

***1908, Hunaudières Race Course, Le Mans,
France***

Léon Bollée, three-quarter length, factory owner at Hunaudières, who offered Wilbur the use of his facilities to set up his machine. Wilbur arrived in France May 29 to demonstrate Wright machine's fulfillment of duration and speed requirements of a contract made March 3 with Henri Deutsch de la Meurthe, representing a French syndicate.

EWWLM 4

Front view of Léon Bollée's factory.

EWWLM cover

Wright airplane assembled and mounted on ontruck in Bollée's factory.

EWWLM 9

Close-up views of center section of Wright airplane as assembled in Bollée's factory.

EWWLM 7; EWWLM 24

Léon Bollée seated in the Wright airplane testing the motor.
EWWLM 15

Wilbur, wearing cap and in shirt sleeves, conversing with Lt. Frank P. Lahm in front of hangar housing Wright airplane, the day of his first flight in France, August 8.

Am Aeronaut, v. 1, Aug. 1909: 20; London Magazine, v. 21, Feb. 1909: 618; SMIN 8198; U.S. Air Services, v. 9, Aug. 1924: 29

View of Wright airplane being towed by automobile from Bollée's factory to flying field.

Aerosphere 1943: CXXXIV; EWWLM 10. Similar view near factory: EWWLM 11

Front view of Wright airplane outside hangar at Hunaudières.

Ill Aero Mitteil, v. 12, Aug. 26, 1908: 510

Three-quarter front view of Wright airplane in front of hangar.

FRFH facing 178; L'illustration, v. 132, Aug. 15, 1908: 108; LOUVA facing 394; SMIN 42,584; SMINAR 1910: b. 148-149; USAF 34094

Three-quarter front view of Wright airplane on its handling dollies outside hangar.

GSIA 49; GSWB 19; LVTNA 308; PEPHO facing 40

Side view of Wright airplane in front of hangar.

MCFWP 150; Graphic, v. 78, Aug. 15, 1908: 201; HARFF 107; London Magazine, v. 21, Feb. 1909: 618; SMIN 43,204; Vie grand air, v. 14, Aug. 15, 1908. Similar: L'Aerophile, v. 16, Aug. 15, 1908: 325; Bee-Hive, v. 28, Fall 1953: 28; Flight, v. 64, Dec. 11, 1953: 797; LOUVA facing 394; SMIN 43,142-B; SMINAR 1910: b. 148-149

Close-up rear view of Wright airplane showing early propellers in use in 1908.

L'Aérophile, v. 16, Sept. 1, 1908: 338; GSIA 148; GSWB 19; LOUVA facing 398. Similar: EWWLM 7

View of Wright airplane being assembled at Léon Bollée's shop, Hunaudières.

EWWLM 8; SMIN 76-128117

Right front view of Wright airplane on two-wheel carrier being wheeled from hangar.

Automotor, v. 13, Aug. 22, 1908: 1120; Flight, v. 1, Mar. 20, 1909: 7; Graphic, v. 78, Aug. 15, 1908: 201; Illustrated London News, v. 133, Aug. 15, 1908: 220; SMIN 43,063-L

Right rear view of Wright airplane being wheeled to launching site.

SMIN 42,783-B

Wilbur seated at the controls of his airplane.

Flight, v. 64, Dec. 11, 1953: 796; **Ill Aero Mitteil**, v. 12, Aug. 26, 1908: 511; **L'Illustration**, v. 132, Aug. 15, 1908: 108; **PEPHO** facing 44; **SMIN** 42,783-C. **Similar**: **L'Aérophile**, v. 16, 1908: 324.

Left side view of Wright airplane being placed in position on launching rail for takeoff.

L'Illustration, v. 132, Aug. 15, 1908: 108

Right side view of Wright airplane on the starting track ready for takeoff. Standing at the left at the rear of the machine are Wilbur, Léon Bollée, and Hart O. Berg.

Automotor, v. 13, Aug. 22, 1908: 1121; **EWWM** 13

Side view of Wright airplane on starting track ready for flight, launching derrick behind it.

EWWM 17

Right rear view of Wright airplane at starting rail, launching derrick nearby at left.

L'Aérophile, v. 16, Dec. 1, 1908: 474; **Allg Auto Zeit**, v. 9, Aug. 22, 1908: 5; **Revue aérienne**, v. 2, Jan. 25, 1909: 55; **VCAAF** 56; **Wiener Luftschiffer-Zeitung**, v. 7, Nov. 1908: 218

Wright airplane on launching track ready for flight.

Deutsche Luftfahrer-Zeitschrift, v. 16, June 12, 1912: 290; **HAWBHP** 75; **LECNA** 414; **LOUVA** facing 360; **MTWWDA** facing 25; **PEPHO** facing 44; **R Aero Soc J**, v. 57, Dec. 1953: 778; **SC-107939**; **SMIN** A42,783-H; **USAF** 10477 A.C.; **USAF** 48642

View of launching derrick with six men at left pulling rope to raise weight to top of tower for use in takeoff, several photographers at extreme right.

COCKDH following 168; **NOZWBC** facing 89; **SC-107931**; **SMIN** 42,584-C

View of launching tower, Wright airplane on starting track behind it, group of men at right pulling rope to raise weight.

American Heritage, v. 11, Feb. 1960: 62; **EWWM** 16

Close-up view of derrick used to start Wright airplane.

LOCA 270

Wilbur at top of starting derrick preparing launching device.

ADAMSF 53; **EWWM** 12

Side view of Wright airplane on starting rail ready for flight, launching derrick at right, men pulling rope to raise weight.

L'Illustration, v. 132, Aug. 15, 1908: 108. **Similar**: **Graphic**, v. 78, Aug. 15, 1908: 201; **LOCA** 270

Right rear view of Wright airplane on flying field, three men at rear, group of men at right front of airplane.

SMIN 43,063-E

View of spectators sitting in race course grandstand waiting for Wilbur's flight.

L'Aérophile, v.16, Aug. 15, 1908: 325; PEPHO facing 48

Left front view of Wilbur in flight over race course grandstand, August 8.

Autocar, v. 21, Aug. 22, 1908; Automotor, v. 13, Aug. 22, 1908: cover; GSEFM; GSBHF 40; GSIA 148; GSWB 19; London Magazine, v. 21, Feb. 1909: 617; SMIN 42,804-J; SMINAR 1910: facing 149

Left front view of Wilbur flying past airplane hangar and approaching racetrack grandstand.

L'Aérophile, v.16, Sept. 15, 1908: 354; Flight, v. 1, Mar. 20, 1909: 157; Flugsport, v. 12, Aug. 26, 1908: 511; GSREA b. 272-273; LANFL 6; NOZWBC facing 161; PEPHO facing 45; SBNA 107; SMIN A3487; SMIN 42,446-H; SMIN 42,783-A

Front view of Wilbur in flight over racetrack grounds.

COCKDH following 168; SMIN 42,805

Right side view of Wilbur in flight circling the field three times in 3 minutes 43 seconds, before a crowd of about three thousand assembled at the racetrack, August 11.

MCFWP 151; L'Aérophile, v.16, Aug. 15, 1908: 327; WODKH b. 220-221. Similar, close-up view: L'Illustration, v. 132, Aug. 15, 1908: 132

Wilbur in flight at end of launching track immediately after takeoff.

L'Aérophile, v. 16, Sept. 1, 1908: 339; GSIA 149; SMIN 43,056

Right side view of Wilbur in level flight over treetops.

GSWFAF 15; GSIA 42; SMIN 18,245. Similar: LECNA 415

Right front view of Wilbur in level flight.

LC-JONES; Graphic, v. 78, Aug. 15, 1908: 201; USAF 4099 AS

Long-range views of Wilbur flying at a considerable altitude.

EWWLM 20; EWWLM 21; EWWLM 22

Fleury (Hart O. Berg's chauffeur) and Wilbur examining wing of Wright airplane damaged in landing, August 13.

LC-BECK; MCFWP 153; COCKDH following 168; GSPA 32; MARWBC 47; SC-107933; WRBR 20

Left side view of Wright airplane, Wilbur and group of men at its left front inspecting damage.

SMIN 43,063-G

Wilbur directing workmen removing damaged wing.

MCFWP 152; COCKDH following 168; Illustrated London News, v. 133, Aug. 22, 1908: 251; NOZWBC facing 163; SMIN 10,877-A; SMIN 31,990-G

Wright airplane being disassembled.

SMIN 43,063-K; SMIN 43,064-E

Left front view of Wright airplane, left wing removed, Wilbur at center near machine in conversation with Hart O. Berg.

SC-107939; SMIN A42,584-B

Left side view of damaged Wright airplane.

SMIN 42,864; SMIN 43,663-K

Close-up view of left wing with outboard panels removed, two women at left inspecting damage.

SC-107934; SMIN 42,5395D

Front view of Wright airplane in front of hangar, mechanics repairing wing damaged on landing in accident on August 13.

SC-107940; SMIN 42,783-E

Side view of Wright airplane on two-wheeled carrier ready for transportation to a new flying field at Camp d'Auvours, Le Mans.

London Magazine, v. 21, Feb. 1909: 618; SMIN 43,063

Side view of Wright airplane on two-wheeled carrier ready for towing by automobile on left.

SMIN 43,064-L

Wright airplane on two-wheeled carrier being towed by Léon Bollée's automobile from the Hunaudières Race Course to Camp d'Auvours.

Allg Auto Zeit, v. 9, Sept. 19, 1908: 13; American Heritage, v. 11, Feb. 1960: 61; FWGMBH 3; London Magazine, v. 21, Feb. 1909: 618; MARWBC 27; SMIN 6800-F; SMIN A42,845-D. Similar: SMIN A3402; SMIN 42,846-E