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## **Cancer Victim Flies Passion Flights for Life**

(ST. CLOUD, Minn.) – Jim Davis, 74, from Mountain Home, Arkansas, has always had a love for flying. Jim has spent much of his life building airplanes, instructing in ultralights, and sharing the passion of aviation. Jim continues to share that passion to this day, but he is sharing it in a slightly different manner.

Davis, who has defeated cancer four times already, was diagnosed with what was thought to be stage 4 liver cancer. Since learning of his condition, Jim Davis has embarked on the journey of a life time. This journey began on April 29<sup>th</sup> from the Marion County Regional Airport in Arkansas, and is tentatively planned to culminate at the St. Cloud Regional Airport on August 24<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>.

Jim's goal of this trip is to fly to the 48 continental states to share plane rides with cancer patients and survivors. To date, Jim has completed 46 states, with only North Dakota, and Minnesota remaining.

Jim is part of his local Experimental Aircraft Association's (EAA) Chapter 775 and has networked with EAA chapters from all over the country to assist with his journey. These local chapters have helped Jim find lodging, food, auto gas for his aircraft, and of course, a cancer patient/survivor to give an airplane ride to.

EAA Chapter 551 based at the St. Cloud Regional Airport is proud to announce that Jim Davis will be making his final stop in St. Cloud on August 24<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> weather permitting. The club will welcome Jim to the area and provide time for Jim to share his story with any that are willing to listen. With the help of the American Cancer Society and Relay for Life, Jim will also use this opportunity to give a local cancer patient a free airplane ride in his Savannah XL dubbed Purple Passion. Due to how heavily pilots rely on weather to plan their flights, Jim's arrival could vary.

Those interested in welcoming Jim to the St. Cloud area may contact Greg Bednark at (320) 282-1274. Those interested in following Jim on his trek, are encouraged to follow Jim's blog at <http://flyinggeminpurplepassion.blogspot.com/>.



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