



**The Lindbergh Symposium:  
"Wings to Lift the World"**

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**LINDBERGH SYMPOSIUM TO CELEBRATE  
100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF FLIGHT**

FORT MYERS, Fla. (August 22, 2003) – In celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of flight, a Lindbergh Symposium will be held Saturday, November 15, 2003, at Florida Gulf Coast University. The symposium, titled "Wings to Lift the World," will feature several well-known speakers associated with Charles A. and Anne Morrow Lindbergh and will focus on significant achievements in aviation history and the Lindberghs' shared vision of a balance between technological advancement and environmental preservation.

Confirmed speakers for the event include:

- **Jim Fowler**, a Lindbergh Award recipient, internationally noted naturalist, authority on predatory birds and media spokesman for wildlife conservation. Fowler earned international acclaim for his work as co-host and host of "Mutual of Omaha's Wild Kingdom," and later the "Spirit of Adventure" program.
- **Sergei Sikorsky**, early pioneer in the helicopter search and rescue field, past vice president of United Technologies Sikorsky Aircraft USA. Sergei Sikorsky is the son of Igor Sikorsky, who invented and flew the world's first practical operational helicopter and worked with Charles Lindbergh on the early amphibian aircraft that paved the way for future commercial international air travel.
- **Dr. Richard Hallion**, the eminent aviation historian and author of "Taking Flight; Inventing the Aerial Age." Dr. Hallion is the author of many admired books on aviation including the history of the Guggenheim Fund for which he conferred with Charles Lindbergh just before Lindbergh's death.

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## 2-2-2-2\Lindbergh Symposium to Celebrate 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Flight

- **Kristina Lindbergh**, granddaughter of Charles and Anne Morrow Lindbergh.
- *Welcome and opening remarks:* **Margaret Eiluned Morgan**, niece of Charles A. and Anne Morrow Lindbergh and president of The Earth Shine Institute and Lindbergh Symposium.
- *Closing Remarks:* **Reeve Lindbergh**, daughter of Charles A. and Anne Morrow Lindbergh, award-winning author, and president of The Charles A. and Anne Morrow Lindbergh Foundation.

“The 2003 Lindbergh Symposium will celebrate the 100th anniversary of powered flight and celebrate ‘balance’ ...balance of heritage and horizon, insight and foresight, nature and technology, and how all it came together at Kitty Hawk in 1903, and how it all still comes together in powered flight today,” said Margaret Eiluned Morgan, niece of the Lindberghs and president of the symposium.

The symposium will run from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., with a reception and book signing with the speakers from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The admission fee is \$50, which includes all speaker sessions, lunch, refreshments and the reception/book-signing. Books authored by symposium speakers, as well as the Lindberghs, will be available for purchase at the reception/book-signing, and several speakers are invited to participate in the signing.

More information and a registration form are available on the Web at [www.earthshineinstitute.com](http://www.earthshineinstitute.com). Registration forms can also be requested by phone at (239) 334-2154 ext. 125 or e-mail at [lindbergh@wwrecpa.com](mailto:lindbergh@wwrecpa.com).

The Lindbergh Symposium is presented by The Earth Shine Institute, a supporting organization of The Charles A. and Anne Morrow Lindbergh Foundation. Additional event sponsors and supporters include The Charles A. and Anne Morrow Lindbergh Foundation, the Lee Island Coast Tourist Development Council, Florida Gulf Coast University, Northern Trust Bank and the Southwest Florida Community Foundation.

The Earth Shine Institute was founded in 2002, the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary year of Charles Lindbergh's historic solo New York-to-Paris flight. The Institute is a 501(c)(3) organization based in Florida that serves as a supporting organization of The Charles A. and Anne Morrow Lindbergh Foundation and presents educational and cultural programs in Southwest Florida that further the shared vision of Charles A. and Anne Morrow Lindbergh.

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The Charles A. and Anne Morrow Lindbergh Foundation is an international non-profit organization based in Anoka, Minnesota, whose mission is to honor the lifelong partnership between Charles and Anne Morrow Lindbergh in aviation, writing and their shared commitment to the advancement of scientific knowledge they helped pioneer, while maintaining a long-term respect for the environment they cherished. The Lindbergh Foundation administers three types of programs: Lindbergh Grants; an annual honorary Lindbergh Award for lifetime achievement, and a variety of educational programs and publications, all dedicated to the Lindberghs' philosophy of balance between technology and the environment. More information on the Foundation and the Lindberghs is available on the Foundation Web site at [www.lindberghfoundation.org](http://www.lindberghfoundation.org).

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**Additional information about the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of flight can be found on the Web at: [www.centennialofflight.gov](http://www.centennialofflight.gov).**

#### **Additional Background on Symposium Title, "Wings to Lift the World":**

Charles Lindbergh was one of the first people to receive the Wright Brothers Memorial Trophy after Orville Wright's passing in 1948. Charles Lindbergh met Orville Wright shortly after Charles' historic solo flight from New York to Paris in 1927 and served for many years on the Board of NACA (the precursor of NASA). So on December 17, 1949, in the closing sentences of his acceptance speech for the Wright Brothers Memorial Trophy, Charles Lindbergh was not just honoring an American icon who gave mankind a new dimension to explore, but also someone he knew, admired and called friend.

"In honoring the Wright brothers, it is proper and customary to emphasize their contribution to scientific progress. But I believe it is equally important to emphasize the qualities in their pioneering life and the character in man that such a life produced. The Wright brothers balanced success with modesty; science with simplicity. At Kitty Hawk, their intellects and senses worked in mutual support. They represented man in balance. And from that balance came wings to lift a world," Lindbergh said.

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**Extended Speaker Bios/Presentation Topics:**

**Jim Fowler**, a Lindbergh Award recipient and one of the world's best-known naturalists, has dedicated the past 40 years to wildlife preservation and education. A graduate of Earlham College in Richmond, Indiana, with degrees in zoology and geology, Mr. Fowler is internationally recognized as an authority on predatory birds, and pursued a graduate degree by conducting the first studies of the harpy, the world's largest eagle, found in the Amazon. He later tracked the movements of the Andean condor in Peru. Mr. Fowler earned international acclaim, however, when he began working with Marlin Perkins as co-host and later host of Mutual of Omaha's Wild Kingdom in 1963, and later the Spirit of Adventure program. Mr. Fowler has a long list of television programs on which he has served as wildlife correspondent or made regular appearances, including The Today Show; The Tonight Show with Johnny Carson; and Animal Encounters with Jim Fowler, which airs on Animal Planet; among others. Mr. Fowler is actively involved in a nationwide conservation education program for Mutual of Omaha, is a nationally recognized authority on wildlife, and is president of the Fowler Center for Wildlife Education in New York.

Mr. Fowler will highlight that while we celebrate this year the first one hundred years of mankind's history of powered flight, there will be no second one hundred years if we do not pay attention to the needs of all flying things on our planet. He will focus on the importance of balancing technological advances with environmental concerns.

**Sergei Sikorsky** is the son of the famous aviation pioneer, Igor Sikorsky. Igor Sikorsky, founder of Sikorsky Aircraft, invented and flew the world's first practical operational helicopter. During World War II, Sergei Sikorsky served with a joint U.S. Coast Guard/Navy Helicopter Development Squadron. In this capacity, he participated in the development, test and qualification of the first helicopter rescue hoists, medevac litters and a variety of other rescue-related projects. In addition, he participated in several of the earliest helicopter search and rescue missions. Mr. Sikorsky returned to United Technologies Sikorsky Aircraft USA in 1975, and assumed a series of marketing assignments related to domestic and international programs. He retired from Sikorsky Aircraft as vice president of special projects in 1992 but remains active as a consultant, speaker and aviation artist. Mr. Sikorsky is a member of the American Society of Aviation Artists and has served as a judge at several prestigious aviation art competitions, including ARTFLIGHT 2001.

Mr. Sikorsky will talk not just about his legendary father and inventor of the helicopter, Igor Sikorsky, but also his own pioneering humanitarian accomplishments in helicopter search and rescue. In this time of heightened security, with men and women of the world serving in military action, Mr. Sikorsky will emphasize that the pioneers of aviation like the Wright brothers, Igor Sikorsky and Charles Lindbergh saw aviation primarily as a way of bringing the world together and relieving suffering rather than an instrument of destruction.

**Dr. Richard P. Hallion** is an eminent aviation historian and author of "Taking Flight; Inventing the Aerial Age." He is the former Air Force Historian and now serves in dual roles as the Historical Advisor for the Air Force Centennial of Flight Committee and the Advisor on Historical Matters for Air Force Special Projects in Acquisitions in Washington, D.C. Dr. Hallion graduated from the University of Maryland in 1970. He has broad experience in museum development, and historical research and management analysis, and has served as a consultant to various professional organizations. Also, he has flown a range of military and civilian fixed and rotary-wing aircraft. Dr. Hallion is the author of more than 15 books relating to aerospace history, including the history of the Guggenheim Fund for which he conferred with Charles Lindbergh just before Lindbergh's death. He also teaches and lectures widely.

Dr. Hallion will focus on the dreams and designs of the ages leading to those first incredible 12 seconds at Kitty Hawk, and why then the world would never be the same.

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**Kristina Lindbergh** is the eldest grandchild of Charles A. and Anne Morrow Lindbergh and has served on the Lindbergh Foundation board since 1991. She is currently vice president of the Foundation and chairman of the Lindbergh Award Selection Committee. Ms. Lindbergh graduated from Middlebury College in Vermont with a bachelor's degree in English literature. While residing in the Northwest, she edited and authored several books for the Scribe Publishing Corporation. Later she worked as an editor for Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, McGraw-Hill, and William Morrow Inc. Ms. Lindbergh also pursues a life long interest in ballet and is president of the Westchester Ballet Company. She has danced with several amateur ballet companies and now teaches ballet to young children.

Ms. Lindbergh will give a personal tribute to her remarkable grandmother: poet, pilot, wife, explorer, navigator, radio operator, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, environmentalist, philosopher, diarist, and beloved author of such classics as "North to the Orient" and "Gift from the Sea." She will reinforce that in the history of powered flight, not only were there brave women who took to the air to make important contributions to aeronautics themselves, but also brave women on the ground who supported and freed the men they loved (and a few daughters) to explore the skies and travel among the stars.

**Reeve Lindbergh**, daughter of aviator-authors Charles A. and Anne Morrow Lindbergh, was born in 1945 and grew up with her three brothers and her sister in Connecticut. Mrs. Lindbergh graduated from Radcliffe College in 1968 and moved to Vermont, where she has been teaching, writing and raising a family ever since. She is the award-winning author of 17 books for children and five books for adults. She is the president of The Charles A. and Anne Morrow Lindbergh Foundation, a Minnesota non-profit organization seeking balance between technological advancement and environmental wisdom. She lives near St. Johnsbury, Vermont, with her husband, Nathaniel Tripp, and their family.

Mrs. Lindbergh will offer closing remarks for the symposium.

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