

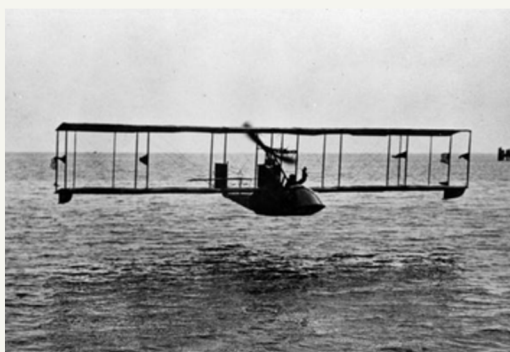
Making History: Aviation in Florida



1910

First Powered Flight in Florida

Lincoln Beachey performs the first successful powered flight in Florida during the 1910 Orange County Fair.



First Scheduled Commercial Flight

Tony Jannus flies the Benoist XIV from St. Petersburg to Tampa in the world's first scheduled commercial airline service.

1914

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Naval Air Station Pensacola Established

The U.S. Navy opens its first permanent air station, known as "The Cradle of Naval Aviation."



From Florida to the World

Pan American Airways begins commercial operations in Florida, connecting Miami to Latin America and the Caribbean.

1928

1933

Leading our Nation

Florida becomes the first state to establish an aviation division under what was then the State Road Department. Col. Alexis B. McMullen served as director and developed the first ten-year aviation plan.



Defending the Skies

Over 170 airfields were built for training and defense during World War II. Many were later converted to civilian airports.

1940s

1960s

One Giant Leap for Mankind

Cape Canaveral launched Alan Shepard aboard Freedom 7 in America's first manned spaceflight in 1961. Eight years later, Apollo 11 followed. Its destination? The moon.



Today

The Future of Flight

Home to 128 public-use airports, four large hub commercial service airports, and the famous Sun 'n Fun aerospace expo, Florida remains a world leader in aviation. As for the future--the sky is the limit.



Learn more at www.fdot.gov/aviation

