

# North Texas Aviation Centennial

## Fort Worth and the Vin Fiz 1911

Join us October 15th for a special presentation on Cal Rodgers and the Vin Fiz transcontinental flight at the Ryan Place subdivision. Food, fun and history!

### Bringing Aviation History To Life



Left: Cal Rodgers' airplane on his transcontinental flight was named after the sponsor's grape soft drink, *VIN FIZ Flyer*.

Right: Rodgers was the first civilian to buy a Wright airplane. His was a Wright Model B modified and called a Wright Model EX.



### A Community Celebration of 100 Years of Flight in North Texas - October 2011 Special Edition

## Cal Rodgers' Stop In Fort Worth Makes History

On September 17, 1911, Cal Rodgers, grandnephew of naval hero Oliver Hazard Perry, took off from Sheepshead Bay, New York on what

would become the first US transcontinental flight. Flying a Wright Model EX, Rodgers would complete the flight in 49 days. One of his stops was in

Ryan's Pasture here in Fort Worth on October 17, 2011, becoming the first person to fly into our city. To celebrate this event, we will be holding a "Fly Day" in conjunction with events sponsored by the Ryan



Place Improvement Association, RPIA. They will be holding a chili cook-off, music and more. Come join us at the corner of

Bowie and 5th Streets Saturday October 15th at 3 PM for fun, music and history. **Find details on RPIA's website under HOME and EVNETS and join the fun.** [www.historicryanplace.org](http://www.historicryanplace.org)



For more information, call the Veterans Memorial Air Park at (800) 575-0535 or write [OBAINfo@verizon.net](mailto:OBAINfo@verizon.net)



### Come Join Us For An Aviation History Scavenger Hunt

All during the month of October you can join in the fun of discovering aviation history in Fort Worth and North Texas and win prizes too! Just write us at [obainfo@verizon.net](mailto:obainfo@verizon.net) and ask for the rules and clues. It's free and fun. Winners will be announced at a party at the VMAP the first weekend of November. Sign up now, its FREE!!



We are located at 3300 Ross Avenue, on the south end of Meacham Field, west of Main Street on Long Avenue in Fort Worth's historic Northside, just southwest of the intersection of I-35 and I-820.



The North Texas Aviation Centennial is a collaboration between the Veterans Memorial Air Park, the B-36 Peacemaker Museum and the Fort Worth Air & Space Museum Foundation



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