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EXPERT ON WRIGHT BROTHERS TO SPEAK AT UD  
IN HONOR OF 85TH ANNIVERSARY OF FIRST FLIGHT

DAYTON, Ohio, November 21, 1988--Paul Edward Garber, a world-renowned expert in aviation history and a specialist on the Wright Brothers, will be the guest speaker at the Dec. 14 dinner meeting of the Dayton-Cincinnati Section of the American Institute for Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA) to be held at the University of Dayton.

Garber is historian emeritus and Ramsey Fellow at the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum, and he received an honorary Doctor of Engineering degree from UD in 1979. His presentation is designed to honor the 85th anniversary of the Wright Brothers' first manned airplane flight on Dec. 17, 1903.

The program on the Wright Brothers is open to the public. Reservations are due by Monday, Dec. 12 and the cost is \$11. A social hour will be held from 6 to 7 p.m. in the Torch Lounge in the Kennedy Union on campus, followed by dinner in the staff dining room from 7 to 8 p.m. and Garber's speech from 8 to 10 p.m. For reservations, call 229-4235. Space is limited for this program.

"This is a very special treat for the community," said Dale Whitford, senior research engineer in the University of Dayton Research Institute and member of the AIAA council. "Dr. Garber is a truly remarkable man who literally has grown up with the airplane. At age 89 he has a keen memory of major events that he has witnessed during his lifetime."

Garber knew Orville Wright, was a guest in his house on Hawthorn Hill and is well acquainted with the locations made famous by the Wright Brothers in Dayton. Garber began flying at age 15, was a member of the Air Service in World War I, flew with the Air Mail Services and then began his career with the Smithsonian Institution in 1920. He retired in 1964 as curator of the Air and Space Museum.