

The Nation's Attic



After SpaceShipOne made its historic appearance at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2005, White Knight was carried to the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum for permanent display in the Milestones of Flight gallery. Shortly after it arrived in Washington, D.C., EAA staff member Pierre Kotze snapped a photo of the spacecraft temporarily under wraps at the Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center. SpaceShipOne is Burt Rutan's fourth design to enter the nation's attic.

The EAA AirVenture Museum will soon acquire a replica of SpaceShipOne, built from the original molds and tooling by civilian astronaut Mike Melvill and volunteers at Scaled Composites. The craft will be part of a larger multi-media exhibit in the museum and will feature its revolutionary feather re-entry configuration. Look for the exhibit in 2006.

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