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The Man Will Never Fly Society. ^[2]The Man Will Never Fly Memorial Society was formed in 1959 with the motto, "Birds Fly-Men Drink." Each year the society holds a party beginning the afternoon of 16 December and ending at 10:45 a.m. on 17 December, the exact time of what the society refers to as "the Wright Brothers ^[3] alleged first flight." During the evening program-which one writer described as the break between the cocktail party and the drink ^[4]ing ^[5] that follows-the group has, on occasion, presented antiaviation awards to groups or individuals who the members feel have done the most to deter the advance of aviation ^[6]. Many of the society members are pilots.

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