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Lindbergh Foundation to Host Two Events in Minnesota

Hangar Party to be Held at Golden Wings Museum, Anoka County Airport, Blaine
Featuring Burt Rutan

Lindbergh Awards will be Presented to
Bertrand Piccard and Yolanda Kakabadse at the Minnesota History Center, St. Paul
Erik Lindbergh will be the Master of Ceremonies

MINNEAPOLIS, February 14, 2005 — The Charles A. and Anne Morrow Lindbergh Foundation is celebrating a homecoming this year by holding two very special events in its home state. On Friday evening, May 20, a hangar party entitled, “Legends of the Sky: Stories of History-Making Aircraft and Their Pilots” is planned at the Golden Wings Museum located at the Anoka County Airport in Blaine. This event is part of the Blaine Aviation Weekend (www.discoveraviationdays.org) and features **Burt Rutan** (bio attached), who is widely known for capturing the \$10 million Ansari X Prize for the first civilian aircraft to reach space twice in a two-week period. Proceeds from this event will benefit the Lindbergh Foundation, a public non-profit organization based in Anoka, Minn.

A variety of vintage aircraft from the Golden Age of Aviation will be on display at the hangar party from the personal collection of Greg Herrick, founder of The Aviation Foundation of America. The featured aircraft, however, will be the 1927 Ford Tri-motor 4-AT-10, C-1077. This is the actual plane that was used to fly Charles Lindbergh’s mother, Evangeline Lindbergh, to Mexico City to visit her son in December 1927. This is also the first airplane Anne Morrow flew in with Charles. It has had an illustrious list of pilots in addition to Lindbergh including: Amelia Earhart; Bernt Balchen, first to fly over the South Pole; Floyd Bennett, first to fly over the North Pole; and many others. This plane is the world’s oldest all-metal flying airliner, the world’s oldest flying multi-engine airliner, made the first commercial trip from the U.S. to Mexico City, and was the first Ford Tri-motor to be put on floats. “I am very happy to be hosting the Lindbergh Foundation’s “Legends of the Sky” hangar party at the museum,” said Greg Herrick. “I have always admired Charles Lindbergh for his contributions

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to aviation and I believe strongly in the mission of the Lindbergh Foundation.” Music, food, and great aviation stories will be shared during this special occasion. John and Martha King of King Schools, Inc. will be the Masters of Ceremonies.

On Saturday evening, May 21, at the Minnesota History Center in St. Paul, the Lindbergh Foundation will present its annual honorary Lindbergh Awards to **Yolanda Kakabadse**, executive president of the Foundation for the Future of Latin America, and **Dr. Bertrand Piccard**, the first person to fly around the world non-stop in a hot air balloon. “After 20 years of traveling the country with our Lindbergh Award programs, we are delighted to be planning our most important events of the year in our home state,” said Lindbergh Foundation President and Chief Operating Officer Marlene K. White. The Lindbergh Foundation moved its headquarters to Minnesota in 1985 under the leadership of the late Governor Elmer L. Andersen who was serving as volunteer president of the organization at the time. “Charles A. Lindbergh was a great friend to the Minnesota Historical Society,” said Nina Archabal, Minnesota Historical Society Director. “He served on our Honorary Council from 1966 until 1974, donated to the Society many of his family’s personal papers, and provided a series of letters that he wrote while circling the globe in 1969-1970, which recalled his childhood in Minnesota and were eventually published by the Society as *Boyhood on the Upper Mississippi* in 1972. So we are especially pleased and honored to be hosting the Lindbergh Foundation’s 2005 Annual Lindbergh Award Event at our Society’s headquarters, the Minnesota History Center in St. Paul.”

The Lindbergh Award event will begin with a reception in the Great Hall overlooking the State Capitol. Erik Lindbergh, grandson of Charles and Anne Morrow Lindbergh and Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Foundation, will serve as the Master of Ceremonies during the program portion of the evening. **Yolanda Kakabadse** will be recognized for her lengthy record of coordinating the efforts of international environmental agencies, and for resolving conflicts between industry and environmental concerns throughout Latin America and the world. “We also applaud her focus on clarifying the role of ethics in globalization and on working to emphasize ‘being rather than having,’” said Lindbergh Foundation Vice Chairman Kristina Lindbergh. **Dr. Bertrand Piccard** will be recognized not only for his historic ‘round-the-world flight in a hot-air balloon, and his spirit of adventure (which so closely mirrors that of Charles and Anne Morrow Lindbergh), but for the new perspective on the environment that evolved from that experience. The Lindbergh Foundation is particularly impressed by his recent *Solar Impulse* project, which aims to promote sustainable development through an entirely solar powered aircraft. Kakabadse and Piccard are both dynamic speakers and each will give a presentation. The evening includes a lovely sit-down dinner in the Great Hall. (Bios for Kakabadse and Piccard are attached.)

“One of the Lindbergh Foundation’s core values is to honor individual achievement. In doing so, we also honor the Lindberghs who were each outstanding individual contributors to society – through aviation, writing, and the environment,” said White. Unquestionably, Charles Lindbergh is best known for his historic New York-to-Paris flight in the *Spirit of St. Louis*. It is much less known that the Lindberghs held a unique perspective on the Earth stemming from Charles’ boyhood growing up on the banks of the Mississippi River outside Little Falls, Minn., his barnstorming days in the early 1920s, and the survey flights he and Anne pioneered in the 1930s. Pioneer aviators flew much closer to the ground than we do today, keeping them more in touch with the land. Over the years, the Lindberghs witnessed enormous changes in the land, sky and water in the name of progress. “The view from the air is a perspective that today’s general aviators can appreciate more than anyone,” said White.

For reservations and information, please contact the Lindbergh Foundation office at 763/576-1596, or you can visit www.lindberghfoundation.org.

The Charles A. and Anne Morrow Lindbergh Foundation is a public non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, based in Anoka, Minnesota, which strives to encourage and inspire present and future generations to work toward finding ways to improve the quality of life through three major programs: Lindbergh research grants, the annual honorary Lindbergh Award, and a variety of educational programs, which are designed to bring life to, and engage others in, the Lindberghs’ passion for a balance between technological advancements and environmental preservation.

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EDITORS NOTE: Photos of Rutan, Kakabadse, and Piccard are available electronically at <http://lindberghfoundation.org/award-release-2-14-05.html>.

Burt Rutan
President, Scaled Composites, Inc.

Burt L. Rutan, president of Scaled Composites, Inc., in Mojave, Calif., is one of the most illustrious figures in the field of aviation today, and his genius for creative engineering and use of modern materials demonstrates his remarkable commitment to designing and creating aircraft. His most recent accomplishment occurred on Oct. 4, 2004, when his team, who designed and built SpaceShipOne, captured the \$10 million Ansari X Prize for traveling to space twice in a two-week period. Prior to that he was widely known for his *Voyager* aircraft, which was the first to circumnavigate the Earth non-stop, without refueling; and his *Proteus* aircraft, unique for its modular construction, allowing it to be reconfigured to accommodate various payloads, depending upon its mission.

Rutan is a graduate of California Polytechnic University, with a B.S. degree in Aeronautical Engineering. He also took classes in the Aerospace Research Pilot's School at Edwards Air Force Base. He served as a Flight Test Project Engineer at the Air Force Flight Test Center at Edwards Air Force Base in California from 1965 to 1972. In 1974, he founded and became president of Rutan Aircraft Factory, Inc. ("RAF"), a small business formed to develop light aircraft. It was here that he became well known for his "home built" airplanes. His first great success in experimental aircraft was the *VariEze*, which could cover 50 miles per gallon and carry two people at nearly 200 miles per hour. Rutan was responsible for numerous activities at RAF, ranging from design through the flight test stage on innovative aircraft including the *VariEze*, *VariViggen*, *Quickie*, *Defiant*, *Long-EZ*, *Grizzly*, *Solitaire*, and *Catbird*. He has received several honorary doctorates, and has lectured to prestigious organizations around the world. Rutan was recently named Entrepreneur of the Year for 2004 by business magazine *Inc.*, and was selected to receive the 2000 Lindbergh Award because of his creative aircraft designs that reduce pollution and improve mileage. He has received nearly 60 other major awards, and has been honored by the International Aerospace Hall of Fame and the National Aviation Hall of Fame.

Yolanda Kakabadse
Executive President, Foundation for the Future of Latin America

Yolanda Kakabadse has been an environmental leader since 1979 when she co-founded Fundacion Natura in Ecuador, to this day one of the world's most effective national environmental non-government organizations (NGOs). She went on to become Ecuador's Minister of the Environment, then served two terms as President of the International Union for the Conservation of Nature, the world's largest association of conservation agencies and organizations, until 2004. (Charles Lindbergh met with IUCN leaders in the 1960s, volunteered to watch endangered species as he traveled the world, and ultimately began cataloguing exotic animals in each of the countries he visited.) More recently she founded the Foundation for the Future of Latin America ("FFLA"), which has been a leader in conflict resolution around environmental issues on the continent, especially sustainable development as it relates to energy, trade and forest management. Ms. Kakabadse describes herself as an engineer because she looks for solutions to problems. However, she is also a strong moral leader who has written and spoken often on the role of ethics in globalization and how to find ways of giving higher priority to "being" rather than "having." "We have prioritized 'having' over 'being' ... we practice remediation instead of prevention, and science and technology are developing powerful weapons of destruction instead of instruments of creation," Kakabadse said at the Earth Dialogues Forum in Lyon, France, in 2002.

Ms. Kakabadse has traveled the world of behalf of the environment. She serves on the Board of Governors at the Nature Conservancy, and is a member of the Board of Directors at the Ford Foundation and the World Resources Institute. She is a member of the Environmental Advisory Board at Coca-Cola, was recently inducted as the first member of the Wildlife Trust Alliance Advisory Council, and previously served on the Board of the World Wide Fund for Nature - International, among others. In addition, Ms. Kakabadse has received numerous awards for her work including: the Global 500 Award of the United Nations Environment Programme, the Golden Ark Order bestowed by Prince Bernard of the Netherlands, and the Zayed Prize in 2001, the world's highest environmental prize.

Dr. Bertrand Piccard
Designer, *Solar Impulse*

Dr. Bertrand Piccard is a Swiss scientist, adventurer, psychiatrist and aeronaut who combined science and adventure to explore the human soul. He represents the third generation in a family of world-renowned explorers. His grandfather, Auguste, made the first flights into the stratosphere in a pressurized capsule in the early 1930s. His father, Jacques, set a world record for the deepest ocean dive – seven miles to the bottom of the Mariana Trench in his bathyscaph in 1960. Bertrand is best known for completing the first non-stop ‘round-the-world balloon trip in March 1999 with English co-pilot Brian Jones aboard the “Breitling Orbiter 3”. This flight captured seven world records, including the longest flight in both duration and distance by any aircraft at 19 days, 21 hours and 47 minutes. This achievement is considered by many to have been the “last great aviation adventure of the 20th century.” Following this successful flight, Piccard established the Winds of Hope Foundation, which is dedicated to supporting humanitarian organizations. Dr. Piccard’s current project, entitled *Solar Impulse*, is aimed at demonstrating the role of high technology in sustainable development. “We envision that *Solar Impulse* will serve as a communication platform to promote sustainable development and demonstrate the fundamental role of high technology in the protection of the environment,” said Piccard. The *Solar Impulse* team aims to re-enact the great aviation ‘firsts’ and record-breaking flights that highlighted 20th century aviation, using only renewable forms of energy and remain airborne without generating any polluting emissions. The final objective is a solar-powered ‘round-the-world flight.

Dr. Piccard has published three books and received numerous awards following the successful Orbiter 3 flight, including: the Olympic Order, the gold medal of the French Ministry of Youth and Sport, among other awards presented by the Federation Aeronautique Internationale, the National Geographic Society, The Explorer’s Club, the American Academy of Achievement and other aeronautical, scientific and sporting associations in Europe and the U.S. He was also appointed the United Nations Population Fund’s Goodwill Ambassador. He holds Honorary Doctorates in Science and Letters.

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