

96th ERAU Prescott Aviation History Presentation

Veterans Air Express: Unfolding History of a 1945 Non-Sked Adventure

Presented by Gaye Lyn



Veterans Air Express is the story of a merry band of men and women with undaunted energy, determination, and WW-honed aviation skills. Joining an audacious 22-year old ex-Army Air Corps gunnery instructor with a dream, they helped him found, fund, and operate a non-sked cargo and passenger airline. The absolute *improbability* of their very *existence* in the 1945 non-sked era environment, plus their accomplishments within a startlingly short time span, against forecasted and unforecasted headwinds, makes up their legacy. First-hand memories and original news clippings, photos and film footage enliven this story worthy of telling.



Gaye Lyn is the daughter of Saunie B. Gravely, the founder, President and Board Chairman of Veterans Air Express. She has been researching and documenting the air line's history since April 2015. When her dad first took her flying at age four in his Stinson Gullwing, she was hooked! Thirty years later, Gaye Lyn took *him* flying having earned her private license at Somerset Airport, NJ, in a Cherokee 140, followed by multi-engine, instrument, and commercial ratings.

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