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AIRSHIP VENTURES ZEPPELIN SUCCESSFULLY CROSSES ATLANTIC

Zeppelin to Embark on Historic Cross-Country Flight

Beaumont, Texas – October 18, 2008 – The largest airship in the world, the 246 foot long Airship Ventures Zeppelin, has successfully completed its trans-oceanic crossing from Hamburg, Germany to Beaumont, Texas aboard the 530 foot long container ship "Combi Dock I."

One of only three Zeppelins in the world, and the first to come to the USA, the airship was off-loaded at the Port of Beaumont. Having completed reattachment of its engine and fins, and required flight checks, the airship will be flown cross country to its new permanent home at historic Moffett Field in Mountain View, California – home to three of the 12 remaining airship hangers in the U.S. Departure from Beaumont is slated for October 18.

The journey will take the airship westward through San Antonio, and Ft. Stockton, TX, to Deming, NM, Tucson, AZ, Palm Springs, and Salinas, CA. Along the route, the airship will cross the Continental Divide in New Mexico, and the San Bernadino Mountains at Banning Pass in California. In its final leg, on or around October 25, the Zeppelin will travel up the coast for a dramatic San Francisco entrance over the Golden Gate Bridge.

The progress of the ship, and updates on where the ship will be on each day, can be tracked live, online at www.airshipventures.com.

This historic flight will mark the first time in 71 years that a Zeppelin has flown in the skies over the United States. This landmark transit flight will also be dedicated to the memory of Steve Fossett, the aviation adventurer whose wrecked plane was recently discovered. Steve set the airship speed record in the Zeppelin NT – a record that still stands today.

Says Steve Fossett's widow Peggy Fossett, "I am honored that Airship Ventures would dedicate this flight to Steve's memory. He was truly proud to have been part of the Zeppelin project, and I wish the very best to the team on this historic flight."

Kate Board, the world's first female Zeppelin pilot, who will be flying this adventurous transit added, "When I started in my aviation career, Steve Fossett was such a hero to me, and more so once he added the Zeppelin airship to his repertoire. If he could, I'm sure he would have wanted to fly a leg of this transit with us!"

Once in the San Francisco Bay Area, the airship will offer the only passenger airship flight service in America. Scenic "flightseeing" tours will be offered aboard the Zeppelin from several Bay Area locations, with itineraries showcasing the San Francisco Bay/Silicon Valley, Sonoma/Napa wine regions, and Monterey/Big Sur coastline. The airship will also be used for a variety of technological and scientific research missions.

Round-trip rides from historic Moffett Field will begin in late October 2008, with flights from Oakland International, and Sonoma County Airport starting in November. Tickets, available now, are priced based on flight duration and destination, starting at \$495 per person. Packages are available for group charters, corporate events, and custom tours.

For more information about the Airship Ventures Zeppelin, or for ticket availability, visit www.airshipventures.com, or call 650-969-8100.

ABOUT AIRSHIP VENTURES, INC.

Airship Ventures Inc., founded 2007 in California, is a privately owned corporation formed with the objective of bringing Zeppelin NT airships to the USA for "flightseeing" tours, media and science mission operations. Initially based with one ship in California, over time the company intends to have a number of airships operating throughout the USA.

ABOUT THE ZEPPELIN NT AIRSHIP

The Zeppelin NT07 airship, carrying up to 12 passengers, will be the largest airship flying in the US. A marvel of modern airship design, the Zeppelin NT ("New Technology") was manufactured in Germany by Zeppelin Luftschifftechnik GmbH. Powerful engines, state-of-the-art avionics, and fly-by-wire flight controls enable the airship to perform maneuvers similar to those performed by helicopters, including vertical takeoffs and landings. At 246 feet in length, it is more than 50 feet longer than the largest blimp. Using the inert gas helium for lift, and vectored thrust engines for flight, the Zeppelin NT has been flying with an unparalleled safety record since 1997, in Germany and Japan.

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