

Flying Tiger Line Pilots Association

Pilots and employees of the Flying Tiger Line, dedicated to preserving the memory of a great airline and those who served in China and in World War II

Spring 2018

Hello everyone,

Two months to go until our **44**th **Annual Reunion**, which concludes with the **Flight Attendant Recognition Banquet** on Saturday night. The estimated attendance has jumped to an astounding 350 since the last newsletter, with a large number of former FA's, crew schedulers, and others registering to attend that we haven't seen in quite a while. With the additional excitement that the city of Palm Springs has to offer, the Flabob Express DC3 flights, and the unveiling of our new FTL display at the Palm Springs Air Museum during our military-theme party held there on Friday night, this event is going to be one of our most unique reunions ever.

Those interested in the traditional golf scramble on Thursday will be happy to know that Robert Carona and Tom Constable have stepped up to organize a tournament. In addition, Tom Pierchala is looking for two players on a separate opportunity that he won earlier last year. Details can be found below in the Reunion Update section.

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I'm extremely disappointed that nobody has stepped up to help assure FTLPA's longevity by offering to serve in the Vice President position being vacated by Larry Weeks in May. I assure all of you that I'm not going anywhere for quite a while and that the tasks involved won't be that tough. But I need someone to back me up when things get busy, and more importantly to take over in the event circumstances outside my control should ever prevent me from serving in my present position. Ideally I hope that one of you hired in the 80's will raise your hand. Please consider it and contact me if you have any questions about what is involved.

There isn't one of us who, at some point in our careers, didn't say "Somebody should write a book!" I'm extremely pleased to report that Charles Kennedy and Guy Van Herbruggen, who have already authored books about the Tiger DC8 and 747, will be collaborating on just such a book project. Both will be attending the reunion in Palm Springs and plan to solicit memories and stories from our group for a book titled *Flying Tiger Line Memories*. Their goal is to have the book complete by our 45th Annual Reunion in Long Beach, 2019. So find those pictures and get those stories ready. See page 8 for more details.

My efforts to create a complete listing of every cockpit crew member to have flown for Tigers is going well. I hope to have hard copies available by the reunion. I once again call on our more senior members, or their survivors, to check that old file drawer and see if you have kept seniority lists from the 50's and early 60's.

As always, please contract me if you have any questions or concerns.

John Dickson (208) 699-5909

president@flyingtigerline.org



FTLPA Officer Opening - Vice President

The position of FTLPA Vice President will be open after the Palm Springs Reunion. Those interested must be Regular Members (former cockpit crew members) per the current bylaws and will be confirmed by vote during the next regular business meeting. Applicants must possess good communication skills and a working knowledge of the internet, email applications, and programs such as Word and Excel. Most importantly, those interested must be wiling to serve in a future position as FTLPA President should it ever be required. Please contact John or Larry if you have any questions.

Palm Springs Reunion Update

Please read the following updates and reminders for our upcoming reunion. The basic details and agenda for the event can be found in the <u>Next Reunion</u> page of our website and in <u>Previous Newsletters</u>.

Registration Raffle Winners – Congratulations to the winners of the Registration Raffle. Jim and Mary Madison won two (2) banquet dinners and Les and Linda Johnson won two (2) hotel room nights at the Renaissance Hotel.

Registration Procedures – The deadline to receive your registration form and payment is April 15, 2018. There are still 54 parties who have either made hotel reservations or have otherwise indicated they will be attending who haven't sent theirs in yet. It helps us immensely if you do not wait until the last minute to submit your registration form. Check the Who Is Coming page to see whether your name is in BOLD or not. If not then we haven't received your payment yet. Please visit the link for the Registration Form, print it, and get your payment into us as soon as possible so that we can put the finishing touches on our attendance estimates.

Cancellation Policy – The deadline for full refunds of your registration payments is April 15, 2018. We have to provide final numbers and deposits soon after this date and a refund will not be possible except in emergency situations which will be handled on a case by case basis.

Don't Cancel that Hotel Reservation Yet! – At this time the Renaissance Hotel is not putting cancelled hotel reservations back into our Group Rate bucket and it's going to take some creativity and a touch of the *Can Do Spirit* to get folks on a wait list into rooms if possible. If you discover that you won't be able to attend please contact Sandy White at robsanwhite@gmail.com before cancelling with the details of your reservation. With some coordination by her you might be able to help a fellow Tiger with a couple of easy steps.

Registration for Guests – For this year only the requirement to be an FTLPA member, or the named guest of such a member, has been waived in order to promote the attendance of as many former FA's as possible to our Flight Attendant Recognition Banquet. However, each person must still include the \$25 Registration Fee in their total payment to cover specific costs associated with their attendance and the planning of this event.

Hotel Reservations - As of this date our group rooms at the Renaissance Hotel have been depleted and the hotel claims to be completely sold out during the nights of our reunion. The number of group room nights at our overflow hotel, The Marriot Courtyard, is close to exhaustion also. There is a big conference in town and approximately 17,000 engineers from the ERSI (Environmental Systems Research Institute) will be descending upon the city during our reunion dates, an event that neither we nor the hotels involved anticipated when our contract was signed in 2015. At this point anyone without lodging arrangements is going to have to do the best that they can on an individual basis.

Banquet Meal Change – Attention Vegetarians! A Vegan Red Quinoa hot dish has been substituted for the Soba Noodle selection found on earlier registration forms. If you elected to have the Soba Noodles, your choice will automatically become the Red Quinoa dish. Anyone wishing to change their selection is asked to email Peter at packicich@comcast.net.

Getting Around - Both the Renaissance and the Marriott Courtyard provide ground transportation to and from the airport on a scheduled basis. You'll have to contact them to determine which time is best for your arrival or departure.

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During certain times of the day, both hotels will also provide complimentary shuttle service to the downtown The Marriot Courtyard also provides shuttle to the Conference Center which is attached to the Renaissance Hotel. Taxis are plentiful and the city is full of Uber drivers.

Golf on Thursday? - There are two opportunities for golf on Thursday, May 3rd.

Robert Carona and Tom Constable have teamed up and will be scheduling a golf event at the Escena Golf Club on Thursday. May 3rd. The course is located within 3 miles of our hotel and the green fees should run about \$60 per person. Please contact Robert at racarona@hotmail.com for more information and to be added to the list. The more players that sign up, the better the chances that they will be able to coordinate a shot gun start. So far the following have signed up to play.

Robert and Jeannette Carona Brian and Linda Foster Bob McCulloch Larry and Mary Weeks Bruce Carr Doug Happ Paul Rebscher Bob Cecchi David and Annette Lusk John and Anek Smith

John Englehardt Gloria McComas Bill Thompson

Additionally, Tom Pierchala is looking for two (2) players to join him and Corky Dever at the Mission Hills Country Club for an award that he won through his own club last year. The fee to play is only \$50 per player (normally \$125) for this very prestigious course. Tom will not be able to schedule a tee time until 30 days prior but it will be sometime after 10am. If you're interested in joining Tom & Corky please contact him at pierchala@earthlink.net

Best of The Best Tours - An arrangement has been made with this company for our attendees to take advantage of the Rich and Famous Tour at a reduced group rate of \$25 (normally \$40). If we're able to get a group of 20 together at one time then they will pick up and drop off at the hotel. It's a very interesting tour which highlights the history of the city with an emphasis on the celebrity residents. More information about this tour can be found on their website is at http://www.thebestofthebesttours.com/Tour-2-Rich-and-Famous-Tour. The three possible dates and times would be:

- Thursday, May 3rd 9am, 11:30am, and 2pm.
- Friday May 4th 9am, 11:30am, and 2pm

Contact John Dickson at president@flyingtigerline.org if you're interested in a particular time.

Thursday Night Street Festival - Every Thursday evening, from 6pm to 10pm, Palm Canyon Drive in downtown Palm Springs is closed to vehicular traffic and transforms into the Palm Springs VillageFest, a festive pedestrian street fair. Those of you arriving on Wednesday or Thursday should really consider adding this to your plans.

The Friday May 4th Flabob Express - Fly back through time with Bob and Tym Tymczyszyn at the controls of this beautiful 1945 DC-3, The Flabob Express. Relax and re-live the Golden Days with a scenic tour of the desert landscape holding a cold glass of champagne served by a former Flying Tiger Flight Attendant. Those interested can come up front and log some DC-3 time! There will be three (3) flights conducted off the ramp at the Palm Springs Air Museum at Noon, 1:30pm, and 3:30pm. Those on the last flight of the day will go directly into the hangar to join the party for the 5pm cocktail hour. Over 40 passengers have booked their flights so far and are identified by the (DC3) by their names on the Who Is Coming page. Contact Bob Tymczyszyn at **bobtym@hotmail.com** for departure times and more details.

Your aircraft and crew await you below.



The Flabob Express



Your Pilots Bob Tymczyszyn Tym Tymczyszyn



Terri Lane



Deborah Paul

Friday Night at the Museum - Buses will begin departing the hotel at 4pm and begin returning at 10pm. The drive to and from the hotel only takes 15 minutes. Remember that all attendees are encouraged to come comfortably dressed in some type of military theme wear that reflects operations during conflicts, specifically Vietnam and Korea, and respectfully honors those that fought for freedom. This could be anything from olive green khakis and T-shirts to your old FTL or military uniforms. Watch a couple reruns of MASH, search Google, hit the Army-Navy surplus store, or go to one of the sites below for some creative ideas. It doesn't have to be fancy. Just don't wear your civvies!

https://www.halloweencostumes.com/military-costumes.html http://www.militaryclothing.com/Military-Uniforms-and-BDUs.aspx

BYOB

Keep in mind that Friday night is our own private party and is set up as BYOB. We'll have ice, bins, water, and plastic glassware. **Everyone** is responsible for bringing their own wine, beer, liquor, and There are numerous stores close to the hotel for purchase of your favorite beverage. And yes, roadies are allowed on the bus.

Everyone should arrive by 5pm and the dinner buffet is scheduled to begin at 7pm in order to allow everyone the chance to look around.

There will be a fund raising effort during our event to raise cash for attendees will be allowed to climb into the cockpit further expansion of the permanent exhibit dedicated to FTL. Our goal is to raise an additional \$2,000 to compliment the \$3,000 already donated by FTLPA.

Saturday Morning Business Meeting & Guest Speaker - Our business meeting will begin at 10am and will include the usual agenda of items for discussion. At the conclusion of the meeting our guest speaker will be Kristine Wood, author of Run For The Wall, A Journey to the Vietnam Memorial. Everyone is encouraged to attend - this is NOT just about a motorcycle ride to our nation's capitol, but rather an inspiring tale of understanding and

dedication to those that aren't able to.



(Above) John & Joyce with Miss

Arrangements have been made for the P-40 on for some great photo ops.



Click on the image above for more information.

Saturday Afternoon Tiger Tales - Quite a few of you have stories, pictures, photos, poems, and heaven knows what else, from your days in flight operations as a Flying Tiger. We're trying something new this reunion with an invitation to all who have a story or material to share to join the group in a corner of the Hospitality Suite from 2pm to 5pm on Saturday afternoon. Hopefully book publishers, Guy and Charles, will also be in attendance to capture future stories for their book (see page 8 for more details)

Saturday Evening Banquet & Dance - The emphasis this particular reunion is thanking our former flight attendants for their contribution to the success of our airline and the enjoyment we shared as fellow Flying Tiger The reunion's grand finale will be our Flight Line crew members. Attendant Recognition Banquet. The cocktail reception starts at 6pm and dinner is being served promptly at 7pm. The band, Hot Pursuit, lead by singer Delene St. Clair, will be performing for the dance once dinner is over.



Cabin Crew Corner



Joyce Danielsen
Flight Attendant Representative

Hello former FTL Pursers, Stews, and Flight Attendants,

Our *Flight Attendant Recognition Banquet* is just around the corner. Remember to start thinking about your outfit for the Friday night costumed event at the Palm Springs Air Museum. Our main goal for this weekend is to emphasis our involvement in operations during the Vietnam War, specifically the Freedom Bird flight operated by FTL. However, anything will work, from drab olive shits and khakis, costume helmets, to full uniforms that you might have worn in the past during this time.

This is going to be a big event for us and I am really going to need volunteers to help me in the Hangar (our merchandise store). If you could spare a 2-hour time frame while there it would be extremely helpful. The hours that the Hangar will be open are listed below. Email me and let me know what times you could give me a hand. I really need your help!

The Hangar Hours will be:

Wednesday, May 2nd 3pm to 5pm and 7pm to 9pm

Thursday, May 3rd 9am to 11am, 1pm to 5pm, and 7pm to 9pm

Friday, May 4th 9am to noon Saturday, May 5th 1pm to 4pm

Sunday, May 6th 8:30am to 10:30am, plus volunteers to help pack up unsold items.

Susan Skinner will not be providing a poster for this particular reunion so I need somebody with an artist's flair to create an image that we might use. I will be very busy in the next few weeks with my plans to be married so please contact John Dickson if you are able to help us out with this.

We are also looking for any former FTL FA's within our group to donate their uniform for display in our exhibit at the Palm Springs Air Museum. Two mannequins will hopefully be set up, one representing a pilot and the other representing a flight attendant.

Please remember that the San Fransisco Museum is still looking for any memorabilia, stories, and accounts of history for their presentation of Freedom Bird Flights later this fall. To view their official brochure click <u>HERE</u>.

I'll see you soon!

Joyce Danielsen@yahoo.com (509) 899-1731

Museum Memorabilia Still Needed

The exhibit dedicated to The Flying Tiger Line at the Palm Springs Air Museum will be unveiled during our Friday night party there. If you have an interest in donating items in your possession, possibly your own or those passed down by family members, then please <u>contact John Dickson</u> for coordination on sending it to the Palm Springs Air Museum for display. He'll send you our contact's name, the address to send it to, and a simple form to complete and include with your gift. The form is sent back to you in the event you want to consider your valuable donation as a tax-deductible gift to the museum.

Flown West

We've unfortunately lost the following Tigers since our last newsletter.



Kip Cutting 1945 - 2017 more



Willy Parsons 1927 - 2018 more



Hilary Leiss 1937 - 2018 more

section of our website or in the FTLPA Discussion Forum.



Larry Bollrud 1948 – 2018 more



William Squire 1930 - 2018 more



To fly west, my friend, is a flight we all must take for a final check

Author unknown

John Skinner – August 18, 2017 Larry Barrow – August 30, 2017 Art Koutras – September, 2017 # Norah O'Neill – September 22, 2017 Dick Feuerherm – September 28, 2017 Derrel "Gibby" Gibbins – October 16, 2017 Clark Chrisman – October 31, 2017 Ron Cuccio – November 3, 2017

Bob Gordon - November 10, 2017

Tom Nordberg – November 16, 2017

*Kip Cutting – December 20, 2017

*Willy Parsons – January 1, 2018

*Hilary Leiss – January 10, 2018 # *Larry Bollrud – February 8, 2018

*Bill Squire – February 16, 2018

*Added since last newsletter # Former SWA

The following former Flying Tigers have also made their final flight since our last 2017 reunion in Portland. More information might be found in the *Flown West*

The Flown West section of our website is scheduled for a complete overhaul so that these wonderful men and women can be properly honored. Most that have already passed have a page dedicated to them, some with obits, pictures, and tributes from fellow Tigers. Some do not, which is a real shame. Please take the time to look up your friends and mentors, try to get more pictures of them from their families, and offer your own words of tribute for their page. We can't do this by ourselves, we need your individual efforts and help!

Please send JPEGS, stories, and tributes to John Dickson at president@flyingtigerline.org

New Life Member Representative



Donna and Scott Mergele

Donna Mergele has stepped up and accepted a new position with FTLPA as Life Member Representative. The position still needs approval at the next business meeting in Palm Springs so that the Bylaws can be changed to reflect this. This shouldn't be met with any opposition we don't believe.

Donna comes with a real energy and desire to help those spouses or other significant relatives of those who have Flown West. After a member has passed, Donna will be contacting them with a letter of condolence from FTLPA. In addition she plans on arranging for these Life Members to get together during our reunions to share their experiences and stories.

Thanks Donna!

Vintage FTL Advertisement #15 ..vou've Got J.G. SCHARER to get to Chicago STAR KIST FOODS, YOUR STAR-KIST DISPLAYS WILL BE IN CHICAGO TOMORROW, MR. SCHARER ... AND AT RATES LOWER THAN THE FASTEST SURFACE TRANSPORTATION. J.G. SCHARER STAR-KIST FOODS OUR CHICAGO DISTRIBUTOR CALLING, MR SCHARER SAYS TO RUSH THOSE NEW LOONA THE TUNA JUST CALL ME LOONA DEALER DISPLAYS THE FLYING TUNA. GET 'EM CHURNING, CAP. LIKE I TOLD THE BOSS ... LOONA'S DUE IN CHI TOMORROW FLYING TIGERS GET YOU THERE FASTER AND CHEAPER Star-Kist Star-Kist الالتاليا Tuna luna FAVORITE PEOPLE Sales and Advertising Managers . . Have You Investigated the Potentials of Air Freight? FLYING TIGERS ... ANOTHER BUSINESS BUILT ON 'CAN DO

OFFICES IN PRINCIPAL CITIES . GENERAL OFFICES: LOCKHEED AIR TERMINAL, BURBANK 8, CALIFORNIA . CABLE: FLYTIGER

Newsweek Magazine, October 26, 1953

News & Announcements

FTL Life Insurance

The following is for the benefit of all cockpit crewmembers who retired from FTL <u>before</u> the merger with FedEx. It does not apply to anyone who retired as a FedEx employee after the merger.

A company-paid \$25,000 life insurance policy was provided by the last Flying Tigers contract, better known as the Silver Book. If you want to confirm or change the beneficiary of the policy, contact Patricia Bell at FedEx employee insurance and she will send you a FedEx Beneficiary Designation Form.

Patricia Bell 901-263-5553

If you are the spouse or named survivor of a cockpit crewmember who met the above criteria and has died after the FedEx merger, you may be entitled to this benefit. Contact Patricia Bell at the number above.

Click Here for actual contract language.

Books by Deborah Paul

A series of four adorable children's books for ages 3 to 13 have been written by former flight attendant, Deborah Paul, inspired by real people she has interviewed throughout her post-Tiger career as a newspaper reporter. The books are starting to gain popularity in the South Bay area. Grandparents love the books because they are poetic, nicely illustrated and they have a glossary in back.



Click on image above for even more information

To purchase your copies contact Deborah at deborahpaul16@cox.net

Got News?

Let us know if you have anything that you think the membership would be interested in and we'll include it in the next edition

FLYING TIGER LINE MEMORIES

We need your help!

Charles Kennedy and Guy Van Herbruggen, authors of the "DC-8 & The Flying Tiger Line" and "Tiger747" are preparing a third book dedicated to the Flying Tiger Line – called **Flying Tiger Line Memories**. This new book planned for the 45th Reunion in Long Beach 2019 will offer the history of the FTL in a different and unique format through the experiences and memories of its flight crews and co-workers, as well as friends of the company sharing the same interest.

Guy & Charles will attend the Palm Springs FTLPA Reunion so please bring over your pictures, documents, logbook or other material to contribute. Guy will bring a mobile scanner – so you will be able to go back home with your material. As important they want to hear your souvenirs and memories and publish them in the book.

Looking forward to see you at Palm Springs!



Position Reports

The following are recent submissions sent to us. Have you come across someone recently? Please send a picture and the story to email@flyingtigerline.org and it will be included in the next newsletter.

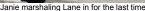


(L to R) John Johnson, Bob Thomas, Randy Thompson, Larry Springs, Mick O'Connor, Wayne Lane, Winston Churchill, Chuck Alonso, and Scotty

Tiger Retirement Party in Key Largo

Delayed by Hurricane Erma last year, everyone had a great time at Del & Lynn Delaurentis' home celebrating all who retired during the last year.







Lane & Janie with family



(L to R) Guy Lopez, Wayne Koide, Gus Connor, Lane Chenoweth, & Phil John

Lane Chenoweth's Retirement in Anchorage

Close to 200 guests attended a party held for Lane after his last flight. The party apparently last until breakfast the next morning. (above)

Orville Prevost Turns 100

Tom and Menalee Pierchala recently had the honor of attending a party in San Fransisco held for Tom's mentor and sponsor, former FTL Captain Orville Prevost, and were able to join in on the celebration of 100th birthday. Born on February 24, 1918, Orville was hired by Tigers in May, 1951 (employee #5621) and enjoyed a glorious career until his retirement in 1978 as a DC8 Captain. Looking good Orville!



Tom & Menalee Pierchala with Orville



Once a Tiger, Always a Tiger!

Future Reunions



Flying Tiger Line room in the Flight Path Museum

2019

45-Year Anniversary Reunion

Renaissance Long Beach Hotel 111 East Ocean Boulevard Long Beach, CA 90802 May 1st to May 5th, 2019



OV-105 Endeavour at the California Science Center

Visits will be planned for lunch at the Proud Bird Restaurant and cocktails at the Flight Path Museum at LAX A possible post-reunion cruise to Catalina Island for a couple of days is also in the works. More details will be announced at the 2018 reunion in Palm Springs.



The Westin Riverwalk San Antonio, TX

2020

46-Year Reunion

WESTIN RIVERWALK 420 W. Market Street San Antonio, TX 78205 May 1st to May 5th, 2020



National Museum of the Pacific War Fredericksburg, TX

Planning has been finalized for our 2020 reunion to be held at the Westin Riverwalk in San Antonio from May 1st to May 5th, 2020. This venue offers us a perfect location to hold our reunion where our hospitality suite will be located right on the Riverwalk. Talks are continuing with new SPAR President, Dan Duffy, on the possibility of another joint FTLPA/SPAR Reunion this particular year. For those that have the available time, a post-reunion excursion will be planned for the 4-hour bus trip up to Fredericksburg, TX for a multi-day visit to experience the National Museum of the Pacific War, wineries, breweries, and other attractions that this charming little city has to offer. More details will be available next year.

Say Again?

I've never known an industry that can get into people's blood the way aviation does.

- Robert Six, founder of Continental Airlines

Whether or not Tigers like to be called people, people seem to like being called Tigers. This airline has always attracted unusual personalities - men and women with more than the normal amount of imagination, energy, ingenuity - and guts.

- Robert W. Prescott, founder of the Flying Tiger Line.

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2018 REUNION - PALM SPRINGS, CA

I am planning on attending YES NO Only 2018 Dues (\$20) Enclosed S	
Name Partner	
List names of other guests here:	
Enclosed, \$20 for 2018 dues (FTLPA Member Only)\$_	
Enclosed, \$25 per person for Registration (wine, beer, soft drinks, & snacks).\$_	
Enclosed, \$65.00 per person for Palm Springs Air Museum on Friday\$_	
Enclosed, \$75.00 <i>per person</i> for Banquet Dinner & Dance on Saturday Choose your entréeSoy Ginger Grilled Top Sirloin Steak\$	
Mediterranean Salmon (GF)\$_	
Vegan Red Quinoa (V)\$\$\$	
Names as you want them to appear	
Enclosed, \$100.00 per person for Flabob Express Flight on Friday\$ *** Signed Waiver is Required *** If paying for flight then print the next two (2) pages, complete, and send separately to Bob Tymczyszyn at the address on the bottom of the Waiver. Do not send with this Registration Forn Download Waiver	
Total Enclosed \$	
Print this blank form, manually complete it, and then send with your check to: FTLPA, 14248 56 TH Ave. S., Seattle, WA 98168	
Please note that dues payments are no longer accepted using PayPal or credit card.	

Flying Tiger Line Pilots Association – March 1, 2018

Dues are \$20 per year and must be paid by check.

AGREEMENT TO WAIVE LIABILITY, TO ASSUME RISK, AND TO INDEMNIFY - ADULT

In consideration of my participating as a passenger in one or more airplane flights in a 1945 vintage Douglas DC-3 transport airplane belonging to Flabob Aviation Associates and participating in related activities, and with the understanding that but for my execution of this Agreement on this date and assuming the risks as set forth in this Agreement on this date and from time to time in the future I would not be allowed to participate in these activities (all called the "Activities"), I agree:

- 1. <u>ASSUMPTION OF RISK</u>. Aviation carries with it inherent risks that cannot be entirely eliminated. Specific risks range from minor injuries such as scratches, bruises and sprains, through major injuries such as eye injury or loss of sight, joint or back injuries, heart attacks and concussions, to catastrophic injuries, including paralysis and even death. Specifically, flying in this aircraft includes but is not limited to the inherent risks of flying in a vintage Douglas DC-3 transport aircraft built in <u>1945</u>, and operated for more than seventy (70) years by numerous military and civilian operators, including Flabob Aviation Associates. The aircraft, and many of its aircraft and engine parts and components, are in excess of seventy (70) years old, and were certificated by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and its predecessor under certification standards that were in effect at the time the aircraft was built. I FOR MYSELF, MY HEIRS AND PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES, UNDERSTAND THESE RISKS, I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT PARTICIPATION IN THE ACTIVITIES IS VOLUNTARY, AND I KNOWINGLY ASSUME ALL RISKS OF INJURY OR DEATH AND OF DAMAGE TO MY PROPERTY OCCURRING AS A RESULT OF PARTICIPATION IN THE ACTIVITIES.
- **2a. RELEASE, DISCHARGE. AND AGREEMENT NOT TO SUE.** I, FOR MYSELF, MY HEIRS AND PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES, RELEASE, DISCHARGE AND AGREE NOT TO SUE FLABOB AVIATION ASSOCIATES AND/OR ITS OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, MEMBERS, EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, PILOTS AND VOLUNTEERS (COLLECTIVELY "FLABOB AVIATION ASSOCIATES") FROM ALL CLAIMS AGAINST FLABOB AVIATION ASSOCIATES, FOR INJURY OR DEATH, OR DAMAGE TO MY PROPERTY, ARISING FROM PARTICIPATION IN THE ACTIVITIES. THIS RELEASE, DISCHARGE AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE INCLUDES ANY AND ALL CLAIMS OR LEGAL RIGHTS NOW EXISTING OR ARISING IN THE FUTURE, INCLUDING CLAIMS AND LEGAL RIGHTS ARISING OUT OF NEGLIGENCE OF FLABOB AVIATION ASSOCIATES, AND ANY OTHER BREACH OF A LEGAL DUTY ARISING BY COMMON LAW, STATUTE, CONTRACT OR OTHERWISE.
- **2b. Release, Discharge and Agreement Not to Sue.** It's fully understood that ftlpa is accepting payments for said flights through the registration process and has no involvement with the operation of flabob express aircraft. I, for myself, my heirs and personal representatives, release, discharge and agree not to sue flying tiger line pilots association and/or its officers, directors, members, employees, agents, pilots and volunteers (collectively "ftlpa") from all claims against ftlpa, for injury or death, or damage to my property, arising from participation in the activities. This release, discharge and covenant not to sue includes any and all claims or legal rights now existing or arising in the future, including claims and legal rights arising out of negligence of ftlpa, and any other breach of a legal duty arising by common law, statute, contract or otherwise
- **2c. Release, Discharge and Agreement Not to Sue.** I, for Myself, My Heirs and Personal Representatives, release, discharge and agree not to sue palm springs air Museum and/or its officers, directors, members, employees, agents, pilots and Volunteers (collectively "psam") from all claims against psam, for injury or death, or damage to my property, arising from participation in the activities. This release, discharge and covenant not to sue includes any and all claims or legal rights now existing or arising in the future, including claims and legal rights arising out of negligence of psam, and any other breach of a legal duty arising by common law, statute, contract or otherwise

- **3. INDEMNIFICATION.** I AGREE TO INDEMNIFY FLABOB AVIATION ASSOCIATES AND/OR FTLPA AND/OR PSAM FROM ALL CLAIMS, SUITS, EXPENSES, DAMAGES, AND LIABILITIES, INCLUDING ATTORNEYS' FEES, ARISING OUT OF THE INVOLVEMENT IN THE ACTIVITIES AND TO REIMBURSE FLABOB AVIATION ASSOCIATES AND/OR FTLPA AND/OR PSAM FOR THEM AS THEY ARE INCURRED.
- **4.** CERTIFICATION AND CONSENT. I have read and understood all of this Agreement. I understand the inherent risks of participating in the Activities, which could cause injury, death, or damage to me and my property. I acknowledge that FLABOB AVIATION ASSOCIATES AND FTLPA AND PSAM have given me the opportunity to discuss this document with legal counsel. I am aware of and specifically waive the provisions of California Civil Code Section 1542, which provides as follows: "A general release does not extend to claims which the creditor does not know or suspect to exist in his favor at the time of executing the release, which if known by him must have materially affected his settlement with the debtor." I am aware of and specifically waive the provisions of California Civil Code Section 1714(a), which provides in pertinent part as follows: "Everyone is responsible, not only for the result of his or her willful acts, but also for an injury occasioned to another by his or her want of ordinary care or skill in the management of his or her property or person ..."
- **5.** <u>USE OF NAME AND LIKENESS</u>. I grant FLABOB AVIATION ASSOCIATES AND/OR FTLPA AND/OR PSAM the right and permission to use my name and photograph for advertising and promotion in any medium, without additional compensation or approval.
- **6. SEVERABILITY**. This Agreement is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by the law. If any portion of this Agreement is held to be invalid, the balance of the provisions shall continue to be effective.

Important Notice!

Before signing this Agreement, read this entire document very carefully. If an accident were to occur, you (by signing this Agreement) would be giving up legal rights that you might otherwise have. In addition, you might be incurring legal liabilities that you might not otherwise have. If you do not understand anything in this document, you should not sign the Agreement, but instead you should consult with your legal advisor. IT IS THE INTENTION OF THE UNDERSIGNED TO EXEMPT AND RELIEVE FLABOB AVIATION ASSOCIATES, FLYING TIGER LINE PILOTS ASSOCIATION AND PALM SPRINGS AIR MUSEUM FROM LIABILITY FOR PERSONAL INJURY, PROPERTY DAMAGE OR WRONGFUL DEATH.

Signature	Date
Name (Printed)	

Print, sign and send directly to: Bob Tymczyszyn

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