

## ***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.

In 1994, Peter McMillan and Lang Kidby re-enacted the England to Australia flight. Their trip was 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.



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

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.

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