

## COME FLY WITH ME, COME FLY, COME FLY AWAY...

That song I believe, more than any other, brings back fond memories of early airliner travel. Passengers dressed up in their best, strolling onto the tarmac, showing the agent their ticket, and climbing aboard the shiny, gleaming airplane for destinations many folks only dream about. As a former Airline Pilot, I really do not miss the hectic dash through the airport, stopping to buy a Subway or other fast-food meal, briefing the crew, and scrambling to get loaded for hopefully an "on-time departure", only to be number 41 for take-off at the runway in use. I enjoy my now relaxed schedule of flying a smaller, slower airplane and introducing others to the joy of flying. I also enjoy the folks I have met in Kiwanis--it has been a pleasure to be associated with such fine people these last 29 years.

It is no secret we need more members to serve the youth of our District, and the world, and for many weeks I have been trying to come up with an idea to advance our ranks and numbers. Finally, I came upon a plan to not only obtain more members, but to also reward a successful top producing sponsor for their efforts by treating them to a demonstration flight in a light single engine airplane. I am calling the program the UTAH-IDAHO KIWANIS DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP ADVANCEMENT PROJECT. The project will run from January 1, 2017 until close of business on May 12, 2017. Messages containing the rules and parameters should have been e-mailed via the District Lt. Governors', to club Secretaries, but within this issue of the U&I you will also find the information. I must insist strict adherence to the rules, and the sponsor and club secretary will be responsible for an accurate tally of those new members sponsored. The Kiwanian that sponsors the most new members will be awarded the flight. Please refer to the "rules and parameters" listings for additional information.

The target date of the airplane demonstration flight is planned for May 20, 2017, which is a Saturday. The date itself is also a very commemorative event: It was 90 years prior, on May 20, 1927 that Charles Lindbergh departed New York on his epic flight across the Atlantic to Paris! Our flight of course will be subject to weather, logistical, weight and balance constraints, and the strictest observance to Federal Aviation Administration Regulations, to insure a safe enjoyable flight, so the flight date may have to be adjusted per those requirements.

I am a licensed and current Certified Flight Instructor, and I am authorized by the FAA to conduct demonstration and instructional flights in single-engine airplanes. The sponsor will assist me in planning a local flight, at the nearest paved runway airport to their home or pre-arranged location. Prior to flight, we will conduct an extensive preflight of the airplane, and familiarize ourselves with the airport requirements, terrain restrictions, and any restricted airspace to avoid. The flight-time will be about an hour, but at least 2 1/2 hours should be planned to conduct preflight and post briefing/photos. The sponsor will sit in the pilot's seat, and will be allowed to manage the controls, doing mild climbs and descents, turns, and observing ground points for orientation to the airport, and any points of interest in proximity of the flight.

I am pleased to offer this opportunity to a Kiwanian, and I do hope this proposal will be well received. I urge every Kiwanian to participate in this project, and enjoy the hunt for new members into our District!

In Kiwanis service,  
Sincerely, Captain Jim Vaughan, Governor