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Brian Lloyd Solo Flight Commemorates 90 Years Since Lindbergh

Aviator Attempts New York To Paris Solo Record

New York, USA, May 22, 2017 - As pilot Brian Lloyd propels his single-engine plane named "*Spirit*" into the sunrise this week from Republic Airport on Long Island, he embarks on a dual mission. He is commemorating Charles Lindbergh's famous transatlantic flight that made history in May of 1927. Mr. Lloyd is simultaneously attempting to break a solo speed record for the New York to Paris air route.

"I am driven by the spirit of historic flights," Brian Lloyd said, "it is important to remember the pioneers like Charles Lindbergh, and their contributions to aviation. Their bold actions made today's air travel possible for all of us."

Mr. Lloyd expresses the special significance of this transatlantic route, "My father taught me to fly when I was 14 years old. We flew to the 1985 Paris Air Show together in a single engine aircraft like this. Aviation is in my family; both of my sons are pilots."

Commercial airliners fly long distances every day, but non-stop ocean flights are quite difficult for small propeller planes, which have limited range. To make it possible, Brian Lloyd modified his 1979 Mooney airplane to carry 150 gallons more fuel, then equipped it with modern navigation equipment and long range communications. Still, the flight is not without risk, and special safety gear must be taken along. The public is able to track his flight on the web, social media, and ham radio.

When Mr. Lloyd returns to USA from Paris, he won't have much time before taking off on the next phase of Project Amelia Earhart, a round-the-world commemoration of Amelia Earhart's historic flight, which departed 80 years ago in June of 1937 from Miami.

About: Brian Lloyd, 62, is a pilot, flight instructor, engineer, and educator. He lives near San Antonio, Texas, USA. The commemorative flights are co-sponsored by The Classic Aircraft Aviation Museum, a non-profit in Texas, and many other individuals who contribute to supporting the flights through donations.

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