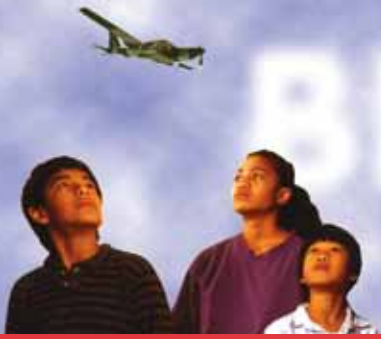


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DECEMBER 2011



Hiller Aviation Museum WHERE INSPIRATION TAKES FLIGHT

Wings Across the Continent

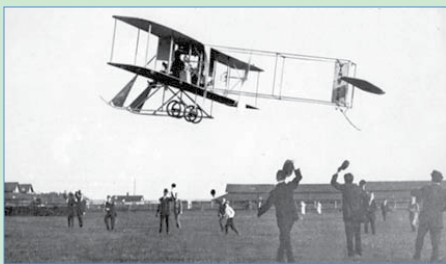
CAL RODGERS, ROBERT FOWLER AND THE FLIGHTS COAST-TO-COAST

by Jon Welte

The United States stretches nearly 3,000 miles from Atlantic to Pacific. From the early 19th century the American flag flew from sea to shining sea, but travel from east to west across the largely uninhabited frontier was an arduous process, especially before the completion of the transcontinental railroad in 1869.



Aviation long held the promise of bringing east and west together. In 1910, William Randolph Hearst offered a prize of \$50,000 for the first pilot to fly across the United States in 30 days or less. Private pilot Calbraith ("Cal") Perry Rodgers was one of several pilots to attempt to win this prize. Perry's family had a long history of service in the United States Navy, and his cousin John Rodgers was one of the first pilots in the US Navy's Aerial Corps. Cal Rodgers trained with Orville Wright at the Wright Brothers' flying field in Ohio to earn his pilot certificate.



Cal Roberts Departs New York

Rodger's airplane for the transcontinental journey was a Wright Model EX. The EX was a single-seat version of the Wright Model B Flyer modified to reduce drag and boost airspeed to 55 miles per hour, a breathtaking pace for 1911. The EX's additional airspeed proved popular with exhibition flyers and made it an ideal candidate for the Hearst Transcontinental Prize.

To support the cross-country mission, Rodgers secured sponsorship from food processing magnate J. Ogden Armour, who christened the aircraft Vin Fiz after his company's grape-flavored soda. The flight was planned with multiple stops across the country, and a special train would accompany Rodgers from stop to stop to refuel and service the aircraft.

Rodgers departed Sheepshead Bay, New York, on September 17th, 1911. Rodgers was followed by the train and its support crew, including the Wright Brothers' original mechanic, Charlie Taylor. 70 flights, seven weeks and over a dozen

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crash landings later, Rodgers arrived in Pasadena, California, on November 5th 1911—missing the deadline for the Hearst Transcontinental Prize by some 19 days. Most of the original structure of the Vin Fiz was repaired or replaced during the journey, and little of its material completed the full voyage from New York to California.



Four days before reaching Pasadena, Rodgers made a stop at the University of Arizona in Tucson, Arizona. Awaiting him there was aviator Robert Fowler in his Cole Flyer, a Wright Model B airplane. Fowler was another contender for the Hearst Prize, but his flight plan led from west to east.

By the time the two men met in Arizona on November 1st, 1911, there was little doubt that Rodgers would be the first to fly the continent. Only weeks earlier, however, Fowler had held the advantage. A Bay Area native and automobile aficionado, Fowler had taken to aviation. After an early career that included exhibition flying with both Glen Curtiss and the Wright Brothers, Rodgers secured sponsorship from the Cole Motor Company to pursue the Hearst Prize. He departed San Francisco for New York on September 11th, 1911, on a route that began across the Sierra Nevada Mountains.

The Wrights themselves had counseled Fowler against taking a northerly route across the country, due to the high altitudes required. Rodgers insisted on departing from his hometown, however, and by the second day of the journey strong winds approaching the Sierra crest contributed to force the Cole Flyer down into the trees between Colfax and Reno. Heroic efforts repaired the airplane in less than two weeks, but a second forced landing just short of the summit doomed Fowler's chances of crossing the mountains before winter.

Resigned to a southerly route, Fowler started from Los Angeles in late October 1911. The deadline for the Hearst Prize had already lapsed, but Fowler launched nonetheless and reached

Tucson in time for his encounter with the westbound Cal Rodgers. Fowler continued east and was in Texas on December 10th, 1911, when Rodgers landed on the beach at Long Beach, California, and taxied the wheels of the Vin Fiz into the sea. Two months later, after braving abysmal winter weather in an open biplane, Fowler arrived in Jacksonville, Florida, to a cheering crowd.

Despite the failure of either contestant to claim the Hearst Transcontinental Prize, both Rodgers and Fowler had flown routes of some 4,000 miles. Wherever either man flew, enthusiasm for flight reached a fever pitch and thousands of Americans from coast to coast caught a glimpse of an airplane in flight for the first time.

Parts of the original Vin Fiz were reassembled into two different aircraft in the years following Cal Rodgers' death in 1912. One aircraft was destroyed in a fire, but the other was ultimately donated to the Smithsonian Institution. Today it is housed at the National Air and Space Museum in Washington, DC. The Hiller Aviation Museum displays a full size replica of the Vin Fiz aircraft.

Robert Fowler survived his days as a pioneer aviator, living to the age of 82. The airframe of the Cole Flyer was not preserved, but the four cylinder engine that powered his Wright Model B across the country is on display today at the Hiller Aviation Museum.



Robert Fowler Prepares for Flight

The Museum highlights its special role as a repository of artifacts related to the first transcontinental flights of North America on the centennial of the conclusion of the flight of Cal Rodgers. Join us on Saturday, December 10th, 2011 for a celebration of the accomplishment of these intrepid aviators.

Resources

Maria Schell Burden. The Life and Times of Robert G. Fowler, 1999
Smithsonian Air & Space Museum
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One project that has been taking shape for the museum is the creation of a replica of the XH-44 helicopter. The first version that Stanley

Hiller, Jr. built now resides at the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum. Our replica is the result of thousands of hours of effort by dedicated museum volunteers who built it from scratch through a combination of diligent research, reverse engineering and skilled craftsmanship. It is complete and functional, right down to the individual control systems, engine, drive train and fabric-covered rotors. You can see the progress on the XH-44 if you step into our Restoration Shop which is always open for viewing. We are getting excited that the day is soon coming when we will be able to officially dedicate this aircraft in our exhibit gallery, so stayed tuned for further details in upcoming issues of Briefings.

Those who attended our recent Fundraising event in early November, Above and Beyond, were treated to an amazing evening featuring walk-through tours of a huge and stately Grumman Albatross amphibious airplane, courtesy of Reid Dennis who received the Stanley Hiller, Jr. Intrepid Pioneer Award that night. Topping off the evening was an appearance by Ed Lu, one of the most experienced of the NASA astronauts who helped make the International Space Station a living, orbiting reality. The event was a great success and raised crucial funds to support the museum's many education programs. Thanks to everyone who attended and for providing such generous support.

A heartfelt "thank you" goes to all of the many contributors and museum Members for supporting us and making the museum part of your lives and a shining jewel of the San Francisco Peninsula. There are great things coming and we look forward to seeing you this winter at the Hiller Aviation Museum.

—Jeffery Bass, President & CEO

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SANTA CLAUS ARRIVES BY HELICOPTER

SATURDAY DECEMBER 3
SANTA ARRIVES AT 10AM
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Join the West Bay Community Band and sing Christmas Carols while the kids line up to tell Santa their Christmas gift list. At 12:00 noon Santa will then drive to downtown San Carlos on a fire truck for more holiday cheer.

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REMEMBERING THE CENTENNIAL OF TRANSCONTINENTAL FLIGHT

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10 AT 11AM

In the year 1910, renowned publisher William Randolph Hearst offered a \$50,000 prize to the first pilot to fly across the United States within 30 days. There were no airports or aircraft mechanics along the way and no air navigation maps, control towers or beacons to warn of hazards or guide the pilot. Pilots would have to follow railroad tracks, recognize landmarks, and talk with local people during periods on the ground. This would be an amazing feat considering it was less than a decade earlier when the Wright Brothers broke the bonds of earth with a 120 foot long powered flight. Only two pilots completed the race, neither within the required 30 days and so no one collected the prize money. What these two amazing pilots did accomplish was being the first to fly coast to coast across this vast country and for opening up the idea of air travel to what we enjoy today.

Join us at the Hiller Aviation Museum Saturday Dec. 10th to learn more about these great aviators and the race that proved airplanes could fly coast to coast. The day will include presentations, the original Wright Engine from Bob Fowlers Cole Flyer and a full size replica of Cal Rodgers "Vin Fiz". Event included with museum admission.



CALENDAR

DECEMBER 2011

DECEMBER 3 • 10AM-12PM

Santa arrives by helicopter

DECEMBER 6 • 5-8PM

Special Member Shopping Night

DECEMBER 6 • 5-8PM

Evening Mobile Gourmet Food Trucks

DECEMBER 7 • 11AM-2PM

Mobile Gourmet Food Trucks

DECEMBER 10 • 11AM

The Centennial of Transcontinental Flight — remembering Cal Rodgers and Bob Fowler

DECEMBER 13 • 5-8PM

Special Member Shopping Night

DECEMBER 13 • 5-8PM

Evening Mobile Gourmet Food Trucks

DECEMBER 14 • 11AM-2PM

Mobile Gourmet Food Trucks

DECEMBER 19-23 • 9AM-4PM

Aviation Camp — Spaceflight Explorers

DECEMBER 20 • 3-6PM

Take Flight — North Pole Aviators

DECEMBER 20 • 5PM-8PM

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Evening Mobile Gourmet Food Trucks

DECEMBER 21 • 11AM

Soar With Books — Flying Poodles

DECEMBER 21 • 11AM-2PM

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DECEMBER 24

Museum Closes at 3pm

DECEMBER 25

Closed for Christmas Holiday

DECEMBER 26-30 • 9AM-4PM

Aviation Camp — Extreme Flight

OF EVENTS

DECEMBER 27 • 1:30-4:30PM

Take Flight — North Pole Aviators

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Starlab Planetarium Show

DECEMBER 28 • 11AM-2PM

Mobile Gourmet Food Trucks

DECEMBER 29 • 10:30AM, 11:30AM, 12:30PM & 2:00PM

Starlab Planetarium Show

DECEMBER 31 • 10AM-1PM

Bay Area Parent's Noon Years Eve Party
Museum Closes at 3pm

JANUARY 2012

JANUARY 1

Museum closed

JANUARY 3 • 1:30-4:30PM

Take Flight — Airplane Adventure

JANUARY 4 • 1:30-4:30PM

Take Flight — Helicopter Aviators

JANUARY 5 • 1:30-4:30PM

Take Flight — Parachute Pilots

JANUARY 7 • 10AM

Soar With Books

JANUARY 14

Scout Saturday Boy and Girl Scouts in uniform
admitted free of charge

JANUARY 14

Open Cockpit day

JANUARY 16 • 1:30-4:30 PM

Take Flight

FEBRUARY 2012

FEBRUARY 18

Robert Dye

FEBRUARY 20 • 1:30-4:30 PM

Take Flight

"NOON" YEARS EVE PARTY

DECEMBER 31

10AM – 1PM

Presented by Bay Area Parent Magazine & The Hiller Aviation Museum

You're invited to attend the "Noon" Years Eve Party on Saturday, December 31st at the Hiller Aviation Museum. This annual event is designed especially for kids. Join us for these exciting activities:

- Count Down to 12:00 Noon ("Noon" Years) Balloon Drop and Sparkling Cider Toast in two separate rooms this year
- Slides and Jumpers
- Face Painting, Games and Fun
- Dance Shows, Magic, Lizards, Snakes and more!

Event runs 10am-1pm Saturday December 31 at the Hiller Aviation Museum. Event included with museum admission.



OPEN COCKPIT DAY

JANUARY 14, 11AM – 3PM

Who isn't fascinated with sitting in the cockpit of a modern airliner or a jet? The Hiller Aviation Museum is unique in regularly providing access for visitors to real aircraft cockpits like an A-4 jet trainer, a Hiller H-12 helicopter and our Boeing 747 airliner.

On this special day, we swing open additional cockpits including the Boeing 737 airliner, the Boeing SST and the Cessna 177 Cardinal. From general aviation piston aircraft to commercial airliners, you will get a real "hands-on" experience and unique perspective on flying from real pilots and airline captains.



A PIONEER IN AVIATION: THE LIFE STORY OF BRICE GOLDSBOROUGH

By Robert Dye

PRESENTATION SATURDAY FEBRUARY 18, 11 AM

For years, long lost information about the man that was literally instrumental in Charles Lindbergh's famous transatlantic flight sat forgotten in Bob Dye's home.

Dye ran across the old newspaper and magazine clippings, telegrams and letters about Brice Goldsborough one day when raffling through some old boxes. As he read them he began to realize how much Goldsborough contributed to early Aviation. Join us on February 18th as Mr. Dye shares his discoveries and the insights they provide into Lindbergh's historic mission.



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Give a Hiller Aviation Museum membership to someone special. The membership will allow that person or family free admission to lectures, various events, the Vertical Challenge Helicopter Air Show and a discount in the museum store.

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Becoming a member of the Hiller Aviation Museum means you are participating in the growth of museum exhibits and have a role in the museum's goal to advance education.

\$35 Senior (age 65+)

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Take to the skies this holiday season with a special week-long Aviation Camp program for Grades 1-5! Two different topics are available, each offering hands-on experiments, flying models, flight simulation and encounters with real aircraft.

Both Winter Camp programs are available Half Day (9AM – 12PM) or Full Day (9AM – 4PM). Space is limited—register today to secure your child's spot in our newest Aviation Camp programs!



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December 19 – 23

Join a voyage to the far limits of aviation! Investigate aerobatic flight, break the sound barrier, mix chemicals to make amazing polymers, explore severe weather phenomena and more in an amazing adventure in aviation!



SPACEFLIGHT ACADEMY

December 26 – 30

Soar beyond the sky in a journey to the final frontier! Observe sunspots, identify constellations, build a telescope, fly space shuttles, soar above the sands of Mars and much more in a flight to infinity and beyond!

TAKE FLIGHT

 Half Day Programs
December 20 – January 5

Depart on a three-hour adventure in aviation for Grades K-5 this holiday season! Build and fly model aircraft and take on challenging flight simulations while exploring a unique subject in flight. All programs meet 1:30PM – 4:30PM unless otherwise noted.

NORTH POLE AVIATORS

Tuesday, December 20th*

Tuesday, December 27th

*Special Time: 3:05 – 6:00PM

AIRPLANE ADVENTURE

Tuesday, January 3rd

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Wednesday, January 4th

PARACHUTE PLANES

Thursday, January 5th



Visit www.hiller.org for complete program descriptions, registration forms and additional information. We'll see you there!

SOAR WITH BOOKS

Pre-School Reading Program

11AM – 12PM

Launch an exploration of the Museum for our littlest aviators! Designed for children aged 3 to 5 years, Soar With Books includes a short hands-on exploration of the Exhibit Gallery, a special book reading, and a short hands-on craft project for kids and adults. Titles include:

Wednesday, December 21:

FLYING POODLES;

A CHRISTMAS STORY

Saturdays, January 7 & February 4:

VIOLET THE PILOT

Tickets (\$1.50/child, free to Members) are required and are available at the Gift Shop on the morning of the program. Visit www.hiller.org for more information.

STARLAB SKY SHOW

Wednesday, December 28

12:30 & 2:00PM

Thursday, December 29

10:30 & 11:30AM, 2:00 & 3:00PM

Enter the mysterious Starlab Planetarium and take a spectacular trip through the glittering stars, planets and constellations of winter. Identify star patterns visible from your own backyard this season during a special 30-minute presentation.

Space for each presentation is limited. Tickets (\$5/person, \$4/Members) are required and may be purchased at the Gift Shop on the day of the program. Presentations are designed for children aged 5 and up. Children aged 3-5 are welcome to join the first presentation each day. Visit www.hiller.org for more information.

SCOUT SATURDAY

January 14, 2012

Boy and Girl Scouts in uniform and their adult leaders can visit the Hiller Aviation Museum at no charge on Saturday, January 14th. All Scouts are invited to join special presentations given by Scout alumni with distinguished careers in aviation:

11AM: SCOUTING IN AVIATION
USAF Lt. Col. (Retired) and Eagle Scout William Wardwell

11:45AM: A GIRL WITH WINGS
Experimental Aircraft Builder and Girl Scout Gail Turner Bauer
Scouts and Scout leaders must be in uniform to receive free admission on January 14th. Regular admission prices apply to non-uniformed Scouts, siblings, parents and other tagalongs. We'll see you there!



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