FF-1 Celebrates Anniversary of First Flight

On April 24, 1933, the first Grumman FF-1 took flight, representing the first group of Grumman Navy fighters. Called “Fi-Fis” by the flyers, the FF-1 proved to be a better aircraft than its prototype — the XFF-1 — because of its more powerful Wright engine, larger prop and aerodynamic refinements.

The FF-1 played a major role in the success of naval aviation, which is celebrating its 100th anniversary. For more information about the Centennial of Naval Aviation, visit CONA.