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NORTH LAS VEGAS AIRPORT PRESENTS PILOT JAMES BONELLI WITH NEVADA STATE FLAG FOR "50 FLAGS TO KITTY HAWK" CELEBRATION

In a special ceremony at the North Las Vegas Airport today, Thursday, July 3, 2003, the airport's Nevada state flag was lowered and donated to the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) for inclusion in a nationwide event celebrating the Wright Brothers first flight.

North Las Vegas Airport-based pilot James Bonelli was chosen by the EAA to represent the State of Nevada in the event "50 Flags to Kitty Hawk" commemorating the 100th anniversary of powered flight. Bonelli and his wife Jan will be flying their restored U. S. Army Cessna T-41B "Mescalero" aircraft.



The Bonellis will transport our state flag to Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, where it will fly along with flags from all fifty states in celebration of the "Centennial of Flight," sponsored by National Park Services on December 17, 2003.

Clark County Commission Chair Mary Kincaid-Chauncey presented Bonelli with a proclamation and thanked the EAA for the opportunity to participate in this historic event.

The 2,187 mile journey to Kitty Hawk will take more than 16 hours to complete and will include two overnight stops.



"50 Flags to Kitty Hawk" is a national aviation celebration created by the EAA and the National Park Service, and is part of the EAA's national initiative, "Countdown to Kitty Hawk." For more information, visit www.countdowntokittyhawk.com.

Photos: Top: Jan and James Bonelli with Commission Chair Mary Kincaid-Chauncey

Bottom: James Bonelli with Commission Chair Mary Kincaid-Chauncey in front of Bonelli's Cessna T-41B "Mescalero" aircraft.

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