know.

Several sponsorships are still available for the Eagle Flight. You can view our sponsorship video at www.theeagleflight.org/pages/media.htm

Or call

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From the Cockpit- Jared Aicher, Pilot

Greetings from the flight deck! During the last couple of months, the suns slow trek northward has become more obvious. The days are getting longer, the desert flowers are beginning to bloom and the frost is no longer waiting for me on the windshield of my car in the morning. With the spring equinox only a few days away, I can't help but

think about how rapidly Phase I of my journey is approaching.

Why did we pick May 28 for our departure date? It all has to do with the weather. As we all know, spring brings changes to all aspects of life. Warmer temperatures and rain gives life a jump start each spring. New seedlings sprout, birds

nest and the cycle of life begins once again. But with these warmer temperatures and higher humidity levels, the chance of severe weather forming is higher.

The severe weather season is different throughout the United States. Severe weather usually begins in the southeast near Florida to Georgia as early as late



From the Cockpit, cont.

February. As spring advances, the threat of severe weather moves west slowly, reaching the lower great plains of Texas, Kansas and Oklahoma by April and May, then begins a slow turn north, reaching the high plains of North Dakota, South Dakota and Minnesota by mid June and July. (However, severe weather can form at anytime of year, at any of these locations.)

If you look at the Eagle Flight route for 2005, you will notice that we are traveling across the northern portion of the continental United States during the first part of our trip. This is so we can avoid much of the severe weather, which includes severe thunderstorms, tornadoes and squall lines that will most likely be occurring south of our route. By the time we get back into the United States from our Caribbean tour, the severe weather will have moved farther north, allowing us to travel back across the southern portion of the United States, hopefully avoiding the worst of the storms.

As for our world trip next year, that's a whole new ball game. The Eagle Flight team has been monitoring weather worldwide for the past year and will continue to do so over the next year. For example, weather systems in the southern hemisphere travel in opposite directions of what they do in the northern hemisphere and belts of thunderstorms almost always exist near the equator! No matter where our journey takes us, we are bound to see and learn things and we look forward to the challenges ahead!

Weather can be a beautiful and fascinating natural phenomenon if you understand and respect it. Clear Skies! Jared



If you would like to submit information for the newsletter, send a letter of support, or know of anyone interested in receiving this newsletter, please email us at: info@theagleflight.org

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

EAGLE FLIGHT MECHANDISE NOW AVAILABLE!

The Eagle Flight Market Place is officially open. In there you will find Tee shirts, globes, Eagle Flight patches and an order form to purchase your wing name! Just click on the Market Place link under the Store link and look through our unique items commemorating this historic journey. All proceeds go directly towards the Eagle Flight fund.

To order, check out the Eagle Flight store online and download the order form. Credit cards are accepted.

YOUR CONTRIBUTION IS TAX-DEDUCTABLE!



How can you help?!

Would you like to help sponsor The Eagle Flight project? The Eagle Flight is still raising the much needed funds for the world flight next year. Your tax-deductible donation, whether its \$5.00 or \$1,000 will help children between the ages of 8 and 17 soar into the skies! Did you know that a \$100.00 donation will pay for nearly 50 gallons of fuel? 50 gallons of fuel will take the Eagle Flight aircraft nearly 660 miles!

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