



Aviation Trail, Inc.

Experience the Birthplace of Aviation!

A non-profit corporation in partnership with the National Park Service to promote Aviation Heritage in the Dayton region

Visit the historical sites that tell of man's conquest of the air.

News and Updates from "The Trail"

"The Flight Log" -

AVIATION TRAIL MAIL



"Preserving the Past & Promoting the Future"

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

Hops in the Hangar 2026 Butler County Warbirds

**August 22nd, 2026 from 4-9pm
at Middletown Regional Airport**

Hops in the Hangar at the Middletown Regional Airport is August 22nd from 4-9pm. Gathering a blend of craft

beer fans and aviation enthusiasts in an airplane hangar, Hops in the Hangar is the EPIC craft beer event in the tri-state area!



Butler County

Warbirds will be attending with our re-enactors dressed in WWII uniforms, and we will raffle a ride in our 1940 Stearman bi-plane.



Talk about unique ambiance! A beer event at an operating airport! Hops in the Hangar will feature a wide selection of beer from breweries big and small and showcases a variety of aircraft. The professional skydivers jumping overhead will create an experience few will forget, and an epic airshow will keep your eyes to the sky! The evening will be packed with beers,

planes, food trucks, music and more. For tickets, go to hopsinthehangar.com.



Butler County Warbirds
Middletown Regional Airport (KMWO)
2351 Wedekind Drive
Middletown, OH 45042
(513) 702-3062
<http://www.bcwarbirds.com>

Butler County Warbirds is Site #16 on the Aviation Trail



"The Flight Log" - **AVIATION TRAIL MAIL** 08/01/2026

Open Cockpit Days at Tri-State Warbird Museum

August 8 @ 11:00 am - 12:30 pm



COME, IMAGINE,
AND DISCOVER WITH US!

- THE PARASOL
- TWEETY THE T-6

August 8, 2026

11:00A - 12:30P



www.tswm.org

Come, imagine and discover with us!

Our Open Cockpit Day gives you the chance to get up close and personal with some of our amazing aircraft!

Kids will have the unique opportunity to sit in the cockpits of our T-6 and Parasol. Don't miss this amazing chance to climb behind the stick and get a view of history!

The open cockpit experience is INCLUDED with admission and is free to members. Open Cockpit days makes for great photo opportunities.

Event Pricing:
Adults \$12
Students \$7

Frequently Asked Questions: <https://www.tri-statewarbirdmuseum.org/learn/kids/open-cockpit-days-faqs/>

Program and Event Cancellations & Refund Policy

We regret that we cannot grant refunds for program and event registrations. If we must cancel a program or an event due to low enrollment, you will be given the option to move your registration to another program/event or receive a full refund. We reserve the right to cancel programs and events due to low enrollment or extreme weather. Registrants will be notified via email 24 hours prior if a program or event is cancelled.



Tri-State Warbird Museum
4021 BORMAN DR, BATAVIA, OH 45103
(513) 735-4500
<https://www.tri-statewarbirdmuseum.org>

Tri-State Warbird Museum is Site #15 on the Aviation Trail



Wright "B" Flyer "White Bird" at Oshkosh

*See photos & video
on Wright "B" Flyer Facebook posts
from July 14 – July 26, 2026*



The Wright "B" Flyer "White Bird" is present at the The Oshkosh airshow (EAA AirVenture Oshkosh) the world's largest annual gathering of aviation enthusiasts. The Wright "B" Flyer facebook page features some recent photos and videos of the White Bird in flight at Oshkosh:
<https://www.facebook.com/WrightBFlyer/>



Wright "B" Flyer - "Brown Bird"



Wright "B" Flyer - New "White Bird"

See more about Wright "B" Flyer, Inc. and these planes on the Wright "B" Flyer website:

<http://www.wright-b-flyer.org> where you can also see videos of the "Brown Bird" in flight, and the "White Bird" in various stages of construction (<http://www.wright-b-flyer.org/photos-videos/videos/>)

To learn more about the "White Bird" see the Aviation Blog post of May 2, 2023 at:

<https://www.aviationtrailinc.org/post/white-bird-flying-again>

and the post of Oct. 6, 2021 at:

<https://www.aviationtrailinc.org/post/wright-b-flyer-white-bird-in-the-news>



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<https://www.wright-b-flyer.org>

Wright "B" Flyer is Site #9 on the Aviation Trail



National Aviation Hall of Fame 62nd Annual Enshrinement

September 24, 2026 – 6 PM • The Anthem, Washington D.C.



The Oscars of Aviation are almost here! The 62nd annual Enshrinement will be at the iconic Anthem theater in Washington, D.C., on September 24, 2026.

The NAHF Class of 2026 is a remarkable ensemble of individuals who have left an indelible mark on the aviation and space industries. Their contributions span a wide spectrum of accomplishments, furthering the frontiers of flight and exploration. Join us as we honor these luminaries with aviation's highest individual honor: induction into the National Aviation Hall of Fame!

Click the link below for a presentation video, list of Class of 2026, sponsorships & ticket information:

[//nationalaviation.org/programs/enshrinement/](https://nationalaviation.org/programs/enshrinement/)



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www.nationalaviation.org

**The National Aviation Hall of Fame
is Site #6 on the Aviation Trail**



Explore Series at Armstrong Air & Space Museum

August 1st - Building a Better World



NAME: Explore! Series

START DATE: 1st Saturday of each month

TIME: 11:00 – 4:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Armstrong Air & Space Museum

ADDRESS: 500 Apollo Dr, Wapakoneta, OH

COST: No additional cost with admission

August 1st – Building A Better World: The world needs your help to solve the next generation of challenges. Join us for "Tippy Towers" at 11AM or 2PM to complete an engineer design challenge to develop a load bearing tower. Then, participants will learn about solar power and electricity at 12PM or 3PM by making a bug that will move by the power of the sun. The guided museum tour, a 45-min experience highlighting key exhibits and fun insights begin at 11AM, 1PM, and 3PM.

ABOUT THE EXPLORE! SERIES:

Join the museum's education team in the STEM Center for two exciting, hands-on activities designed to spark curiosity and creativity in visitors of all ages. Experiment, build, and explore as you dive into fun STEM lessons that bring science and innovation to life. Each month will have a different educational theme as well. Throughout the day, enjoy guided tours led by knowledgeable staff who will share fascinating stories and insights about the museum's exhibits. Whether you participate in one or both activities, take a tour, or simply explore on your own, there's something new to learn and enjoy around every corner!



Armstrong Air & Space Museum

Armstrong Air & Space Museum
500 Apollo Drive
Wapakoneta, OH 45895
(419) 738-8811 or (800) 860-0142
www.armstrongmuseum.org

Armstrong Air & Space Museum is Site #12 on the Aviation Trail



National Aviation Day in August

**August 19th - Birthdays of
Orville Wright and Katherine Wright**

National Aviation Day is a United States national observation that celebrates the development of aviation. The holiday was established in 1939 by President Franklin Roosevelt by presidential proclamation. August 19 is the birthday of both Orville Wright (1871) and his sister Katharine Wright (1874).

AUGUST 19 ~ NATIONAL AVIATION DAY



This is also a good time to celebrate by reading more about the Wrights. Besides Wilbur and Orville, Katharine's support of their efforts also contributed greatly to aviation, along with many other accomplishments of her own. See the five links below for some interesting reading. The first two are online posts with interesting information about Katharine Wright, and the third about the brothers. The last two are reviews of books about the Wright brothers and flight.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Katharine_Wright

http://www.wright-brothers.org/Information_Desk/Just_the_Facts/Wright_Family/Katharine_Wright/Katharine_Wright.htm

http://www.wright-brothers.org/History_Wing/Wright_Story/Wright_Story_Intro/Wright_Story_Intro.htm

<https://www.nytimes.com/2015/05/04/books/review-the-wright-brothers-by-david-mccullough.html>

<https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/20977943-the-dayton-flight-factory>



Dayton Concours d'Elegance

Carillon Historical Park Sunday, Sept. 20, 2026



The 19th annual Dayton Concours d'Elegance, a fundraiser benefiting Carillon Historical Park, returns Sunday, Sept. 20, 2026, from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

This year's event celebrates the 100th anniversary of Pontiac. Founded by General Motors in 1926, the iconic American automaker was part of a company that once had a larger presence in Dayton than anywhere outside of Detroit.

Featuring more than 150 cars and motorcycles, live music, food, historical demonstrations and family-friendly activities, the event will also commemorate the 50th anniversary of the BMW 3 Series.

The weekend begins with the Dayton Concours d'Elegance Preview Party from 6 to 9 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 19. Guests will enjoy an exclusive first look at many of the Concours vehicles, along with live music, food and beverages, a silent auction, an automotive art pavilion and more.

For the first time, the preview party will be held indoors at the Eichelberger Pavilion at Carillon Historical Park. This year's Speakeasy-themed event will feature a select number of automobiles displayed both inside the ballroom and throughout the surrounding grounds, giving guests an up-close look at some of the weekend's most remarkable vehicles.

The Dayton Concours d'Elegance showcases meticulously restored and exceptionally preserved automobiles and motorcycles spanning more than a century of automotive history. Guests can admire everything from brass-era automobiles to iconic classics from the 1950s and 1960s. Every entry is judged in multiple classes and competes for prestigious awards.

The 19th annual Dayton Concours d'Elegance

Proceeds from the Dayton Concours d'Elegance support Carillon Historical Park, a privately funded nonprofit whose mission is to inspire generations by connecting them with the unique people, places and events that changed Dayton and the world.

Concours:

Carillon Historical Park
Sunday, Sept. 20, 2026, 10:30 a.m.—4 p.m.
Advance: \$20 adults • Day-Of: \$25 adults • Children 3–17: \$10 • Members and Children 2 and Under: Free • Free parking (Sunday)

Preview Party:

Eichelberger Pavilion at Carillon Historical Park
Saturday, Sept. 19, 2026, 6–9 p.m.
Members: \$100 • Non-Members: \$125 • Party of 10: \$1,200 — 10 Preview Party tickets with reserved seating and group name listed in the program. Must receive reservation by Sept. 1 to be included in the program. (Saturday)

Ticket information: <https://shop.daytonhistory.org/Events.aspx>



Dayton History • 1000 Carillon Blvd. • Dayton, OH 45409
<https://www.daytonhistory.org>

Carillon Historical Park is Site #4 on the Aviation Trail



Aviation Trail Membership Reminder



Membership

- Join
- Renew
- Donate

Help keep the Dayton area in the forefront of the world's aviation history, leadership and preservation.

Membership Reminder:

All levels of Aviation Trail memberships, except for Life Membership, are annual and are **subject to renewal, at the desired level, by each January**. Aviation Trail is now accepting memberships and renewal orders for 2026.

Online payments may be made from our website.
Secure payments are made through PayPal.

To join, renew, or donate to Aviation Trail see the **JOIN/DONATE** menu item on the Aviation Trail website at <https://www.aviationtrailinc.org> or use this QR code.



To print a mail-in membership/donation form use this link:

https://www.aviationtrailinc.org/_files/ugd/0d9eb3_1581e164a6934f32a3df534cb190c8.pdf

**Join, Renew, or Donate Now
to Help Support Aviation Trail, Inc. and the
Aviation Trail Parachute Museum**

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Aviation Trail Gift Shop



All transactions will be purchased from, processed by, and fulfilled by Dayton History, and can either be shipped to the purchaser or held for pick-up at Carillon Historical Park Museum Store at 1000 Carillon Historical Park, Dayton, OH 45409, (937) 293-2841. The products are in stock at the Carillon Historical Park Museum Store.



Gift items include: T-Shirts, Tumblers, Caps, Lapel Pins, Magnets, Art Prints, Note Cards, & McCook Field Book.

See the GIFT SHOP menu item on the ATI website at:
<https://www.aviationtrailinc.org/> or scan the QR code.

