Airborne Trailblazer Author Visits NASA Langley

Lane Wallace, author of Airborne Trailblazer, poses on steps leading to the aircraft which is the subject of her book. Wallace was at NASA Langley Research Center in Hampton, Virginia to research the book and interview pilots and key decision makers in the program.

Airborne Trailblazer: Two Decades with NASA Langley's 737 Flying Laboratory will be released in 1994 to coincide with the 20th year anniversary of the aircraft at NASA Langley Research Center. The book describes and analyzes the history of the aircraft used at Langley, and its role in furthering aeronautical technology. Among the aircraft's major research efforts was its work in developing and testing detection systems for microburst windshear, a particularly hazardous weather phenomenon.

Wallace is a professional aviation writer who lives in Minneapolis, Minnesota. She has published over 200 articles on a wide variety of aviation and aerospace topics ranging from biplanes and air racing to new developments in NASA research and military aircraft technology. She owns and flies her own airplane, a 1946 Cessna 120, and is currently working with a partner on a 1943 Boeing Stearman restoration project. Wallace graduated with honors from Brown University in 1983, with a degree in Semiotics.

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