



Evergreen Aviation Museum
The Captain Michael King Smith Educational Institute

For more information please contact Nicole Wahlberg, Director of Marketing and Public Relations, Evergreen Aviation Museum, 503-434-4006 or email nicole.wahlberg@sprucegoose.org.

FOR RELEASE

March 17, 2005

Evergreen Aviation Museum Releases
Dream to Fly: Howard Hughes and the Flying Boat

Evergreen Aviation Museum's anticipated documentary, narrated by famous journalist Walter Cronkite, is now available. The film chronicles the history of the famous "Spruce Goose".

MCMINNVILLE, Ore. – In December of 2003, the Evergreen Aviation Museum premiered their newest documentary endeavor *Dream to Fly: Howard Hughes and the Flying Boat*. Now, the film that chronicles the history of the famous *Spruce Goose*, narrated by journalist Walter Cronkite, is available for sale.

The documentary explores the truths and myths behind one of the world's most famous airplanes. The *Spruce Goose* was built near the end of World War II by Howard Hughes and was a forerunner of modern aviation that led the way to large capacity aircraft. The one-hour documentary traces the *Spruce Goose* from its inception in 1942 through its famous, brief flight over the Pacific Ocean Nov. 2, 1947 and its final destination – the Evergreen Aviation Museum.

Aviation pioneer, Howard Hughes, had an incredible passion for flying. *Dream to Fly* is the story of his quest to build and fly the world's largest airplane – an American aviation icon known today as the *Spruce Goose*. It explores Hughes' courage as the aircraft's test pilot on November 2, 1947, just months after his near death experience flying the experimental XF-11 reconnaissance airplane. *Dream to Fly* examines Hughes' innovative aircraft designs, his sheer determination and relentless drive to overcome all odds and keep his dream alive.

Narrated by Walter Cronkite, the hour-long documentary package consists of interviews with flight crew (including Merle Coffee, Don Smith and John Glenn), construction workers and engineers, and rare color film and photographs. The DVD also includes an hour of extras. Viewers will enjoy an interior tour of the *Spruce Goose*; a time lapse of the disassembly of the aircraft in Long Beach and its reassembly in McMinnville, Oregon; James MacNamara's historic 1947 radio broadcast, a slideshow of over 200 images documenting the history of the *Spruce Goose*, and a tour of the Evergreen Aviation Museum.

The documentary production was made possible by the collaborative efforts of Katherine Huit of the Evergreen Aviation Museum and Blue Cloud Productions.

To purchase the recently-released DVD, please contact the Evergreen Aviation Museum Rotors, Wings & Things store at 503-434-4239, toll free 1-888-9SPRUCE, or on the website at www.sprucegoose.org.

The Evergreen Aviation Museum is best known as the home of the world's largest wooden airplane, the *Spruce Goose*, SR-71 *Blackbird* and Grumman F6F-3 *Hellcat*. In addition, there are more than 60 historic aircraft and exhibits on display, along with artwork, traveling displays, the newly remodeled Spruce Goose Café and the

Rotors, Wings & Things store. The Evergreen Aviation Museum's hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., daily except when it is closed for Thanksgiving, Christmas Day, New Year's Day and Easter. The Museum is located at 500 NE Captain Michael King Smith Way, across the highway from the McMinnville Airport and about three miles southeast of McMinnville, Ore., on Highway 18. Regular visitor admission is required. Call (503) 434-4180 for more information, and visit www.sprucegoose.org.

###