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# "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](http://www.AviationTrailInc.org)

## Parachute Museum "Theater"



<https://www.aviationtrailinc.org/parachute-museum-theater>

### #3 in a series of videos presented by the Aviation Trail Parachute Museum

#### Space Jump-Col. (Ret.) Joe Kittinger

In 1960 Captain Joseph Kittinger set the record at the time of the highest balloon ascent, highest parachute jump (102,800 feet), longest drogue fall and fastest speed by a human through the atmosphere (614 mph). One of the Parachute Museum's most popular exhibits, designed to appeal to both adults and children, is an interactive display of Joe Kittinger's famous jump.



Presented by National Museum of the United States Air Force

*In photo at right: Captain Kittinger views the Parachute Museum Kittinger display.*

*Watch for upcoming Parachute Museum Theater presentations of subsequent record jumps.*



**Log in to the Parachute Museum Theater page at:**  
<https://www.aviationtrailinc.org/parachute-museum-theater>  
to view this video, and more.

The Aviation Trail Parachute Museum is Site #1b on the Aviation Trail

## Huffman Prairie Flying Field Interpretive Center is Open

**Wednesday through Sunday from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM**

The Huffman Prairie Flying Field Interpretive Center building has re-opened as of **May 12, 2021**. Like the Wright Dunbar/Aviation Trail Visitor Center, which re-opened on April 21, it is operating under modified days and hours. It is open to the public **Wednesday through Sunday from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM**. (The outdoor spaces, at the Huffman Prairie Flying Field, and the Wright Brothers Memorial, have remained open to the public). The park phone number is (937) 225-7705.

#### • Huffman Prairie Flying Field Interpretive Center

2380 Memorial Road • Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio 45433 • (937) 425-0008  
[www.nps.gov/daav](http://www.nps.gov/daav)

The Interpretive Center's exhibits focus on the Wright brothers' experimental flights at Huffman Prairie Flying Field in 1904 and 1905, and on The Wright Company's flying school at Huffman Prairie from 1910 to 1916. The Interpretive Center also covers the history of Wright-Patterson Air Force Base from its beginnings at McCook Field in Dayton during World War I, up to its contributions to the aerospace projects of the future. (**Site #3b on the Aviation Trail**).



#### • Wright Brothers Memorial

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[www.nps.gov/daav](http://www.nps.gov/daav)



The memorial is located at the top of Wright Brothers Hill, overlooking the Huffman Prairie Flying Field where Wilbur and Orville conducted tests of their early flying machines in 1904 and 1905 and where the Wright School of Aviation operated a flying school from 1910 to 1916. A plaque on the stone wall surrounding the plaza around the Memorial lists the names of the 119 pilots trained at Huffman Prairie. (**Site #3a on the Aviation Trail**).

#### • Huffman Prairie Flying Field

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[www.nps.gov/daav](http://www.nps.gov/daav)

After their historic first flights at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, on December 17, 1903, the Wright brothers continued the development of their invention at Huffman Prairie field in 1904 and 1905. Later, the Wright Company operated a flying school at Huffman Prairie from 1910 to 1916. Today, the field remains much as it was when Wilbur and Orville Wright flew their experimental airplanes over Torrence Huffman's pasture. (**Site #3c on the Aviation Trail**).



## Fly in the B-25 Champaign Gal

The Champaign Aviation Museum presents flights on three dates at two locations

B-25 Rides 6/4/2021 @ Hogan Field/Butler Co. Airport - Hamilton, OH  
B-25 Rides 6/5/2021 @ Hogan Field/Butler Co. Airport - Hamilton, OH  
B-25 Rides 6/12/2021 @ Grimes Field - Urbana, OH



The North American B-25 Mitchell was an American twin-engine medium bomber manufactured by North American Aviation. Allied air forces flew it in every theater of World War II, and it was used by many other air forces after the war, seeing service across four decades.

- Built in 1944 by North American, our B-25J served with the USAAF for 13 years. It was used as a trainer, transport and personnel transport. In 1957 it was transferred to the famous "airplane boneyard" at Davis-Monthan AFB where it was stored until ~1959 when it was bought by a private company and fought fires in Canada and the USA. It continued to be used as an airtanker until the late 1980's when it was restored to its wartime specifications.

- In 2008 the Champaign Aviation Museum acquired the aircraft and has been flying and meticulously maintaining it ever since. We regularly fly the B-25 to airshows, events, warbird ride experiences, and for flyovers.

For prices, flight times, and to make reservations see this link:  
<https://champaign-aviation-museum.square.site>

Champaign Aviation Museum • 1652 N Main Street • Urbana, Ohio 43078 • 937-652-4710  
<https://www.champaignaviationmuseum.org>

Champaign Aviation Museum is Site #13 on the Aviation Trail

## Open Cockpit WACO Bi-Plane Rides

June 19 & 20, August 13 - 15, September 17-19, October 16 & 17



WACO Air Museum  
1865 S. County Rd. 25A • Troy, Ohio 45373

What better way to kick off your summer than a ride in an open-cockpit bi-plane. It's the experience of a lifetime! A ride gift certificate makes a wonderful present for that hard to shop for person. Call the museum for more information. 937-335-9226 or order your certificate at [www.wacoairmuseum.org](http://www.wacoairmuseum.org)

The WACO Air Museum is Site #11 on the Aviation Trail

## Trail Sites Opening Status

Updated Status of Aviation Trail sites regarding visitors during the COVID-19 precautions

Most of the Aviation Trail sites are now open, with COVID precautions in place, and some with limited hours. Since conditions at each venue can change quickly, it is suggested that visitors check each site's current status by using the [TRAIL SITES](#) page on the Aviation Trail website to find the contact information (website and phone) of each respective site.

A list of the status of sites on the Aviation Trail is also posted on the the "Aviation Blog" page of the Aviation Trail website. It is updated as changes occur: <https://www.aviationtrailinc.org/post/covid-19-closure-updates-1>. Before traveling to a site on the Aviation Trail, please verify that site's status by contacting that site (see above). For sites that are open, refer to their individual websites for days and hours.

## Aviation Trail Gift Shop

CLICK the image below to visit the Aviation Trail gift shop page



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.

## Aviation Trail Memberships & Donations

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



Aviation Trail remains committed to upholding our mission of aviation awareness, education, preservation and restoration in our region. We need your support in order to be more than "The Birthplace of Aviation," but also the premier locale in the country to "Experience the Birthplace of Aviation." Your membership and donation support is critical in helping maintain that mission. Thanks for your support! Memberships and donations can be made on-line through secure payment on PayPal, or a Membership/Donor form can be downloaded from the Membership Page for mailing.

See the [JOIN/DONATE](#) menu item on the Aviation Trail website to join, renew, or donate: <https://www.aviationtrailinc.org/>



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## Yes! I want to support Aviation Trail, Inc.

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***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.

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