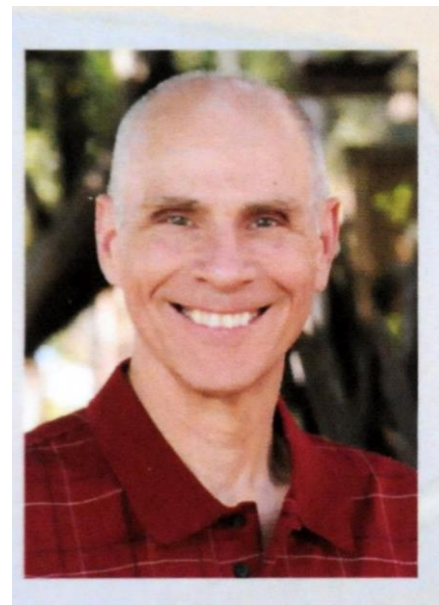
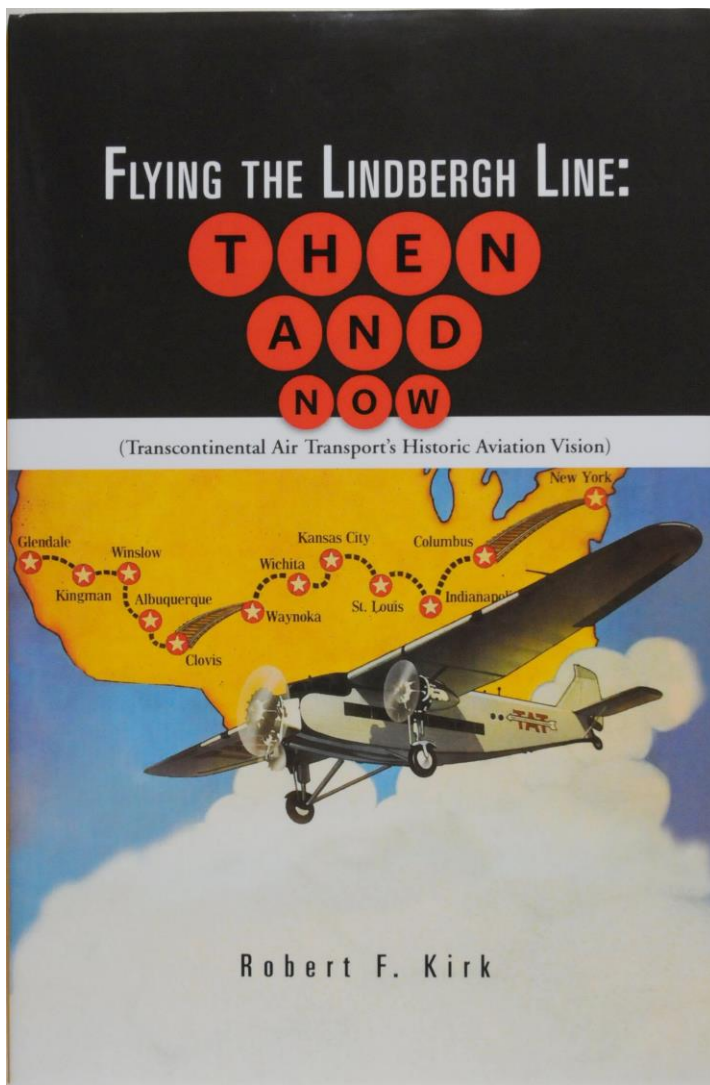


Flying the Lindbergh Line Then and Now

Transcontinental Air Transport (TAT) opened the airline travel from the coast of California across U.S. to the east coast in the late 1920s. The route was determined by survey flights flown across the U.S. by Charles Lindbergh. He was very instrumental in getting airports established with the equipment and facilities to passengers and cargo being flown across the nation from coast to coast. Albuquerque was one of the important stops in making the connections in the route chosen by TAT. Robert Kirk became intrigued with the history of the story of the beginnings of that time in airline history and what it was like to travel the original route. He and his wife then when on a personal odyssey in retracing the original route in their private plane and looking for any traces could be seen today of that famous start of people moving across from Los Angeles to New York by airplane, which we all take for granted today.



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