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Branding America's Only National Aviation Heritage Area
Symbolizing the Achievement of FLIGHT!

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Soaring 270 feet above the intersection of I-70 & I-75 and seen by thousands of vehicles daily, this 144-foot wingspan monument will symbolize humankind "slipping the surly bonds of earth."

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Moving Forward

Like most folks we greatly underestimated the impact that Covid-19 would have on life as we knew it. Many of us thought we would have some forward visibility by now, but that seems to be less and less the case.

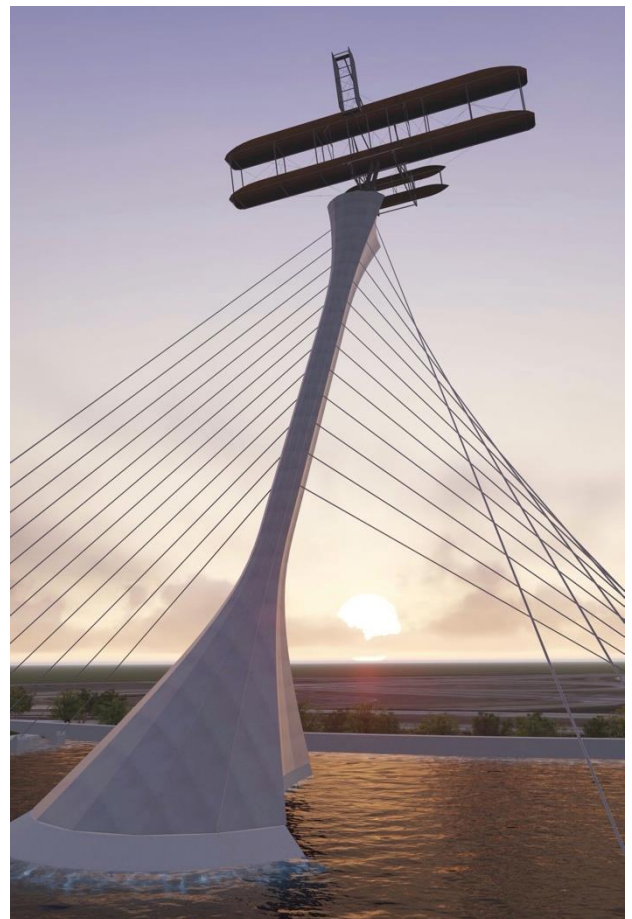
Unfortunately, the impact of the virus on our efforts with the Triumph of Flight is much greater than it has been on many other segments of society. The aviation industry, which has been the focus of our most recent fund-raising efforts, is swamped with uncertainty, and has far greater priorities, for now, than discussing their interest in our project. We are just going to have to "wait it out" on that front.

Meanwhile, we have pivoted toward firming up our local support. We continue to believe that the Triumph of Flight offers an opportunity like no other to raise awareness of Ohio's aviation heritage and large, vibrant aviation industry, particularly in the Dayton area. The federal designation of our National Aviation Heritage Area and the work of many organizations and volunteers has done much to raise that awareness. But just as the proverbial picture is worth a thousand words, sometimes a single symbol can carry a message more effectively than the sum of all it represents. We believe the Triumph of Flight can do just that. We don't claim it will be as large or as famous as the Statue of Liberty or the Gateway Arch, or that it will attract the number of visitors that these two monuments do. But the fact is that most people have never visited either of these monuments. They know them only from pictures on television, in magazines, and online. But from that exposure alone, they can instantly identify them, the cities where they are located, and the ideals they represent. It is not the size of the Statue of Liberty that is etched into peoples' memories. It is its unique design that cannot be confused with any other monument, any other city, or any other ideal in the world. We believe that the Triumph of Flight offers such a unique image, and that it will grow to be instantly recognized and never confused with other monuments, other cities, or anything other than the wonder of aviation.

We have great hopes with the backing of hundreds of local supporters that the Triumph of Flight will

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become a reality that will help to deliver a very positive impact to our region.

Zooming

We have had a few face-to-face meetings since Covid came to visit, but like many others these days our meetings are more often by conference call and video conferencing, now known as Zooming. Such will be the format for our upcoming November meeting of the Board of Directors of the Wright Image Group. We have a lot to talk about and a lot of groundwork to lay for when the world opens up a bit more. We will keep you posted.

Annual meeting Cancelled

Our annual membership meeting scheduled in December of each year is cancelled for 2020.



An artist's concept of Sikorsky's Raider X, a candidate for the US Army's Future Attack Reconnaissance Aircraft (FARA). The Army calls it a "knife fighter" on the battlefield of the future. Sikorsky's X2 technology, proven in flight, includes rigid, counter-rotating blades, fly-by-wire flight controls, and an integrated auxiliary propulsion system that will push the aircraft at 250 knots! Raider X is one of 5 designs in competition. The field will down-select to two for a "fly off" in 2023.

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