

Alabama Flying History Timeline



- 1910 Wright Brothers Flying School founded on the site of Frank Kohn Plantation in Montgomery. The first night flight was made by trainee Walter Brookins.
- 1918 Maxwell Air force Base in Montgomery created on the previous location of the Wright Brothers Flying School.
- 1920s Stunt pilots entertain crowds in circus-like flight shows called barnstorming. Famous pilot, Charles Lindbergh, barnstormed Alabama in 1924.
- 1927 Charles Lindbergh in his plane, *Spirit of St. Louis*, arrived in Birmingham in October after his historic New York-to-Paris trans-Atlantic flight.
- 1929 Squadron Commander Walter Weaver made the first of its kind air drop of food, clothing, and medical supplies to victims of massive flooding in south Alabama.
- 1941 Tuskegee Airmen, an all black flight program, began with the formation of the 99th Fighter Squadron under command of African American Captain Benjamin O. Davis Jr.
- 1969 The space rocket, Saturn V, which was made at Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville, Alabama, propelled the space capsule that landed on the moon into space.
- 1992 Alabamian Dr. Mae Jemison became the first African American Women to travel in space when she was an astronaut on the space shuttle *Endeavour*.

Use your imagination and think of a future Alabama flight milestone:

Year

Event

