

Wright fly-in promises to give state, Triad wings

This is the third installment in an occasional series that chronicles the Wright brothers' quest for flight and the plans that are under way to celebrate their historic achievement.

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Greensboro will play a key role in the centennial celebration of the Wright brothers' first flight.

"We have a very special place for Greensboro and the major metro areas," says Bill Williams, director of the division of aviation for the N.C. Department of Transportation. "There will be a major aviation celebration throughout the state. It will literally be from Murphy to Manteo."

Called World Flight 2003, the fly-in event will be held June 1-14 that year and will attract pilots, flight enthusiasts, history buffs and tourists from across the country and the world.

"There will be a lot of airplanes," says Williams, who expects more than 1 million people to visit the state during the two-week period. He estimates that 100,000 to 150,000 will come to Greensboro for events at Piedmont



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