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American Airlines Celebrates 90 Years of Aviation and Innovation

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FORT WORTH, Texas, April 15, 2016 -- Today, American Airlines celebrates 90 years of leading the world of commercial aviation, connecting families, businesses and cultures around the globe. American's long, proud history began on the morning of April 15, 1926, when legendary aviator Charles A. Lindbergh, the chief pilot of Robertson Aircraft Corporation, stowed a bag of mail in his DH-4 biplane and took off from Chicago, headed to St. Louis. Nine decades later, Robertson is counted as one of the many airlines that would eventually make up what is now the world's largest carrier – American Airlines.

"American is 100,000 strong and innovating every day in large and small ways. Working in this industry is a noble profession, and working for American is a special calling," said Doug Parker, American's Chairman and CEO. "It has been a terrific 90 years for our airline and our best days lie ahead."

To celebrate American's 90th birthday, customers on American Airlines flight 90 from Chicago O'Hare to London Heathrow will enjoy a special sendoff celebration. The cockpit crew will display a flag with the original American Airlines logo out the aircraft window on taxi out, in honor of an old tradition at American. The placement of the flags bearing the company logo was unique to the "Flagship Fleet" of American Airlines. The pennant location and the placement of the passenger door on the American Airlines DC3s were located on the right side of the aircraft. Passengers and spectators at the terminal could readily watch the ceremonial placement of the flag at the aircraft's arrival.

To celebrate the occasion, customers on flight 90 will receive a very special treat from Chicago's world famous Garrett Popcorn Shops® and a commemorative photo album.



Throughout the day, American's employees will join the birthday celebration with festivities at airports around the world. Follow the celebration on social media using #HBDAmerican.

American's history as a commercial aviation pioneer has continued since Lindbergh's first flight. American was the first airline to introduce nonstop transcontinental travel in 1953 and the first airline to hire an African American commercial pilot, Dave Harris, in 1964. The company invented loyalty programs when it introduced AAdvantage in 1981, and American merged with US Airways to regain its place as the world's largest carrier in 2013.

About American Airlines Group

American Airlines and American Eagle offer an average of nearly 6,700 flights per day to nearly 350 destinations in more than 50 countries. American has hubs in Charlotte, Chicago, Dallas/Fort Worth, Los Angeles, Miami, New York, Philadelphia, Phoenix, and Washington, D.C. American is a founding member of the oneworld alliance, whose members and members-elect serve nearly 1,000 destinations with 14,250 daily flights to 150 countries. Shares of American Airlines Group Inc. trade on Nasdaq under the ticker symbol AAL. In 2015, its stock joined the S&P 500 index. Connect with American on Twitter [@AmericanAir](https://twitter.com/AmericanAir) and at [Facebook.com/AmericanAirlines](https://www.facebook.com/AmericanAirlines).

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