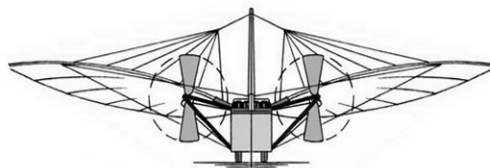
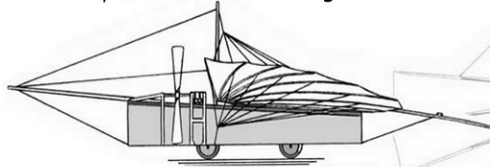


Inventor and aviation enthusiast **Gustave Whitehead**, from Bridgeport, Conn., built this bird-like flying machine and claimed that he flew it over Long Island Sound and back two years before the Wright Brothers flew at Kitty Hawk.

It was powered by his own unique acetylene engine driving two wide contra-rotating propellers and had a wing span of about 40 feet. The plane folded up like an umbrella for easy storage and was quite an impressive piece of equipment. The plane no longer exists but good reproductions have been made over the years.

GUSTAVE WHITEHEAD'S #21

Two years before the Wrights!



1901 FLYING MACHINE

