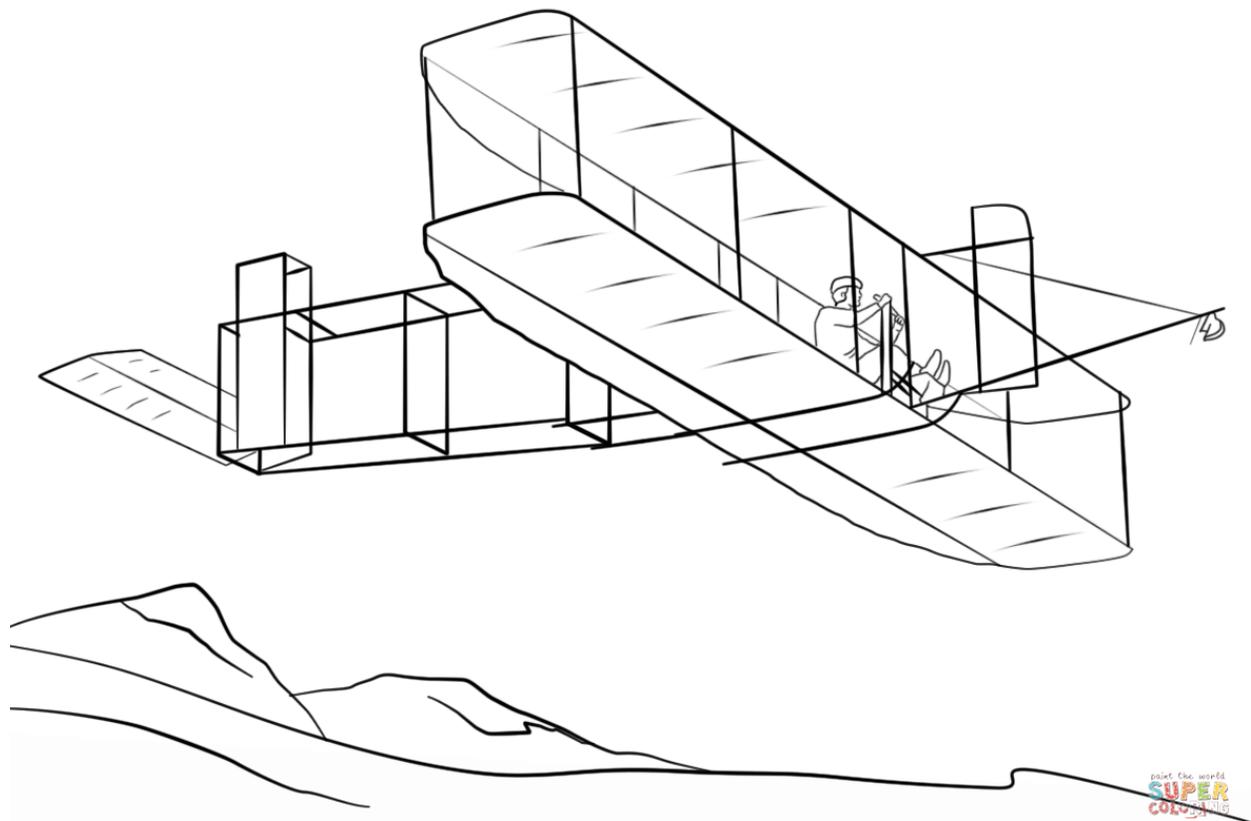


## State Aviation Hall of Fame and State Aviation Museums

The North Carolina Aviation Museum began as the Foundation for Aircraft Preservation. Launched by Jim Peddycord and Craig Branson in 1996, it made its home in an unused hanger at the Asheboro Regional Airport. The original collection was donated by Pettycord to the city of Asheboro for establishment of the museum and included several historic aircraft and items from aviation history from World War II to the Vietnam Conflict. In 2003 the state legislature designated the museum as the Hall of Fame.

The aviation museum at the Wilmington International Airport was established sometime in the early 2000s. Aircraft on display include a Martin 404 and a full-size replica of a Wright Flyer. The museum was designated as the official location of the North Carolina Aviation Museum by the General Assembly in 2003.



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