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**THE WRIGHT GLIDER — A U.S. PAVILION LEGACY
TO NAGOYA AND CENTRAIR**

Nagakute, September 12, 2005. On September 14, 2005, a ceremony will be held at 10:00 AM in the American Journey Gallery of the U.S. Pavilion. At this ceremony, the U.S. Pavilion will donate to CENTRAIR a replica of the 1902 Wright Glider. The gift was made possible by the cooperation of American Airlines.

In 1902, the Wright Brothers flew at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina the first aircraft in history that could be controlled by its pilot along all three axes of flight. It was the basis of the Wright Brothers' patent, and marked the opening of the age of flight. The Pavilion's exact replica provided a dramatic opening to its American Journey Gallery, and lectures by its historian-craftsman creator Rick Young were a popular feature of the Pavilion's Lecture Series.

The Pavilion wishes to repay the hospitality of the Aichi and Chubu communities by leaving behind some objects that will remind them of the American participation in their superb and successful World Exposition. With the support of American Airlines, the Pavilion was able to offer the Wright Glider to Chubu's exciting new airport. CENTRAIR has not only accepted the Glider, but has designed for it a magnificent new home.

"We are pleased that Rick Young's inspiring replica of innovation in flight will be on permanent display at CENTRAIR, a central hub for improving the transportation of goods and services between key economic centers in the U.S. and Japan," said Ambassador Lisa Gable, U.S. Commissioner General. "We are also delighted that American Airlines has made it possible for us to find such a distinguished home for this important artifact."



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The U.S. Secretary of Transportation, Norman Mineta, visited CENTRAIR and the U.S Pavilion in April. When he learned that the Glider would be on display for CENTRAIR's visitors to enjoy, Secretary Mineta said, "In its new home at this vital aviation hub, the Wright Glider will commemorate the important aviation partnership between the United States and Japan. This partnership is just the tip of a friendship whose foundation is very broad, and very deep."

Note: Those interested in aviation history may wish to visit the American Airlines C.R. Smith Museum in Fort Worth, Texas on the Web at <http://www.crsmithmuseum.org>

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