

MEDIA ALERT

SNEAK PEEK AT THE 1903 WRIGHT FLYER THAT WILL RECREATE HISTORY ON THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF FLIGHT

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Test Your Skills in a Wright Flyer Simulator by “Microsoft Flight Simulator”

WHEN:

Thursday, July 3, 2003 – 10 – 11 a.m.

WHAT TO EXPECT:

Take a sneak peek at EAA’s **1903 Wright Flyer** and learn more about the plane that will recreate the Wright brothers’ first flight on the 100th anniversary. The authentic reproduction airplane is the centerpiece of *EAA’s Countdown to Kitty Hawk Tour presented by Ford Motor Company* (www.countdowntokittyhawk.org) and a cornerstone of Inventing Flight’s Celebration Central. The 24,000-square-foot pavilion includes the **greatest aviation innovations presented by Eclipse Aviation**, historical perspectives, interactive displays and the limited Lincoln Aviator Kitty Hawk Edition, which honors the Wright brothers’ achievements.



- ➔ Test your skills in a **1903 Wright Flyer simulator cradle** featuring the soon-to-be released “**Microsoft Flight Simulator 2004: A Century of Flight**” software. Virtual pilots can try their hand at flying the “first” powered airplane as well 23 other historic and modern aircraft.
- ➔ Interactive exhibits featuring **Eclipse Aviation’s “Greatest Aviation Innovations of the First 100 Years.”** Eclipse Aviation will showcase the top 10 innovations as selected by a distinguished panel of aviation experts and launch a campaign for the public to select the No. 1 innovation. Participants can become eligible to win a deluxe travel package to Kitty Hawk, N.C., for the historic re-enactment of the Wrights’ first flight on Dec. 17, 2003.
- ➔ Take a historic look at the Wright brothers’ efforts through digital reproductions of the **Wright brothers’ documents from the Library of Congress archives**. Read **correspondence between Henry Ford and Orville Wright** – two dedicated, passionate innovators who changed the world in 1903.

WHERE:

EAA’s Countdown to Kitty Hawk Pavilion located at Celebration Central in Deeds Park in Dayton, Ohio

Additional Visuals

B-roll and high-resolution photos of the Flyer being built and wind tunnel tested

B-roll of the candidates in Eclipse Aviation’s “Greatest Aviation Innovations of the First 100 Years”

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