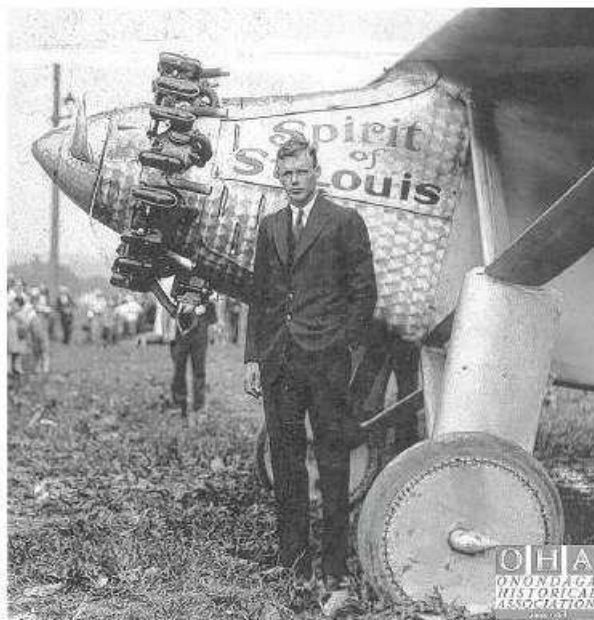


THE WEEK IN HISTORY



Charles Lindbergh at Syracuse's Amboy Airport in 1927.

From Charles Lindbergh to Eileen Collins

The Onondaga Historical Association looks back at the week in local history:

87 years ago: On July 28, 1927, Charles A. Lindbergh landed his Spirit of St. Louis monoplane at Syracuse's Amboy Airport. Two thousand people watched the first man to fly the Atlantic solo and his famous Ryan Aircraft Company plane arrive.

15 years ago: Early in the morning on July 23, 1999, Air Force Col. Eileen Collins, a Syracuse University graduate, became the first woman to command a space shuttle, as Columbia took off from Cape Canaveral for a scheduled five day flight. The 42-year old Elmira native had flown in space previously as a shuttle copilot. Seven hours after takeoff, the shuttle successfully released the 25-ton, \$1.5 billion Chandra X-ray Observatory. On July 27, Space Shuttle Columbia arrived safely at Cape Canaveral at 11:20 p.m. with shuttle Commander Collins at the controls after a successful five-day mission.

— Daniel Connors of the OHA



Eileen Collins, right, with Stephanie Pieklik, 7, of Elbridge, Chris Ostrander of North Syracuse and Rep. James Walsh at Hancock Airport in 1999. (Al Campanile / The Post-Standard)