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In their infancy, flying machines of all sorts have long been subjected to questions regarding their utility. Over a century before the Wright Brothers took their first halting flights above the sands of Kitty Hawk, a pair of French brothers – Joseph-Michel and Jacques-Etienne Montgolfier – began a thrilling series of experiments using large hot air balloons in the skies over and around Paris.

At nearly the same time, fellow Frenchman Jacques Charles began experiments involving balloons filled with hydrogen gas. In 1783 famed American statesman and scientist Benjamin Franklin observed an early flight amid a crowd of enthusiastic Parisians, and was asked by another observer what use the new invention could possibly be good for. “What good is a newborn baby?” Franklin allegedly replied, confident that the new technology would find no shortage of uses as it developed.

While the hot air balloons of the Montgolfier brothers and hydrogen-lofted craft built by Charles were both soon carrying passengers above the French countryside, the flight witnessed by Franklin on August 27, 1783 was an early test flight with no crew aboard. Flying new aircraft types without a crew became common in the earliest years of flight. Model gliders and airplanes were developed by another enterprising Frenchman, Alphonse Penaud, in 1871. By the end of the 19th century Samuel Langley flew a scale model of his Aerodrome through a large indoor warehouse, while Wilbur and Orville Wright tested their full-scale gliders as tethered kites before advancing to manned flight.

The earliest unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) flew without any means of control that could be adjusted in flight, but by the 1930s British and American designers had built aircraft able to be flown remotely for use in aerial gunnery practice. The first operational aircraft of this type built for the Royal Navy’s Fleet Air Arm was the de Havilland DH-82B Queen Bee. The US Navy built similar systems for its own use with aircraft such as the Stearman-Hammond Y-1, dubbing them “drones” in reference to the Queen Bees used on the other side of the Atlantic.
Vertical lift aircraft also soon found use as unpiloted vehicles. During the 1960s, Del Mar Aircraft developed a version of its DH-2 light helicopter into a remotely piloted drone usable for gunnery practice, in much the same manner as the original de Havilland Queen Bee. DH-2s used in this role flew with a light fiberglass shell resembling the shape of a larger, manned helicopter, and contained acoustical sensors to allow the detection of hits from anti-aircraft batteries located on the ground below.

The advent of vastly smaller microprocessors in the 1990s made possible the creation of substantially smaller drone helicopters, which offered the promise of reduced acquisition and operating costs compared to full-sized aircraft. A confluence of technologies soon after the turn of the 21st century resulted in a return to a helicopter design that had been all but abandoned nearly a century earlier: the quadcopter.

Helicopters with four lifting rotors are not new. A piloted quadcopter was designed, built and flown successfully for the United States Army by Jerome-de Bothezat in 1922. The aircraft flew, but severe flight control limitations led to the abandonment of the program less than two years after first flight. Designs with one or two full-sized, dynamic rotors were found to be more efficient and more stable, and have been used on nearly all large helicopters from the 1940s through the present day.

In an extremely small drone helicopter, however, the quadcopter offers an irresistible design advantage: simplicity. The rotors of a large helicopter must be capable of being adjusted in flight, with changing blade angles and rotor tilt integral to the aircraft’s control system. A quad (or other multi-rotor) allows for small, easily-manufactured fixed-pitch rotors to be used instead. Control is achieved not by altering the physical characteristics of a single large, complex rotor, but instead by individually increasing or decreasing the speed of four small, simple fixed rotors. By using a separate electric motor to power each rotor, flight control can be handled via a program coded into the onboard microprocessor. For small rotors, the mechanical simplicity of a quadcopter’s fixed rotors more than compensates for the reduced efficiency and the need for computer-assisted active stability.

The technologies embodied in the multicopter resulted in an explosion of drone missions in the first two decades of the twenty-first century. Without a pilot aboard, such drones could safely fly into active volcanoes and other dangerous areas without risking a human crew. Squadrions of hundreds could fly together in spectacular synchronous demonstrations over major sporting events or amusement parks. Camera-carrying drones could deploy in security and surveillance missions to allow monitoring of sensitive areas without the expense of manned aircraft. Critical deliveries of medical supplies in areas with few roads could be made quickly and at reasonable cost. And later this year, NASA will attempt to launch the Mars Helicopter Scout to extend drone helicopter operations into skies beyond those of Earth altogether in an epic journey of exploration.

What use is a drone? The Hiller Aviation Museum answers this question and shares the story of UAVs by exhibiting a wide range of unpiloted aircraft, from the enormous Boeing Condor to the diminutive DGI Phantom. The Museum’s newly-renovated Drone Plex displays and interprets many of these remarkable aircraft, while providing visitors the opportunity to operate drone simulators and fly real drones in a netted enclosure. Join the adventure this spring and discover the amazing world of robotic flight.

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Ready for Liftoff, Bruce Del Mar, 2010

PRESIDENT’S PERSPECTIVE

In the gallery, we’re pleased to unveil our Fokker Dr.1 Triplane, a full-size reproduction which is the beautiful result of a 4-year effort by skilled volunteers in the restoration shop. Sadly, the project’s lead volunteer, Don Torburn, passed away just a few weeks before the debut of the aircraft. We know how proud and satisfied Don was with the project, as we are of his fine work and the accomplishments of his colleagues in bringing the project to completion. The Fokker replica is purpose-built to be an aircraft within our gallery into which visitors can clamber, and sit inside the cockpit. Imagine the brutal cold in the open air over France in 1918 as you manipulate the flight controls. It’s a unique experience you won’t want to miss on your next visit.

A heartfelt “thank you” goes to all of the many contributors, visitors and museum Members for supporting us and making the museum part of your lives. There are great things coming, and we look forward to seeing you this spring at the Hiller Aviation Museum.

Jeffery Bass, President & CEO

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Come celebrate St. Patrick’s Day at the Hiller Aviation Museum with face painting, bounce house, “Pot of Gold” treasure hunt and a Skydiving Leprechaun! Event included with museum admission.

TRAINS AND PLANES DISPLAY
SAT, MARCH 29 – SAT, APRIL 11
DAILY, 11AM-3PM
Join us for our annual Spring Model Train Show. This year there will be five separate model train layouts set up at the museum.

E-GAMER AEROBATIC FLIGHT SIM EXPERIENCE
SATURDAY MARCH 21, 11AM – 2PM
E-gamer social is hosting a multi-player video gaming social event for both typical kids and kids with special needs. This event will featuring 10 Overwatch gaming computers and 2 VR systems that allow the real-life a real life flight experience of an aerobatic Extra 330sc. After enjoying a VR flight, kids will be able to view the unlimited Aerobatic Extra 330sc on display at the museum.

Members of the chapter 38 International Aerobatics Club will also bring their aerobatic planes for display.

E-gamer Social is an inclusive, all-volunteer program, and was created to help middle school and high school kids with social challenges. Our mission is to create an inviting space that encourages kids with social challenges and their friends or family members to play games together. By experiencing collaboration in such a competitive and social video gaming environment, our kids will learn how to work together and improve their teamwork skills. Go to www.e-gamer.social today to learn more! Event included with museum admission.
EASTER BUNNY ARRIVES BY HELICOPTER
SAT, APRIL 11, 10AM – 1PM

Join the Easter Eggstravaganza on Saturday April 11 from 10AM-1PM, The Bunny arrives at 11AM. Get an Easter Egg straight from the Bunny and enjoy face painting, a bounce house. All included with museum admission.

FLYING GATSBY BALL
SATURDAY APRIL 25, 6PM – 10PM

One hundred years later, the 1920s roar again at the Hiller Aviation Museum!

After the end of the First World War, America sprang to life. Peace returned, women received the right to vote, and a buoyant economy spread a tremendous optimism across the land.

Relive the spirit of the Roaring Twenties at the Flying Gatsby Ball! Join us for a roaring good time as the Museum turns into your very own Speakeasy. Come as a flapper, gangster, or silent movie star. Dance the night away to sounds from the Jazz Age and learn classic 20's dances.

Appetizers are included and both classic and contemporary drinks will be available for separate purchase. Photo ops in front of our antique aircraft and cars including the Fairchild 24 “Honeymoon” airplane.

Join in the fun and join the excitement on April 25 at the Flying Gatsby Ball! Tickets available on Eventbrite: $45, $35 Museum Members

THE X-15 ROCKET PLANE, FLYING THE FIRST WINGS INTO SPACE
SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 11 AM

Presentation and Book Signing by Michelle Evans

With the Soviet Union’s launch of the first Sputnik satellite in 1957, the Cold War soared to new heights as Americans feared losing the race into space. This presentation tells the enthralling yet little-known story of the hypersonic X-15, the winged rocket ship that met this challenge and opened the way into human controlled spaceflight.

This remarkable research aircraft held the world’s altitude record for 41 years, and still has no equal to match or better its speed of more than 4,500 mph. Beyond the X-15 are the stories of the 12 men who guided it into space, and all the people who kept the rocket plane flying for nearly a decade. This is the story that has never been told of the vehicle that was the true precursor to the Space Shuttle by being the first piloted and winged vehicle to exit Earth’s atmosphere, and make a controlled reentry to a landing on hard-packed dry desert lakebeds.

In her research, Ms. Evans interviewed nearly 70 people, including 9 of the 12 pilots, including Neil Armstrong, Scott Crossfield, and Robert White, with family representatives for the remaining pilots. Others she spoke with include managers, flight planners, and the technicians and engineers who made the X-15 ready to fly its next research mission at high altitude and Mach.

FLYING GATSBY BALL
SATURDAY APRIL 25, 6PM – 10PM

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DRONE MEET • AGES 8+
MARCH 22, MAY 10 • 1:30 – 4:00 PM
Compete in a mini-event in drone flying! Practice a specific maneuver on drone simulators, then fly against the best of the best inside the newly reconfigured Drone Plex!

KIDS’ CARNIVAL • AGES 3+
MARCH 15, APRIL 26, MAY 24 • 10 AM – 12 PM
Join the fun to paint a plane, build and fly a model aircraft, check out in an aircraft cockpit and more in a special hands-on festival of flight!

FLIGHT SIM CLUB
MARCH 15, APRIL 26, MAY 24 • 2 PM – 3:30 PM
Join the Hiller Aviation Museum flight simulation community for a monthly meeting to discuss new developments in simulation technology and try out some of the newest advancements.

STARLAB SKY SHOW • AGES 3+
MARCH 1 • 10:30, 11:30, 12:30
Enter the Starlab Planetarium and take a trip through the glittering stars, planets and constellations of spring. Identify star patterns visible from your own backyard this season during a special 30-minute presentation.

WATER ROCKET RALLY • AGES 5+
APRIL 19, MAY 17 • 11 AM
Get ready for splash-off! Learn about the history of rocketry, then use a soda bottle to construct and launch a water-powered rocket! Bring a recycled soda bottle from home, or purchase one at the Museum’s Gift Shop on the day of the event.

FLIGHT SIMULATOR EVENTS • AGES 8+
MARCH 8, APRIL 5, MAY 3 • 2 PM – 3:30 PM
Fly with the best of the best in a 30-minute simulation challenge in the Flight Sim Zone! Learn to perform a specific flight maneuver in a unique simulated aircraft, then take the controls to complete the mission of the month!

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