



## “D’Plane, D’Plane”

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**W**ell, I’ve been asked to write about FLYING for this rag. I like to talk flying and planes. Paul, the Editor, sensed my passion when we talked!! However, I like the “Hangar-talk”, so, my stories will be that in nature. I will not bore

you with the nuts and bolts of planes and the technical aspects of flying. I will leave that to the CFIs and AMEs (that would be “chief flight instructors” and “Aircraft Mechanical Engineers”, in aviation lingo)!! So, if that is what you want you will have to go buy yourselves some “real” flying magazines. This is just a community paper, apparently.

Writing is not quite my forte. But I have so much to share about flying that unless I can talk to you all at once, I will have to share it by writing it somewhere where you can read about it and what better place to start my story than in this paper? Why this magazine you say? Heck, because Paul seemed like a genuinely nice guy and has been courting my advertising dollar for quite sometime now!! So, I better put my mouth where my money is.

Yeah! I have all these clichés, like, what should the title of my story be?? Should I call it “Romancing the plane”? Or, “Why the fear of flying”? ... Guess not!! Paul and I might get sued by Michael Douglas and /or Erica Jung if we became popular, or Heaven forbids famous, and rich because of my story and articles. You know how it is. When your pocket gets deep, people become “sue-happy” (Hey, I just made that phrase up too)!!

Talking about “deep-pockets”.... Maybe here is a good place to start talking about flying. The general public... you included, yeah, you, I’m talking to you...(now I might get sued by DeNiro) always assumes that in order to learn to fly or experi-

ence flying, you have to have money or a deep pocket. Well, you are right, and wrong at the same time. There is a saying in aviation.... It goes like this. “How do you make a million from aviation? The Answer is “You start out with two million”. Right, if you want to go into an aviation business and you let your passion in planes and accessories run away with your dollars... and there is no end to all those beautiful planes that are coming out of air shows and all the new avionic and GPS you can buy with which to adorn your plane. They will make a non – aviation enthusiast drool, never mind someone like me!! BUT if you just want to learn to fly or fly for fun or have a sight seeing flight here and there, it is not more expensive than any other hobby you might currently have, such as your indulgence in computers, new technology, that flat 48” screen you hang on your wall, or Xbox, or skiing or heck, having an affair or passion in any number of people or activities.....not to mention eating out or mere keeping up with the “Jones’s herb or flower garden” ....

Oops! I am out of space for this edition.....so, stay tuned for the next edition of this **awesome rag** for the continuation of my story on how I learned to fly and how you can too for less \$\$ than you might think.....

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**Here’s Erissa saying Adios till next week!! Blue skies and safe flight for pilots and soon to be pilots out there ....**

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