

Fascinating Facts

Impress your friends and family with these interesting aviation facts.

- ✓ The Wright brothers' first flight at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina could have been performed within the 150-foot economy section of a 747-400 aircraft.
- ✓ Before Air Traffic Control Towers were developed, pilots avoided other aircraft by a method called "see and be seen".
- ✓ Prior to 1926, a person could fly passengers or goods without obtaining a pilot's license.
- ✓ The first animal aviators were a sheep, a duck and a cockerel that were sent aloft in a hot air balloon in 1783.
- ✓ "Air stewardess" was the official title given to the position that we now refer to as "Flight Attendant". The first Air Stewardess was Ellen Church and she began work with United Airlines in 1930.
- ✓ Amelia Earhart was the first woman to fly the Atlantic solo. In 1935, Earhart achieved two solo firsts – Hawaii to the mainland, and Mexico to New York City.
- ✓ Elizabeth Dole was the first woman to become Secretary of Transportation.
- ✓ Harriett Quimby was the first woman to earn a pilot's license. The year was 1911.