

**Delaware Aviation Hall of Fame
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**Aviation Historic Marker
Dedicated in Wawaset Park**

A state of Delaware historic marker commemorating the first flight of an airplane designed, built, and flown in Delaware 100 years ago, was dedicated in the Wilmington community of Wawaset Park on Saturday, June 25. The aircraft, named Delaplane, flew from a racetrack for several hundred feet on October 21, 1910 in what was then known as Horseshow Park and the Gentlemen's Driving Club.

The idea of a marker commemorating the historical Delaware Aviation event was initiated by the Delaware Aviation Hall of Fame (DAHF) and coordinated with the Delaware Archives Office with grants provided by state senator Harris McDowell and state representative Gerald Brady in whose districts the marker lies.

The entire project and ceremony on June 25 was organized and managed by Jim Hickin, a DAHF Trustee and chairman of its government relations committee.

Speakers at the ceremony were Hugh Horning, president of DAHF, Al Suber, DAHF Trustee, Tom Summers, Delaware State Archives who unveiled the marker, Jim Hickin, State Representative Gerald Brady, and Harold Schneikert, president of the Wawaset Park Community Association.

The Delaplane has also been honored by DAHF ever since the organization's founding 11 years ago as the name of the organization's newsletter. A replica of it is featured in the DAHF emblem, newsletter masthead and on membership pins. It was featured as the theme of the 2010 annual Honors Banquet last Fall attended by some 300 guests.

The text of the Delaplane historic marker may be seen on the DAHF website: www.dahf.org.

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