

TRIPLE PLAY ... an Air Safety Gifting Opportunity

In 2007-2008, as an investment in safer skies, I pledged \$200,000 to match gifts to the AOPA Air Safety Foundation (ASF). Due to the enormous generosity and potential for a safer future for general aviation, ASF invested a like amount with a special grant. It was a Triple Play! Every dollar donated is worth three! This is a very unique opportunity for leveraging your investment in air safety. Gifts are tax-deductible and can yield huge dividends for all of us who fly. Here's why I wanted to be part of this program:

My wife Erral and I began flying together nearly 60 years ago at Eugene, Oregon, and when our children came into our lives we all flew together. Always -- and everywhere! Aviation was our way of life.

Erral was my flying lady; a perfect partner in the cockpit. She spent thousands of hours in the right seat of our airplanes, and she learned to fly herself, soloing in 1964 at Salem, Oregon. She knew as much about flying and navigation as I did.

And, she was my maintenance partner, knowing always which wrench to use, and holding the gauges for leakage checks on our cylinders while I held the prop. As a team, we kept our airplanes in good condition, and she enhanced our safety in the air by trading off with pilot duties when I needed a break.

Our three children become pilots and aircraft owners too. So, naturally, aviation safety was given top priority in our family.

About 17 years ago we began contributing to the AOPA Air Safety Foundation because we believed in its mission: *Safe Pilots - Safe Skies*. While our gifts were financially modest, nonetheless they expressed our passionate belief in air safety.



Sadly, Erral passed away in 2003. It was so sudden, we were totally unprepared. In lieu of flowers, we suggested gifts to the AOPA Air Safety Foundation might be appropriate. It was very heartening to see the contributions begin, even from some who knew us only indirectly.

Before long, those gifts added to ours, and were enough to establish a permanent memorial for Erral at the AOPA Air Safety Foundation. It is known as the **Erral Lea Plymate Memorial Endowment** and is part of ASF's "Giving Societies", a unique concept that generates perpetual income for air safety -- programs from which we all benefit. Erral would like this, too. She always supported ASF with our joint gifts, and the endowment option enables donors to have their gifts keep on giving -- year after year.

My children and I want to continue our personal gift-matching program to make the Endowment as meaningful as we can. If you'd like to help ASF with a gift which mentions the Erral Lea Plymate Memorial Endowment, it will be matched with two dollars for every dollar you give!

Gifting is easy. You can call **(800) 955-9115** and use your credit card. Or, you can mail your gift to:

AOPA Air Safety Foundation - 421 Aviation Way - Frederick, MD 21701

Any amount is welcome. Contributions are tax-deductible and, for a limited time, ASF will give one of its air safety DVDs to anyone who donates \$100 or more.

Yours for safe skies always,

Glenn Plymate

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