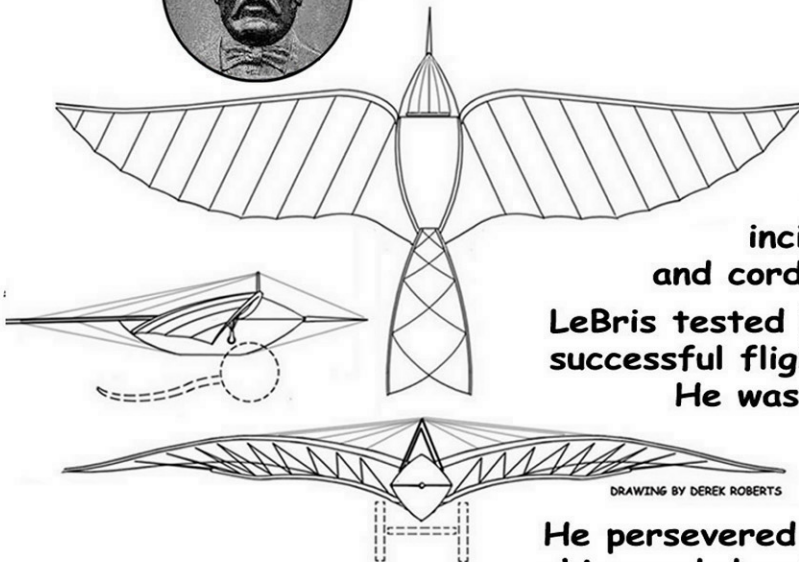
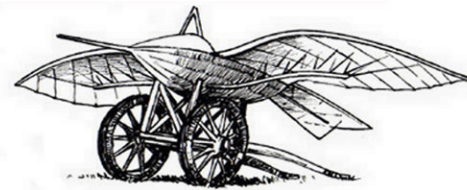




JEAN-MARIE Le BRIS
and his 1868 'Artificial Albatross'



Le Bris built a giant 50 foot span albatross, a bird he had studied on his sea voyages. The body of the craft was shaped like a canoe and the angle of incidence of the wings was adjustable by pullys and cords. The lifting surface was 215 square feet.

LeBris tested his albatross in 1868, making a few semi-successful flights before the glider was totally destroyed. He was murdered a few years later by a gang.

Jean Marie LeBris was a pioneer and had hoped to build a ship of the air.

He persevered with his experiments despite personal hardships and despite being relatively poor. His dedication and hard work have reserved him a place among other brave pioneers of early manned flight.