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**Wisconsin Aviation Hall of Fame to present
“The First Thing I Knew, I Was Flying”**

Hear story of Wisconsin’s first flight and the man who made it

OSHKOSH, WI. September 19, 2009 – The Wisconsin Aviation Hall of Fame (WAHF) has planned a series of events celebrating Wisconsin’s Centennial of Flight, including history presentations and a traveling exhibit of a quarter-scale model of the first airplane that flew in Wisconsin. On November 4, 1909, Arthur Pratt Warner flew a Curtiss aircraft from a farmer’s field in Beloit, Wisconsin, bringing Wisconsin into the age of aviation.

To celebrate this historic event, Rose Dorcey will present, “The First Thing I Knew I Was Flying,” a lively presentation about Warner’s history-making flight and what it took to make it happen. In addition, John Dorcey will provide a detailed description of the aircraft Warner flew, using the model as a guide, and compare Warner’s Curtiss with similar 1900s aircraft. Waukesha County Airport Manager Keith Markano said of the exhibit, “We are honored to be chosen to host this meticulously handcrafted model of the first aircraft to fly in the state of Wisconsin.”

The presentation takes place on Tuesday, September 29 at 7 p.m. in the conference room at the Waukesha County Airport (UES). The exhibit and quarter-scale Warner-Curtiss model, built by EAA Chapter 60 members in Beloit, will be displayed at the airport from September 22 through October 15. The public is invited and there is no charge for this event.

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Tuesday, September 29, 2009
7 p.m.
Waukesha County Airport (UES)

See a quarter-scale model of the first airplane that flew in Wisconsin.
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To learn more, visit www.aviationhalloffamewisconsin.com
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The Wisconsin Aviation Hall of Fame has inducted more than 90 men and women since its inaugural ceremony in 1985. Its mission is to collect and preserve the history of aviation in Wisconsin, recognize those who made that history, inform others of it, and promote aviation education.