

**\*\*\*MEDIA ALERT FOR PHOTO OPPORTUNITY\*\*\***

**WRIGHT BROTHERS' DESCENDENTS CONVERGE IN DAYTON, OHIO,  
TO MARK 100th ANNIVERSARY OF FLIGHT**

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***Family of First Powered Flight Pioneers to Tour EAA's Countdown to Kitty Hawk Pavilion***

**WHEN:**

**11 a.m. Saturday, July 5, 2003**

**WHAT TO EXPECT:**

**Descendents of Orville and Wilbur Wright will converge in Dayton, Ohio, this Saturday** to see the Experimental Aircraft Association's 1903 Wright Flyer reproduction that will recreate the famous brothers' first flight on the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Organizers of *EAA's Countdown to Kitty Hawk Tour presented by Ford Motor Company* have arranged for a **photo opportunity with Wright family members in front of the airplane**. The authentic reproduction is the centerpiece of *EAA's Countdown to Kitty Hawk Tour* and a cornerstone of Inventing Flight's Celebration Central.

EAA commissioned The Wright Experience of Warrenton, Va., to build the reproduction for the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. In addition to the flyer, EAA's 20,000-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. Other attractions include:

- Wright family members also will see **1903 Wright Flyer simulator cradles** 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.
- **Amanda Wright Lane**, great-grandniece, and **Stephen Wright**, great-grandnephew of the Wright brothers also have been traveling on EAA's Countdown to Kitty Hawk tour to share first-hand the impact their ancestors' invention has on the world.
- The Wright family also will see their ancestors' efforts to achieve flight through digital reproductions of the **Wright brothers' documents from the Library of Congress archives**. They also will be able to 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** at Celebration Central in Deeds Park in Dayton, Ohio

**Additional Visuals**

- B-roll and high-resolution photos of the flyer reproduction 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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