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## **World's Most Comprehensive Wright Brothers Exhibition Touches Down in Jet City Experimental Aircraft Association and The Museum of Flight Join Forces to Honor First-Flight Centennial**

- WHAT:** Long before Seattle became known as "Jet City," two brothers from the Midwest changed the world in just 12 seconds. **On Saturday, Aug. 23, 2003, The Museum of Flight and the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) will unveil the most comprehensive Wright brothers exhibition in the world.** Celebrating the centennial of powered flight, The Museum of Flight will open the new exhibit, *The Birth of Aviation*, in conjunction with the visit of EAA's *Countdown to Kitty Hawk*, presented by Ford Motor Company, a touring pavilion that features both the EAA 1903 Wright Flyer reproduction that is scheduled to fly at Kitty Hawk, N.C., on Dec. 17, 2003, and the Microsoft 1903 Wright Flyer Simulators.
- WHEN:** **Special Media Preview and Press Conference: Thursday, Aug. 21, 10 a.m.**  
Both exhibits open to the public on Saturday, Aug. 23, and both are included in Museum admission: seniors: \$10; adults (18-64): \$11; youth (5-17): \$6.50; and children (4 and under): free. EAA's *Countdown to Kitty Hawk* runs through Monday, Sept. 1, 2003, and *The Birth of Aviation* will be open through Sunday, Feb. 1, 2004.
- WHERE:** The Museum of Flight  
9404 East Marginal Way S. (Exit 158 off Interstate 5)  
Seattle, WA  
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- DETAILS:** Seattle is the only West Coast stop for EAA's *Countdown to Kitty Hawk*. The interactive touring exhibit allows visitors, young and old, a glimpse into aviation history as they view EAA's 1903 Wright Flyer reproduction scheduled to fly Dec. 17, 2003 and climb aboard the Microsoft 1903 Wright Flyer Simulators to use their hands, hips and heads in a virtual recreation of that monumental first flight.
- The Birth of Aviation* reveals untold stories of Orville, Wilbur and sister Katharine Wright and their struggles to turn an invention into an industry. Highlights of the exhibit will be never-before-displayed early documents of The Wright Co., long believed to have been lost or destroyed.
- Together, EAA's *Countdown to Kitty Hawk* ([www.countdowntokittyhawk.org](http://www.countdowntokittyhawk.org)) and *The Birth of Aviation* ([www.museumofflight.org](http://www.museumofflight.org)) provide the most comprehensive Wright brothers experience presented anywhere in the world during this centennial year of flight.

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