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FRONT COVER: On August 5, 1904, Orville Wright flew the Flyer II a total of 356 feet over the grassy hummocks of Huffman Prairie, outside of Dayton, Ohio. It was the 19th flight of the summer. Throughout all of 1904, the Wrights struggled with obtaining consistent, controllable flights. After numerous crashes and subsequent revisions to their Flyer, they would achieve their goal of a truly practical airplane in the late summer of 1905, with their *Flyer III*. See the first of a two-part article on the Wrights' activities during those two years, starting on page 10. This detail is a part of a larger image from a Library of Congress negative (the original was a 5"x7" glass plate negative). Library of Congress, Prints & Photographs Division, (LC-W86-00617)

BACK COVER: M. Randall Mytar's watercolor painting "Fly Fishing" depicts a father sharing his love for fishing and flying with his young son. The artwork was presented with the 1st place Vintage Category award during the 2005 EAA Sport Aviation Art Contest. A very limited number of prints are available. Contact Mr. Mytar in Sherman Oaks, California, at 818-789-7719 for more information.

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