

Timeline of the History of Airplanes Chronological Copywork

December 17, 1903: Orville and Wilbur Wright make the first sustained and controlled flight of a heavier-than-air craft

March 18, 1906: The first monoplane is built by Trajan Vuia

September 13, 1906: The first public flight is made in Europe by Alberto Santos-Dumont in No. 14-*bis*

May 14, 1908: Wilbur Wright carries the first airplane passenger, Charles Furnas

August 27, 1909: Henri Farman sets a world record in the *Farman III* during the first international airplane competition

July 25, 1909: Louis Blériot flies the monoplane *Blériot XI* across the English Channel

November 14, 1910: An aircraft takes off from a warship for the first time

January 18, 1911: An aircraft makes a landing on a warship for the first time

December 10, 1911: Calbraith P. Rodgers lands in Long Beach, California, in the *Vin Fiz*, finishing the first flight across the continental United States

1912: The Curtiss Model E flying boat becomes the first successful flying boat

May 13, 1912: The Royal Flying Corps is formed

May 13, 1913: The first four-engine airplane is flown by Igor Sikorsky

July 15, 1916: The Boeing Company is founded as the Aero Products Company by William E. Boeing

June 1917: The British Sopwith Camel is introduced as a fighter plane during World War I

May 8, 1919: The U.S. Navy flying boat NC-4 begins the first transatlantic flight

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