

# Come Josephine In my Flying Machine

## & It's Up She Goes Up She Goes



## Bi Plane Rides

**Gulf Shores, AL**--Oh! Say! Let us fly, dear Where, kid? To the sky, dear...Oh you flying machine...Oh joy, what a feeling...Where, boy? In the ceiling...Ho, High, Hoopla we fly...To the sky so high...

That song written 100 years ago keeps playing over & over in my head as I get chills reliving the fabulous experience of my **Bird of Paradise Biplane** ride!!

We've all heard and seen the stories and movies of the *Wright Brothers*, *Charles Lindbergh* and *Amelia Earhardt*, but for many we could never envision that we would ever have the opportunity to actually ride in the open cockpit planes of a long ago era.

There was a time when everyone who flew, flew in an open cockpit airplane. Pilots and passengers alike were in intimate contact with the airplane. It was a magical time, accented by an equally magical experience. For the most part those days are gone. But luckily they're not gone entirely.

I feel safe to say that almost everyone living today has only ridden in the closed cabins of a commercial airline. And for a very few, you have had the opportunity to ride in

smaller 4-6 seater plane. But for all of us, a ride in an open cockpit biplane seemed like that was something our generation and future generations would never experience. That is until now...

**Bar and Dannie Eisenhaur**, or as they like to be called "*Dare Devil Dannie & Barnstormin' Bar*," have created a unique experience, never to be forgotten, by restoring a 1928 Travel Air open cockpit biplane to let the residents and visitors of the Alabama Gulf Coast step back in time and Relive the Golden Age of Aviation!

The Travel Air was designed with passenger service in mind. The front cockpit, which has a basic instrumentation in the panel, was built for two average size passengers. Extra large passengers may be surprised to find that they are in roomy, comfortable surroundings when they fly alone in the front seat. (*Maximum passenger weight 350 lbs. total*)

That was such a pleasant surprise as I thought I was going to have to ride by myself with the pilot. To be able to share the experience with someone else, in my case I

was able to share it with my niece Sydney, made this magical ride even more memorable!! Especially when they outfitted us with helmets, goggles, and the infamous scarf!! We definitely were channeling our inner Amelia Earhardt then!!

For those who ride during chillier months, they also have leather jackets to complete your Golden Age look!! Not to mention you're going to need that to stay warm in that open cockpit!! And of course, you'll be able to cherish your experience after your ride when you are presented with a flight certificate complete with your picture taken in your 1920's gear in front of the plane!!

**Bird of Paradise** offers flights ranging from 15, 30, 45 & 60 minutes. You can fly low and slow out over the gulf as you wave to those beach bums wishing they were you ~ Take in a beautiful sunset from the sky with

their "*Sunset Sonata*" ~ or take that "*Thrill Ride*" of a lifetime!! Prices are so reasonable with two people flying and start at a mere \$120. I don't know about you, but I spent more than that for two to parasail!!

The 1928 Travel Air will take you back to a simpler place in time even if only for a brief visit in a flying machine of the finest tradition in aviation history. Or take that thrill ride that you can't get in any amusement park. The memories of this open cockpit biplane ride will last you a lifetime!!

