

Challenger 30th Anniversary

Vignettes of a Pilgrimage

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Every pilot should experience the glories of a cross country adventure in a flock of small planes. Days are spent in your plane with your flying buddies just off your wingtip. Together you hopscotch from place to place, taking in new sights, meeting new people. Together you deal with whatever issues arise.

Each morning when you wake up you know where you are but you don't know where you will be that evening. Weather, wind and whatever will determine your route and schedule. Flexibility is paramount. You must be fluid and go with the flow for you can't win a battle with nature.

You bond with your plane – each time you put it on you morph into a cybernetic organism with the power of flight. You bond with your companions - the sharing enhances the experiences far beyond going alone.

