



## Today in History

*December 17, 1903*

▲ **Bicycle manufacturers Wilbur and Orville Wright made the first successful controlled flight in a powered aircraft on the beach at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina**

**1843:** Charles Dickens' popular tale, *A Christmas Carol*, was published

**1996:** China's last imperial eunuch, died at age 93. Eunuchs were the only males allowed to live in the Inner Court of the Forbidden City

**2008:** The 12-member OPEC group agreed a record cut in oil production of two million barrels per day

**2014:** The U.S. and Cuba began the process of re-establishing diplomatic relations