

World's Largest Biplane to appear at Brackett Field

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The Vimy Aircraft Project's replica Vickers Vimy biplane will be making an appearance at Brackett Field in La Verne on **Saturday, July 14th at approximately 2:00 p.m.** The Vimy will fly into the airport and remain on display until nightfall. **The following day, it will be on display with many other fine vintage aircraft and cars at Brackett's monthly Vintage Aircraft & Auto Display, featured the third Sunday of every month.** While on display, Vimy Aircraft Project pilots and volunteers will be on hand to answer questions, sign autographs, and sell t-shirts and hats to help support the Project. The Vimy will depart around noon to Flabob Airport in Riverside, CA.

The Vimy, which is the world's largest airworthy biplane, is on its way from Novato, CA, to the EAA's Airventure air show in Oshkosh, WI, where it will be one of the main attractions.

About the Vimy Aircraft Project

The Vimy Aircraft Project is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to inspiring the pioneers of tomorrow by providing a vivid reminder that only the brave and imaginative bring about progress—not the critics and skeptics! The Project is spreading this message by re-enacting the three "first" flights made by Vickers Vimy biplanes near the beginning of the 20th century:

- The **first nonstop crossing of the Atlantic Ocean** in 1919.
- The **first flight from England to Australia** in 1919.
- The **first flight from London, England, to Cape Town, South Africa**, in 1920.



Photo of the Vimy in flight over San Francisco Bay by Peter McBride.

In 1994, Peter McMillan and Lang Kidby re-enacted the England to Australia flight. Their trip was featured as the cover story of the May 1995 issue of *National Geographic* magazine and was detailed in *The Greatest Flight* book and National Geographic video.

In 1999, Mark Rebholz and John LaNoue re-enacted the London to Cape Town flight. The trip received extensive coverage in the May 2000 *National Geographic*, as well as the aviation press.

Plans are currently underway for a re-enactment of the Transatlantic flight, which is tentatively scheduled for June, 2002.

The Vimy Aircraft Project is made possible through the generous donations of individuals and organizations worldwide. The Vimy's current sponsor list includes David R. Holbrooke, David E. McDowell, Campbell Aero Classics, and *Aeroplane* magazine. Individuals and organizations wishing to become sponsors should contact the project management at 415/332-6744.

You can learn more about the plane and the Project on its Web site, **www.vimy.org**.

About Airventure

The Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) Airventure air show in Oshkosh, WI, is the world's largest air show. Held annually in July, it attracts thousands of pilots and aviation enthusiasts from around the world. You can learn more about Airventure on its Web site, **www.airventure.org**.

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