



The Flyer

First Flight Society Newsletter

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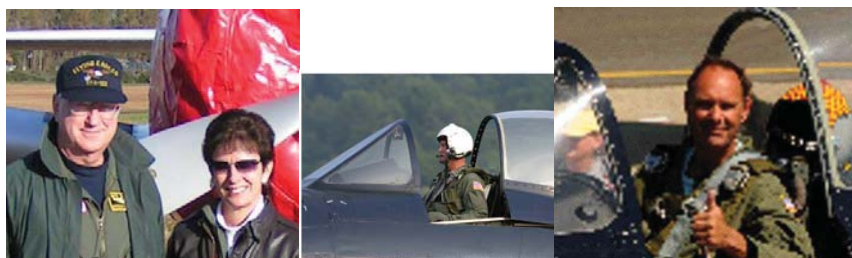
Notes from the President

This year will be one of the most active periods in recent history of the First Flight Society. Beginning with our April 16 Founders Day Luncheon, followed by August 19 activities honoring the National Civil Air Patrol on National Aviation Day, and closing the year with a December 16 banquet honoring Women in Aviation, and our December 17 celebration of the 107th anniversary of powered flight; highlighted with the introduction of Betty Skelton Erde, noted female acrobatic pilot, into the Paul E. Garber First Flight Shrine. Your organization has been on the move.

Conducting our daily affairs and sponsoring the kind of activities worthy of our legacy requires money, a commitment of time and personal involvement of our membership. I urge you to be active in the whole program. Attend the Board meetings, attend our functions and get personally involved with your time and contributions. The First Flight Society needs your interest and your participation. Help preserve the great history and culture that is the mission set forth by our founders and is equally important today to pass on to future generations.

Most Sincerely,
Alvah H. Ward, Jr.
President

Aerial Salute to Women in Aviation - December 17th



At 10:35am on December 17th, the tribute flyover will commence with a salute to Betty Skelton Erde consisting of an aerobatics display dedicated to Women in Aviation. The pilots above are: Becky "Scorch" Luther, Director of the WarBird Museum of Virginia; Gordon "Yard Sale" Bowers, philanthropic founder of the WarBird Museum of Virginia; Captain Malte "Dipstick" Lorenz who holds a "5 square" Airline Transport Pilot certificate, including ASEL, ASES, AMEL, AMES and Rotorcraft; and Doug "Rainbo" Hulse, President of the Maresco Group of Companies.

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They will be flying North American T-28B "Trojan" airplanes, whose original purpose was to train pilots to fly sophisticated, high-performance aircraft. Pictured here is Trojan 138245, operated by the WarBird Museum of Virginia, and based at Chesterfield County Airport near Richmond, VA. This plane was built in 1955 at a factory in Columbus, Ohio and it has a Wright R-1820-86B, 1425 HP engine. Its top speed is 298 knots at 20,000 feet and its ceiling is 37,000 feet. It was retired and placed in outside storage in the Arizona desert in 1976 where it remained until it was sold as surplus in June 1990.



Following the aerobatics display, US Coast Guard aircraft, Elizabeth City State University training aircraft, the "Candy Bomber" and other pilots will participate in the more traditional segment of the flyover. Shown here is the Candy Bomber during a pass over the Wright Brothers Monument in a previous year.



Shrine Portrait Committee selects Artist

The 2010 Portrait Committee met earlier in the year to select an artist and commission the portrait of the First Flight Shrine honoree - Betty Skelton Erde.



Pictured are: Bill Harris, Treasurer, FFS; Melanie Smith; Glenn Eure, Director, FFS; and Denver Lindley. They have selected and commissioned Greg Kavalec to paint this portrait. The portrait should be complete by mid-November and on its way to Kitty Hawk. The committee will meet again when the portrait arrives and Bill Harris will take a

photograph of the portrait that will be presented to Betty as one of her gifts from the Society.

Luncheon Presentation by Dr. Julie Hedgepeth Williams

We are honored this year to have Dr. Julie Hedgepeth Williams as the guest speaker at the December 17th luncheon. Dr. Williams is the author of "Wings of Opportunity: The Wright Brothers in Montgomery, Alabama" released in 2010 and she will speak about the first aviation school founded by the Wright brothers in Montgomery, Alabama in 1910.



Dr. Williams is a journalism professor at Samford University. She received a B.A. in English and history from Principia College in Elsah, Illinois, and a Master's in journalism and a Ph.D. in mass communications

from the University of Alabama. She lives in Birmingham, Alabama.

The luncheon will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn in Kitty Hawk, NC. More information is included in the information and membership renewal package. Please RSVP by December 1, 2010.

December 16th - 2010 Wright Brothers' Anniversary Celebration Banquet - MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW

This year, the First Flight Society, in cooperation with the Outer Banks Community Foundation, will host the Wright Brothers' Anniversary Celebration Banquet on the evening of December 16, 2010 at the Duck Woods Country Club in Southern Shores, NC. The event is by invitation only, and proceeds will benefit aviation education funds managed by the Outer Banks Community Foundation. All First Flight Society members will receive invitations and RSVPs are required by November 19th. Please don't delay in returning your response as space is limited and this event will sell out. Make your payments to the Outer Banks Community Foundation.

Things to Know - Membership Information

- \$35.00 - Individual Annual Membership
- \$50.00 - Family Annual Membership
- \$200.00 - Business Annual Membership
- \$700.00 - Lifetime Membership

As a member of the First Flight Society, please take a moment to recruit other members who share our interests in honoring and promoting flight.

The website has a Join the Society page, and for added convenience for our members, PayPal is now an option to pay membership renewals.

Notes about The Flyer

Our email is **Dec17@firstflight.org**. If you have news and events of interest to the general membership, please let us hear from you.

CALENDAR EVENTS:

November 12 - Board of Directors meet at 1pm, Chamber conference room.

December 16 - Dedication of pylon to Women in Aviation at Monument to a Century of Flight - additional information will be on website

December 16 - Wright Brothers Anniversary Banquet, 6:30pm, Duck Woods Country Club, Southern Shores, NC - look for your invitation in the mail.

December 17 - 107th Anniversary of Powered Flight, Wright Brothers National Memorial

December 17 - Annual luncheon and business meeting, Hilton Garden Inn, 12pm



Contact Info

The First Flight Society office is located on the upper level of the Outer Banks Chamber of Commerce building in Kill Devil Hills. The mailing address is: PO Box 1903, Kitty Hawk, NC 27949. Visit our website for more information: www.firstflight.org

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Events and People - August 19, 2010 - Civil Air Patrol Dedications

These pictures were taken by Lt Col Donald Beckett, CAP, during the morning activities at the Wright Brothers National Memorial, and at the pylon dedication at the Monument to a Century of Flight in Kitty Hawk, NC. Many additional photographs are available at this link:

<http://jococap.dyndns.org/cpg1413/thumbnails.php?album=76>

