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Learjet 36A-022 N31GJ departing on *The Polar Mission*

### **"The Polar Mission"**

*The Polar Mission* will circumnavigate the globe from south to north by flying over both poles. Learjet 36A-022 N31GJ and her crew, Captain Bart Gray, President of Global Jetcare (also CLJF Vice President), Joshua Podlich, John Bone and Kirby Ezelle will attempt the flight to earn the coveted Polar Circumnavigation Diploma.

*The Polar Mission* is dedicated to William Powell (Bill) Lear, Junior.

*The Polar Mission* flight is *entirely* funded by Bart Gray and Global Jetcare and he has allowed the Classic Lear Jet Foundation to use the flight for our fundraising efforts to restore 23-003.

### **"Bon Voyage" Event**

The Classic Lear Jet Foundation is hosting a free, refreshments included, 'Bon Voyage' event tomorrow evening, Wednesday April 30<sup>th</sup>, on the Learjet ramp near building 14. The doors open at 4:00 pm and the airplane will depart about 7:00 pm. A map showing building 14 and available parking is on the back of this newsletter. There will **not** be any access from Tyler Road on the west.

Mrs. William Powell Lear, Jr. (aka Brenda), the 'Exclusive Sponsor' of *The Polar Mission*, will be there to greet everyone and wish 36A-022 N31GJ and her crew a safe trip.

You can follow the progress of the flight at [polarmission.org](http://polarmission.org).

*The Polar Mission* merchandise, patches, etc, as well as Classic Lear Jet Foundation merchandise, will be for sale. **100%** of all sales benefit the restoration of 23-003!

### **"Welcome Home" Event**

The Classic Lear Jet Foundation is also hosting a free 'Welcome Home' event on their return on Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, again on the Learjet ramp near building 14. The timing of this event will depend upon the arrival of 36A-022 N31GJ and her crew back in Wichita. Follow the progress of the flight at [polarmission.org](http://polarmission.org) to get the latest information on their arrival time. The doors will be opened at least one hour prior to their landing in Wichita.

*The Polar Mission* 'Exclusive Sponsor', Brenda Lear will be on hand to greet the crew upon their arrival back to where they started, at building 14.

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