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ON THE ROAD…100 YEARS OF WISCONSIN AVIATION HISTORY

MIDDLETOWN, WI. October 24, 2003 - The Wisconsin Department of Transportation Bureau of Aeronautics, in partnership with the Wisconsin Aviation Hall of Fame and the Wisconsin Wing of the Civil Air Patrol, has created two displays in celebration of the 100th Anniversary of Flight. The displays, titled Wisconsin Celebrates the Centennial of Powered Flight, highlight the achievements of Wisconsin aviation pioneers.

"The displays will be used at a number of airports throughout the state and will be marketed to schools," said John Dorcey, Aviation Consultant with the bureau. "The displays are designed to provide the public and students with a wide range of aviation exploration experiences. The focus of these displays is on aviation history, and the impact Wisconsin’s early aviators had on the industry."

The Wisconsin Space Grant Consortium, a NASA funded organization, financed the displays. The Bureau of Aeronautics was responsible for display design and development, while the Wisconsin Aviation Hall of Fame provided photos and historical information from their extensive archive collection. The Civil Air Patrol is providing transportation of the displays to Wisconsin airports through 2003. Two sizes are available, an 8’ x 8’ five panel, stand-alone display; and a tabletop version measuring 3’ x 8’.

"The displays are an excellent example of the tradition of the Aeronautics Bureau’s support for the aviation history of Wisconsin," said Mike Goc, Board Member of the Wisconsin Aviation Hall of Fame. "The displays create much interest in our state’s important contributions to aviation and in our organization."

For more information or to schedule a display, contact the Bureau of Aeronautics at 608-266-3351.

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