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The Mysterious Man Behind Lindbergh's Flight to Paris

SHEFFIELD, MASS. – ATN Publishing announces the June 2003 release of a book based on author, Nova Hall's discovery of a collection of photographs locked in a World War I steamer trunk in the family garage. The hidden collection belonged to the author's grandfather, Donald A. Hall, Sr., who was the designer of the *Spirit of St. Louis*. Through the photographs of Donald Hall and the writings of his grandson, Nova, *Spirit and Creator: The Mysterious Man Behind Lindbergh's Flight to Paris* takes us through a historic journey of the design and construction of the *Spirit of St. Louis* in 1927.

Spirit and Creator brings to life, the previously unknown collection of secrets surrounding the creation of this famous airplane. The over-sized horizontal format includes more than one hundred unpublished photographs, personal correspondence with Charles A. Lindbergh, original documents, design instruments, models, and film footage excerpts. Aviation books have focused on the trans-Atlantic flight, but rarely describe the bigger story that is equally as remarkable. *Spirit and Creator* fills this historical gap. The *Spirit of St. Louis* was built in San Diego in only sixty-days, a feat that is impossible to recreate today without modern technology.

"This is a wonderful story, and a true one as well, in which friendship and adventure combine in a delightful account of two young men working together in 1927 to bring a dream to life, as they design and build a little silver airplane called the Spirit of St. Louis." – Reeve Lindbergh, daughter and author.

Author, Nova Hall, the only grandchild of Donald A. Hall, Sr., has lived in Arizona for over 17 years. Following in his grandfather and father's footsteps as a student pilot, photographer, and writer, he co-founded Orbital Air, Inc. (with David J. Pashman) to fulfill their shared goal of developing new aircraft while promoting the golden years of aviation. In 2002, he spoke at Hofstra University, AirVenture Oshkosh, the 25th anniversary Lindbergh Foundation Awards, participated on the National Lindbergh 75th Anniversary Committee, and co-founded the Donald A. Hall Aviation Foundation.

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Spirit and Creator: The Mysterious Man Behind Lindbergh's Flight to Paris



The Author: Nova Hall, the only grandchild of Donald A. Hall, Sr., has lived in Arizona for over 17 years. Following in his grandfather and father's footsteps as a student pilot, photographer, and writer, he is presently set to attend ASU for his bachelor degree. Inspired by the family's contributions to aeronautics and aerospace, he co-founded Orbital Air, Inc. (with David J. Pashman) to fulfill their shared goal of developing new aircraft while promoting the golden years of aviation. A competent toastmaster, EAA member, and an AOPA member, Nova continues to visit his hometowns of San Diego and Sedona. In 2002 he spoke at Hofstra University, AirVenture Oshkosh, the 25th anniversary Lindbergh Foundation Awards, participated on the National Lindbergh 75th Anniversary Committee, co-founded the Donald A. Hall Aviation Foundation, and contributed to two published books about Charles Lindbergh and the Spirit of St. Louis in 2002.

Additionally, Nova Hall has appeared on local news channels in San Diego and on The Learning Channel in the hit series "The Hunt For Amazing Treasures" in 2001. He is a public speaker on aviation history and strongly promotes the same environmental views as his grandfather and father. Nova will be attending AirVenture this year and the NBAA convention in Orlando. He is well connected to the Lindbergh family and Lindbergh Foundation.

The Book: Within the cracked and weathered exterior of an old steamer trunk, a family secret was waiting to be discovered. In 1999 Nova Hall, grandson of Donald A. Hall, uncovered a locked World War I era steamer trunk in his family's garage. Found inside was a collection of over one hundred never-before-seen photographs, personal correspondence with Charles A. Lindbergh, original documents, design instruments, models, and film footage. Through the "treasures" archived by Donald A. Hall, we discover the mysterious man behind Lindbergh's historic trans-Atlantic flight to Paris. This book is a visually inspiring story of their teamwork and triumph.

It all began in late February 1927 when chief engineer, Donald A. Hall, first met the young aviator Charles A. Lindbergh. What Lindbergh proposed was not only controversial but seemingly impossible. All who attempted the Atlantic crossing by air were lost or died on the runway. Nevertheless, these two strangers came to trust each other. In sixty days their concept of a trans-Atlantic flight became reality in the form of a specialized aircraft that only Lindbergh could fly. Designed, shaped, and built in sixty days by the men and women of Ryan Airlines, this book is a tribute to the *Spirit of St. Louis* and world aviation history.

A unique fine-photography coffee-table book by the designer's grandson, this book features hundreds of original photographs including the *Spirit of St. Louis* in all stages of construction and the untold story of Donald A. Hall.

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