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Front Cover: With a determined look on his face, Dr. Kevin Kochersberger does his best to lift EAA's 1903 Wright *Flyer* off the launching rail during the first flight attempt on December 17, 2003. As witnessed by Edsel Ford II (left) and Erik Lindbergh, the *Flyer* just barely flew off the launching truck. The Wright Experience built the new *Flyer* to exactly reproduce the airplane built by the Wright Brothers, and so its performance also paralleled the original-which meant at least 10-12 knots of headwind was needed to launch off a rail of limited length.

Just as the airplane was released, the meager headwind fell off to less than 6 knots, far less than was needed to fly the *Flyer* more than a few feet. VAA photo by H.G. Frautschy, shot with a Canon EOS D60 and a Canon 80-200 IS lens.

Back Cover: Terry Bolger's Fleet biplane is resplendent in its bright red and cream color scheme. Powered by a 125 hp Kinner B-5, the Fleet needed a total restoration to be brought up to the condition members saw during EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2003. EAA photo by Jim Koepnick. EAA photo plane flown by Bruce Moore.