

North Texas Aviation Centennial

First Flight Commemoration

*The first powered flight in Fort Worth took place in January 1911.
Come join us January 15th, 2011 to celebrate this important event.*

Bringing Aviation History To Life



Roland Garros of the Moisant International Aviators, was the first person to perform a powered flight in Fort Worth on January 12th, 1911. Garros (center left) is pictured at the Driving Park near Carroll and 7th Streets. The airplane he flew was a Bleriot XI.



A Community Celebration of 100 Years of Flight in North Texas - January 2011 Event

Join The Celebration January 15th

We will be hosting a celebration of the first flight in Fort Worth, near Montgomery Plaza at the corner of Carroll and Mercedes Streets on January 15th between 11 AM and 1 PM. Come join the fun and fly a paper airplane, launch a balloon or fly a kite. It is all free and intended for youngsters of all ages. This event is brought to you by the Veterans Memorial Air Park and the Fort Worth Air and Space Museum Foundation. This First Flight Commemoration is an official activity of the North Texas Aviation Centennial. Watch our website for more events throughout 2011.

In the event of inclement weather, event will take place on Saturday, January 22nd.



For more information, call the Fort Worth Air and Space Museum Foundation at (817) 763-5914 or write ashelton@fwasm.org



First Flight Site

The first flight in Fort Worth took place at what was known as the Driving Park near the present day Montgomery Plaza. A Driving Park was a racetrack for horses and automobiles.



Celebration Site

All activities will take place at the City Park at the corner of Carroll and Mercedes Streets. Parking is available in the Montgomery Plaza parking lot along Carroll Street. Activities will begin at 11 AM with a mass balloon launch at 11:45 AM.