



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

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

A Carillon Christmas 2023

November 21 – December 30, 2023*



Dayton's Newest Holiday Tradition

Join us for A Carillon Christmas to see Carillon Historical Park's 65-acre campus transformed into a winter wonderland of sparkle, magic, and holiday cheer!

Featuring:

The Carillon Tree of Light • Santa Claus • The Carillon Park Railroad • Gem City Letterpress • Letters to Santa
Deeds Carillon Christmas Concerts • Carillon Christmas Café • Drinks at Culp's Café
Roundhouse Café in the Transportation Center • The Tailor of Gloucester Puppet Show
Model Train Displays • Midnight Express Miniature Train Rides • Museum Store Shopping
Walk through our beautiful campus, filled with thousands of lights • Morris and Hetzel Bakery
Gristmill Christmas Village and Peppermint Mill • Carillon Brewing Co.

... and more!

See this link for prices:

<https://www.daytonhistory.org/events/special-events/a-carillon-christmas/>

See Carillon Park EVENTS page to order tickets:

<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



Santa Fly-In at Tri-State Warbird Museum

Saturday, December 2, 2023 • 10:00 am - 11:30 am



The Santa Fly-In is our most popular family event of the year! Santa will land at TSWM in a plane so come join us as we await Santa's arrival!

Once Santa arrives there will be hot drinks, cookies, crafts and fun activities! Santa will be available to meet children until 11:30 A. Doors will open at 9:45A.

All visitors including members must get tickets in advance!

Get Santa Fly-In Tickets:

<https://form.jotform.com/TSWM/2023-santa-fly-in-family>

Admission Pricing:

Adult \$12 • Children \$7 • (3 and under are FREE)
Members receive 50% off (Membership card required at check-in)

Membership Info: <https://www.tri-statewarbirdmuseum.org/support/membership/>

Frequently Asked Questions: <https://www.tri-statewarbirdmuseum.org/learn/kids/santa-flyin-faqs/>



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



Cookies with Santa

Butler County Warbirds, December 3, 2023 - 2:00 PM

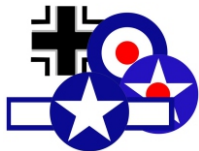


Join us for our 3rd annual Cookies with Santa! Have cookies and hot cocoa with Jolly Old ST NICK himself at the Butler County Warbirds Museum at the Middletown Regional Airport. Santa's Elves will be dropping in from their parachutes to anxiously await the arrival of Santa and the Mrs. in their red aircraft sleigh. Enjoy the cocoa and cookies while waiting for Santa and the Elves, and there will be coloring books & crayons for the kids after Santa arrives.

Sunday, Dec 3rd at 2pm. 2351 Wedekind Dr, Middletown, OH 45042

This FREE COMMUNITY EVENT is open to everyone and is presented by Butler County Warbirds with the kind assistance of Middletown Regional Flight Training and Start Skydiving.

**Parachuting Elves and Santa flying in are weather permitting. Santa & the Mrs. will be in the hangar enjoying cookies and hot chocolate in the event of inclement weather.



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



Armstrong Museum Holiday Lights

Friday November 24, 2023 - January 07, 2024



THE HOLIDAY LIGHTS DISPLAY & GRAND ILLUMINATION

For over ten years now, the Armstrong Air & Space Museum has been inaugurating the holiday season by illuminating their grounds with a vast array of festive and colorful lights known as the Holiday Lights Display. The overall exhibition contains a multitude of aviation and space-themed displays made from tens of thousands of vibrant LED bulbs, with prominent works including a twenty-foot-tall Saturn V rocket and a giant Apollo-era astronaut saluting the American flag.

The Display officially kicks-on at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, November 25th, when the lights are turned on for the first time during the "Grand Illumination" event. The museum itself will be open as part of the event for guests to shop or visit from 10:00 am to 8:00 pm.

The lights will be on for guests to enjoy from dusk until dawn every night until the end of the year. Holiday lights will be spread periodically throughout the museum grounds to allow guests to social distance if they so choose.

For the first time, the light display is part of the Ohio Holiday Lights Trail, a compilation of the state's most impressive light displays curated by Ohio. Find It Here., the state's tourism division. This year's holiday lights trail features 43 locations across Ohio, the largest trail since its inception five years ago.

Guests are asked to refrain from touching lights, sculptures, or cords. If you take any pictures of the lights throughout the holiday season please post them using #AASMLights.

Donations will be accepted on-site and online via our donation tab listed above! The guestbook can also be found onsite or on our website below this page! Please leave your comments and let us know what you think!

The Holiday Lights Display is weather permitting. The store and restrooms are not regularly open, and there is no food or beverage available.



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

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



The Story of the Wright Company Factory Murals

The Art Show - Think TV and CET Presentation



A new video from *The Art Show features the historic Wright Company Factory Buildings, and the striking murals created to accompany the restoration of the site. The video provides background on the history of the structures built by the Wright Brothers in 1910 & 1911 as the first first purpose-built airplane manufacturing facility. The video highlights the current efforts of the City of Dayton, the National Aviation Heritage Alliance, and Dayton's own national park, the Dayton Aviation Heritage Historical National Park to rescue the buildings from a catastrophic fire in March of 2023 and preserve it for future generations. *This video segment will be part of upcoming airings of "The Art Show", which is a feature of the PBS affiliates Think TV (Dayton) and CET (Cincinnati).

See the link below to watch the video:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_OWsJJIJkq



For some more history on the Wright Factory Buildings see these links:

- Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park: <https://www.nps.gov/daav/learn/news/3-26-23-wcf-fire.htm>
- National Aviation Heritage Alliance: https://visitnaha.com/aviation_site/national-park-service-visitor-center-aviation-parachute-museum/wright-company-factory/
- City of Dayton -Wright Factory Redevelopment : <https://www.daytonohio.gov/1115/Wright-Factory-Redevelopment-Project>
- David McCullough: Save Wright brothers factory: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=beP7uXPhE0A>

The Wright Company Factory Buildings are sites on the Aviation Trail



Aviation Trail, Inc. Annual Meeting

Wednesday, December 13, 2023

The Board of Trustees of Aviation Trail, Inc. will hold the organization's Annual Meeting for 2023 at the Sinclair College National UAS Training and Certification Center. The board will meet in Building 13, Room 103. There is free surface lot parking available in Lot K (off Perry St.) adjacent to the building. Once entering the first floor lobby from the lot, cross to the far (north) hallway. Room 13-103 will be the second room on the left. The meeting will be from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm on Wednesday, December 13, 2023. Toward the end of the meeting Sinclair will offer a brief tour of the UAS and aviation labs, with a demonstration of a VR flight simulator. See this link for map & directions: https://fe2c77ca-2326-40ca-9d37-cf533c4d816f.filesusr.com/ugd/0d9eb3_a9be870aa2284801a713cb52bfd4a66a.pdf or call 937-512-4848 if needing assistance.



Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park Operations Notice

Huffman Prairie Flying Field Interpretive Center

Operations Notice: The Huffman Prairie Flying Field Interpretive Center will temporarily be closed beginning Wednesday, November 15, 2023. The interpretive center will reopen Friday, March 1, 2024.

While the interior park facilities will be closed, the grounds of the Wright Memorial and the Huffman Prairie Flying Field will remain open to the public daily from dawn to dusk. The visitor center will open temporarily in support of the US Air Force First Flight Ceremony on December 15, 2023, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The Wright-Dunbar Interpretive Center and Wright Cycle Shop will remain open daily from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and the Paul Laurence Dunbar House will be open Friday - Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Ranger-led tours and scheduled throughout the day at both sites. All Dayton History sites will remain open during this time and hours information can be found at www.daytonhistory.org.

More information: <https://www.nps.gov/daav/learn/news/newsreleases.htm>



Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park preserves and interprets the history and legacies of the Wright Brothers and Paul Laurence Dunbar. Learn more about these extraordinary men and the story of the park when you explore www.nps.gov/daav or find us on social media at [facebook.com/DaytonAviationNPS](https://www.facebook.com/DaytonAviationNPS), and [@DaytonAviationNHP](https://www.instagram.com/DaytonAviationNHP) on Instagram.

EXPERIENCE YOUR AMERICA™

The National Park Service cares for special places saved by the American people so that all may experience our heritage.



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The Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park includes Sites #1, #2, and #3 on the Aviation Trail



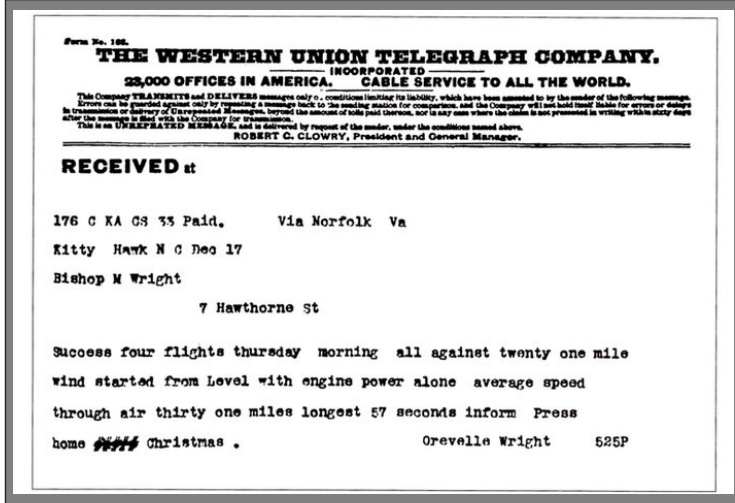
December 17, 1903

120th Anniversary of Powered Flight



December 17, 1903 to December 17, 2023

The telegram shown below was sent by Orville Wright to his father on December 17, 1903, the day of the Wright brothers historic first flight. The brothers had hoped to give their hometown of Dayton the honor of announcing the news but the Dayton Journal's telegraph editor deemed it non-newsworthy, and the first report appeared in the Norfolk Virginia Pilot (a fitting title) on the morning of December 18. The reporter, H.P. Moore had obtained the story from the Norfolk telegraph operator and, apparently understanding its significance, created a whole article from the sparse information in the telegram. That article served as the basis for a front page story in the Dayton Evening Herald later that day in the Wright's hometown paper.



USAF First Flight Ceremony

On December 15, 2023 the U.S. Air Force First Flight Ceremony will be held at the Wright Memorial, 2380 Memorial Road, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio 45433, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The Huffman Prairie Flying Field Interpretive Center is currently closed for the winter, but will open temporarily in support of the U.S. Air Force ceremony.



The Wright Route

A new way to experience the Wright brothers' stories from Dayton, OH, and Kitty Hawk, NC. Created in partnership with National Aviation Heritage Area, First Flight Society and the National Park Service at Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park and Wright Brothers National Memorial, the Wright Route is an online hub full of ideas for your next aviation-themed adventure! To learn more, check out this link: <https://bit.ly/3dPOEuI>



Aviation Trail Memberships & Donations

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



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 2023. Aviation Trail Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

See the JOIN/DONATE menu item on the Aviation Trail website to join, renew, or donate: https://www.aviationtrailinc.org/

Below is the 2024 Membership Letter from the Aviation Trail Board of Trustees

Dear friend of Aviation Trail:

We are asking you to consider becoming a member today, or to renew or upgrade your membership.

This year ATI is in its 41st year of promoting (and bragging about) our region's phenomenal aviation heritage, and continues to move forward with new and exciting ideas and projects. Please note on our brochure that we continue to promote the "Wilbear Wright" passport program. This program has been extremely popular with youth as it was intended, but frequently with adults as well! We have distributed nearly 15,000 free, "Wilbear Wright" teddy bears since the program began, and we are extending the program through July 1, 2024 when a new brochure will detail the program changes for the future.

We continue to expand the ATI parachute collection (already noted by the Smithsonian Air & Space Museum as one of the largest, if not the largest, in the country). We have received a donation of 22 ejection seats, and additional parachute equipment, and hope to expand the museum to display more of the collection. We plan to renovate the Pekin Theater and Fish Market buildings which ATI owns immediately adjacent to our Aviation Trail Visitor Center to accommodate the expansion.

We also are about to publish the "Field Guide to Flight" for the third time with significantly increased photos and additional Trail sites added since it's last publication.

Your membership support is critical in assisting us with these projects and our promotion of the aviation heritage of our region. Enclosed is a copy of the new ATI brochure and a membership/donation card. This information is also available on our website, www.aviationtrailinc.org where you can keep up to date with events sponsored by ATI & our partners throughout our region.

We remain committed to upholding our mission of aviation awareness, documentation and restoration in our region. We need your support to be more than "The Birthplace of Aviation," but also the premier locale in the country to experience aviation history and ongoing development. Please help us keep the Dayton area in the forefront of the world's aviation history, leadership and preservation. Thank you for your past and present support. * Get out on the Trail and earn your own bear!

Sincerely,

Aviation Trail, Inc. Board of Trustees

Aviation Trail Gift Shop



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



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.



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Yes! I want to support Aviation Trail, Inc.

Mr., Mrs., Miss, Ms. _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone (H) _____ (W) _____ (C) _____

E-mail Address (to receive online newsletter) _____

(Name to be used for recognition if different than above) _____

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

Membership Levels

I / We wish to remain anonymous.

_____ \$25.00 Senior (age 60+)

_____ \$75 Contributing

_____ \$1000 Patron

_____ \$30 Individual

_____ \$150 Supporting

_____ Other- I am a life member and would like to make an additional contribution

_____ \$40 Family

_____ \$1500 Individual Life Member*

(*May be paid in three annual payments of \$500 per year, mail in only)

_____ Donation - I would like to support Aviation Trail with a **DONATION** of \$ _____ to Aviation Trail

Please apply my donation to:

Membership Fund

Preservation Fund*

Wilbear Fund**

* Donations will be designated to promote and preserve historical aviation sites in the Dayton Region.

** Donations will be designated to promote and preserve the "Wilbear Wright" teddy bear program that promotes the Aviation Trail and its partner sites.

Check enclosed. Make payable to: Aviation Trail, Inc.

Mail to Aviation Trail, Inc. / PO Box 633 / Wright Brothers Station / Dayton, OH 45409

Members and donors receive an online subscription to the Aviation Trail newsletter, *Flight Log*, and advance invitations to Aviation Trail events and programs.

Online credit card payments may be made from our website. Secure payments are made through PayPal. See the **JOIN/DONATE** menu item on the Aviation Trail website to join, renew, or donate: <https://www.aviationtrailinc.org/>. **Or click the membership logo on the right >**



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