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This "Flight Log" highlights some of the stories and events featured on the Aviation Trail website: AviationTrailInc.org

Parachute Museum Speaker Series

Speaker Series

Dayton Aviation Heritage NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK

Dayton:
Where jumping from a perfectly good airplane began!

Date: Monday, June 4, 2018
Huffman Prairie Historical Group
Location: Wright Brothers Memorial (Up on the Hill)
Time: 7:00 PM Cost: Free

Join us on Monday, June 4, 2018 at the Wright Brothers Memorial (up on the hill) for our next Speaker Series engagement. Randy Zuercher and Ann Armstrong-Ingoldsby will speak on their skydiving experiences. Ann is a University of Dayton graduate who holds a Skydiving D license. Randy, a graduate of the Ohio State University, holds a C license with over 500 skydives. Randy is also the curator of the ATI Parachute Museum and was an instructor Jumpmaster at Greene County Sport Parachute Center. Presenting on the history of the parachute is Andrew Kididis, Escape Systems Technical Expert from WPAFB.

 **Wright Brothers Memorial**
2380 Memorial Rd, Dayton, OH 45424

For more information, please visit the park's website at www.nps.gov/daav or call the park at 937-225-7705.



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Join the Parachute Museum team on June 4 to learn more about the museum! www.nps.gov/daav



New Acquisition at WACO

News Release - Gretchen Hawk, Executive Director WACO Air Museum

Newly arrived from Wisconsin

WACO Air Museum is proud to announce the arrival of the 1940 RPT model airplane. This particular WACO airplane is unique in that it is the only low-wing aircraft made by WACO Aircraft Co. in Troy, Ohio. The aircraft was a prototype aerobatic trainer for the USAAF trials and was designed to compete for the military CPT training program. The project was halted when a large order for the UPF-7 came in.

The RPT was donated by the family of Dean Mitchell of Wisconsin. It was disassembled and trailered to the museum by 5 WACO volunteers. The airplane will undergo some renovations to return it to its original design and will be on display in the soon-to-be-built Learning Center Building.

WACO Air Museum • 937-335-9226 • www.wacoairmuseum.org



Indoor Skydiving Designation

April 24, 2018: NAA Press Release - Art Greenfield - awgreenfield@naa.aero



U.S. Indoor Skydiving Designated as NAA Air Sport Organization

Washington, D.C., April 23, 2018 – The National Aeronautic Association (NAA), the official air sport authority in the United States, is pleased to announce that U.S. Indoor Skydiving has been named as the designated air sport organization (ASO) for the purposes of official Federation Aeronautique Internationale competitions and record attempts in the sport of indoor skydiving. U.S. Indoor Skydiving will work with the NAA, the International Parachute Commission, and the Federation Aeronautic International to further develop and advance this exciting air sport.

U.S. Indoor Skydiving becomes the seventh recognized American ASO, along with the Academy of Model Aeronautics, Balloon Federation of America, International Aerobatic Club, Soaring Society of America, U.S. Hang Gliding and Paragliding Association and the U.S. Parachute Association.

"We are very excited to lead the way on behalf of the United States." U.S. Indoor Skydiving interim executive director, Robert Pizzini, stated. "Our vision is to develop the sport by developing a robust youth program similar to other sports, manage the US National team, and establish a US National Training Center in order to prepare our athletes for the World Cup and World Championship."

Adds NAA President Greg Principato, "With the explosive growth of indoor skydiving, both in the United States and around the world, we are very excited to work with Bob Pizzini and U.S. Indoor Skydiving to further advance the sport and attract ever greater numbers of participants, especially young people."

The National Aeronautic Association is a non-profit membership organization devoted to fostering opportunities to participate fully in aviation activities and to promoting public understanding of the importance of aviation and space flight to the United States. NAA is the caretaker of some of the most important aviation awards in the world and certifies all national aviation records set in the United States. For information, visit www.naa.aero.

Chautauqua Event at WACO

April 28, 2018 / Nancy Royer, WACO Learning Center Director



Ohio Chautauqua Present "The Airplane, Flying the 20th Century" at WACO

This summer, Ohio Chautauqua will visit four towns with strong Chautauqua ties. The tour begins in Piqua (June 5-9). Evening performances will take place under the Hance Pavilion, erected after WWI to showcase the popular traveling Chautauqua shows of the era. Performances will begin at 7:30 pm with live local music at 6:15 pm. Ohio Chautauqua 2018: Modern Legends will showcase historical figures from the mid-twentieth century whose lives and work left a larger-than-life imprint on the American Psyche, including Erma Bombeck, Cesar Chavez, Betty Friedan, Benjamin O. Davis and Robert F. Kennedy.

On Wednesday, June 6th at 1:00, James Armstead, a humanities scholar who performs as Benjamin O. Davis, will visit the WACO Air Museum to present his free workshop titled, "The Airplane, Flying the 20th Century". Both youth and adults will find this to be of interest.

Since the early days of the 20th Century, flying has defined progress. Crossing continents and oceans and shortening travel times have been accomplished by airplanes. Innovations in the science of flight have made international travel not only possible but comfortable, commonplace and inexpensive. No place on earth is inaccessible any longer and we are a planet with common interests, if not purpose, all thanks to this wonderful invention which affects our daily lives in untold ways. What is this wondrous thing called flight and how has it progressed since Kitty Hawk all those years ago?

Presenter James Armstead has been a professor of strategy and international law for nearly 40 years, served as Chief of Staff to a member of Congress, participated in negotiations enlarging NATO, served in the United Nations Secretariat, and has served in the US Army, the US Army Reserves, and the National Guard. He has been performing since 1992, including two past tours with Ohio Chautauqua.

There is no charge for the event and parking is free. Seating begins at 12:30 pm. and the program is scheduled to last one hour. It will be held in the Willis Wing of the **WACO Air Museum at 1865 South County Road 25A in Troy, OH.** For more information, visit ohiohumanities.org, or call WACO Air Museum at 937-335-9226.

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Your membership is a great help, but there are additional ways you can contribute with your interest in aviation. Aviation Trail has some openings on the board of trustees, and is seeking volunteers who want to put their time and talents to use by helping our organization to achieve its goals of preserving and developing Dayton's aviation history. Board members meet once a month to plan, initiate, and direct activities to promote Dayton's aviation heritage. If you would like to be a part of this, contact us at avtrailinc@gmail.com to learn more.