

# Making Skies Safer for All

Harry Robertson's gift lays cornerstone for Aviation Safety Science Program

Harry Robertson has spent most of his career making the skies safer for all. As a seasoned pilot, accident investigator and pioneer in the development and implementation of crashworthy fuel systems for helicopters, Robertson has helped save thousands of lives over the decades by understanding one vital principle: you can always learn from failure.

"Aviation safety and its future development depends on knowledge gained through detailed aircraft accident investigations," said Robertson.

Over the years, Robertson has learned a great deal about aviation safety by studying aircraft accidents, and now, with a significant gift to expand the Robertson Aviation Safety Center on the Embry-Riddle Prescott Campus, he is passing on that invaluable information to a new generation of safety students.

As a second building to the Robertson Aviation Safety Center, this 4,500 square-foot archive facility will house thousands of unique aviation safety resources and allow the university to expand its programming to include an undergraduate program in Safety Science in 2008.

"This new facility will house a lifetime of many dedicated investigators' documentation, photographs, and expert evaluations – ready for further study by Embry-Riddle students and faculty," said Robertson.

The centerpiece of the archive's holdings will be Robertson's own collection of safety resources assembled over his many years of service to the industry. The S. Harry Robertson Aviation Archive includes over 15,000 aviation accident photographs, thousands of technical papers, accident investigation cases and a video library.



"Harry Robertson has been a champion of aviation safety for many years," says Dr. John P. Johnson, Embry-Riddle president, "His generous contributions to Embry-Riddle have placed us at the forefront of aviation safety studies. His leadership and vision ensure that we will remain the leader in safety science for generations to come."