



A Lockheed SR-71 Blackbird reconnaissance plane from the National Air and Space Museum Steven F. Udvar-Hazy center at Dulles international Airport.

Hundredth Anniversary of Flight Celebrated

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Man has wanted to fly since ancient times. Leonardo DaVinci came up with some of the first concepts for a flying machine back in the sixteen hundreds. Since then there have been many attempts to try to fly, none of which succeeded until two brothers managed to get their single man plane in the air.

On December 14, 2003 the hundredth anniversary of the Wright brothers' flight was celebrated in Kitty Hawk, North Carolina. President George W. Bush gave a speech at the North Carolina Commemoration. Many other major cities around the country held their own celebrations.

Washington D.C opened the National Air and Space Museum Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center at Dulles International Airport on December 15, 2003. This new museum is larger than the original Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum in Washington D.C. This museum contains planes from all different eras of flight. Housed in this new museum are planes from the First and Second World Wars, the Korean Conflict, Vietnam War, the Gulf War and present military planes. There are also passenger planes, concept planes and personal planes on display. NASA has donated the shuttlecraft Enterprise to the museum and other space capsules. There are also many other displays, such as different engines that have been used in planes through time and a model control tower that shows how a control tower works.

There have been many great advances in flight from one-person prop planes to jet planes that can carry over two hundred people; from planes that can barely go above thirty-five miles an hour to super sonic planes that can break the sound barrier. These great advancements in technology have led to putting men on the moon and robots on other planets. It took humans hundreds of thousands of years to learn exactly how to fly and in less than a century we have been able to achieve all of these great marvels.



A Piper Cub plane from the National Air and Space Museum Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center at Dulles International Airport in Washington D.C.

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State of the Union Address, saying, "The same moral tradition that defines marriage also teaches that each individual has dignity and value in God's sight." So it seems we are back to the religious opposition to same-sex marriage. This might also lead one to believe that the currently accepted Federal definition of legal marriage has less to do with law, and more to do with moral tradition. This bothers me, but it positively outrages my friend Bill. For those of you who don't already know Bill's thoughts on the matter, please allow me a quote: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion..." This is the first section of the first amendment. Basically this amendment says please keep your religion out of my laws. In a free country I should be allowed to

love who I want, when I want, and how I want. If we continue to oppose same-sex marriage based on the Book of Leviticus, what laws will we see in the future? A ban on clothing made from two different materials? Outlawing the consumption of fat from any animal that has died? Maybe we could make it illegal to eat a pig. I think Bush might rethink this whole Biblically based law thing if we threatened to take his pork chops away.

In conclusion, if your God says same-sex marriage is a no-no, fine. I respect your right not to marry them in your churches, but I ask for the same consideration. Respect my right to marry them in my justice-of-the-peace offices. Whatever your decision, stop clogging up my inbox.



The Space Shuttle Enterprise, donated by NASA to the National Air and Space Museum Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center at Dulles International Airport in Washington D.C.



A Korean Conflict fighter plane from the National Air and Space Museum Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center at Dulles International Airport in Washington D.C.

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