



The Wright Flyer

The Wright Brothers' 1903 Flyer was a marvel of wood, wire and fabric. The Flyer's wings spanned 40'4" and it was powered by a 12-horsepower, 140 pound engine. In flight, the pilot laid on the lower wing. The Wright Flyer flew just four times — a total of 98 seconds — all on December 17, 1903. Later that day, it was damaged by high winds and never again flown.