



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

## Taking Flight Gala

**Tri-State Warbird Museum**  
**June 9 @ 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm**



The Taking Flight Gala is an event that draws the attention of corporate and philanthropic leaders across the Tri-State area. Guests are invited to cocktails in the museum's Hangar 1 and an aerial demo of WWII aircraft before enjoying a delicious three-course dinner in Hangar 2. As the Museum's largest fundraiser, the Gala raises money each year to benefit the Museum's general operating fund and support the restoration and ongoing maintenance of WWII aircraft.

### [Get Individual Tickets Here!](#)

Looking for more information about Gala sponsorship opportunities? Please contact Denise Eldridge at [denise.eldridge@tswm.org](mailto:denise.eldridge@tswm.org) for more information on how to sponsor a table at our Taking Flight Gala.

See more Tri-State Warbird Museum events at:  
<https://www.tri-statewarbirdmuseum.org/events/>



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*

## WACO Summer Camps 2023

### WACO Learning Center

**2023 Summer Camps**

**Robotics**  
Have fun building and programming robots to tackle different challenges  
Robotics I: (Grades 4-6) June 5-9: 7-8:30pm  
Robotics II: (Grades 6-9) June 12-16: 7-8:30pm

**Young Engineers**  
Hands-on designing and building to engage hands and brains simultaneously!  
Grades: 3-5  
June 26-28: 9am-12pm

**Drones**  
Learn about drone technology and its many uses!  
Drone I: (Grades 5-6) August 1-3: 9am-12pm  
Drone II: (Grades 7-9) August 1-3: 1-4pm

**Fun with Flight**  
Hands-on aviation themed activities through the use of children's books  
Grades: 1-3  
June 19-23: 9-11am

**Aviation Summer Academy**  
Experience the history, theory and science of aviation. Ground school instruction and simulation to prepare for a flight in a real airplane!  
Grades: 5-8  
July 17-21: 9am- 2pm

**Early Bird Registration Ends May 19th**

**More Information and Registration**  
[www.wacoairmuseum.org/camps](http://www.wacoairmuseum.org/camps)

**WACO Air Museum** 937-335-9226  
Troy, OH 45373

## REGISTER



WACO Air Museum & Learning Center  
1865 S. County Rd. 25A  
Troy, OH 45373  
937-335-9226  
[www.wacoairmuseum.org](http://www.wacoairmuseum.org)

*WACO Air Museum & Learning Center is Site #11 on the Aviation Trail*

# Champaign Aviation Museum

## Calendar of Events, 2023



**June 10:** B-25 Champaign Gal Rides at Grimes Field/Champaign Aviation Museum

**June 17** | 8am - 4pm: Amateur Radio Special Event (International Museums Weekend)

**June 24** | 8am - 4pm: Amateur Radio Special Event (International Museums Weekend)

**July 3:** B-25 Champaign Gal Static Display at Anderson, Indiana

**July 21 - 23:** B-25 Champaign Gal Rides at Dayton Air Show

**August 10 - 12:** B-25 Champaign Gal Rides at Marysville Balloon Festival

**August 19 - 20:** B-25 Champaign Gal Rides at Butler Co. (HAO) + Cincinnati Warbirds

**August 26:** B-25 Champaign Gal Rides at Grimes Field/ Champaign Aviation Museum

**August 26:** Air Evacuation Demonstration by the 801st 1st Medical Group Living Historians

**September 16:** B-25 Champaign Gal Static Display at Bucyrus

**September 17:** B-25 Champaign Gal Fly-Over at WACO 100th Anniversary

**September 22 - 24:** B-25 Champaign Gal Rides at Madison, Indiana (IMS)

**October 14** | 11am: 9th Annual Remembrance Day Ceremony

(More information at:

<https://www.champaignaviationmuseum.org/remembranceday>

Reserve B-25 seats at: <https://champaign-aviation-museum.square.site>

Aviator and Top Brass CAM Members get a discount on their B-25 Champaign Gal ride purchase! Contact Jessica at 937-652-4710 for more info and to redeem your discount!



Champaign Aviation Museum

1652 N. Main St.

Urbana, OH 43078

937-652-4710

[ChampaignAviationMuseum.org](http://ChampaignAviationMuseum.org)

Champaign Aviation Museum is Site #13 on the Aviation Trail



## 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 2022.

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

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.

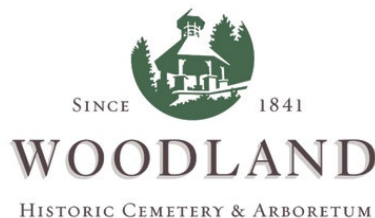
See the **JOIN/DONATE** menu item on the Aviation Trail website to join, renew, or donate:

<https://www.aviationtrailinc.org/>



# Woodland Cemetery & Arboretum

## Upcoming Tours & Events



Wright Brothers Gravesite

### Woodland Historical Tour

Enjoy a stroll through one of the oldest rural cemeteries in the United States. Visit the final resting place of the Wright Brothers, Paul Laurence Dunbar, Erma Bombeck and many other famous Daytonians. Check the events calendar for scheduled dates and register online to save your spot. Meet at the Eichelberger Plaza located at the main gate. Please contact the office at 937-228-3221 or email [info@woodlandcemetery.org](mailto:info@woodlandcemetery.org) for more information. Reservations required and weather permitting.

### More Tours

See <https://woodlandcemetery.org/tours-and-events/> for descriptions of additional Woodland tours with date listings.

A calendar of the tour events is at <https://woodlandcemetery.org/events/>



Woodland Cemetery and Arboretum

118 Woodland Avenue

Dayton, Ohio 45409

[www.woodlandcemetery.org](http://www.woodlandcemetery.org)

Woodland Cemetery and Arboretum is Site #8 on the Aviation Trail



## "White Bird" Flying Again

### Wright "B" Flyer Report



After a busy winter in the hangar, the Wright B Flyer "White Bird" is now flying again! Take a virtual ride looking over the shoulder of our chief pilot (Rich) as he makes a lap around the pattern at our home at the Dayton Wright Brothers Airport. If you put this on a large screen and turn up the volume a bit, it makes for a very enjoyable video:

<https://www.facebook.com/WrightBFlyer/videos/194083556278416>

The winter was spent making performance improvements, and exploring the best methods to "fit" the White Bird into our standard shipping container (yes, it was designed to do this). This will allow us to ship the White Bird to airshows around the world, spreading the legacy of Dayton and our Wright's across the globe! We hope to start by flying this summer at several Dayton area events. Check the Wright "B" Flyer Facebook page for updates:

<https://www.facebook.com/WrightBFlyer/>.

See more on the White Bird at

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



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<https://www.facebook.com/WrightBFlyer/>

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



## The National Aviation Hall of Fame Announces Three New Trustees

DAYTON, Ohio – May 10, 2023 - The National Aviation Hall of Fame (NAHF) is pleased to announce that Charles F. Bolden Jr., Matthew Jesch, and David Paddock have joined its Board of Trustees. Jesch will serve as the organization's Treasurer.

"We are delighted to have Charlie Bolden, Matt Jesch, and Dave Paddock join us as colleagues and look forward to their invaluable contributions as we continue to advance our aviation education programs and prepare for our highly anticipated Annual Enshrinement Ceremony on September 22, 2023, in Washington D.C. Their exceptional leadership and expertise in the aviation industry will undoubtedly help us honor aerospace legends and inspire future leaders to make their own mark in this exciting field," said Jim Cooling, the NAHF's Board Chair.

[CLICK HERE](#) for more on the new appointees.

*About The National Aviation Hall of Fame- Formed through an Act of Congress in 1964, the National Aviation Hall of Fame (NAHF) is dedicated to honoring America's aerospace pioneers. Considered by many to be a true national treasure, the NAHF serves as the only Congressionally-chartered aviation hall of fame and works tirelessly to confidently promote the vision, innovation, skill, and courage of the national heroes who lent their genius to further our nation's aerospace legacy. Founded and based in Dayton, OH, the NAHF is committed to informing the public of American aviation heroes, their accomplishments, and their impact on advances in aviation from Early Flight to Space Travel. The NAHF strives to create a distinctive educational resource that will inspire future generations to appreciate our nation's extraordinary aviation heritage and the men and women who created it.*



National Aviation Hall of Fame  
1100 Spaatz St., Dayton, OH 45433  
(937) 256-0944  
[www.nationalaviation.org](http://www.nationalaviation.org)

## Carillon Historical Park Railroad Now Open!



The project was one of the most all-encompassing since the Park's opening in 1950. Over a mile of track is installed to guide the new 3' narrow gauge locomotive styled after the popular engines of the 1850s. The Carillon Park Railroad is capable of carrying 120 guests on a narrated tour of Carillon Historical Park. This project features a depot from Bowling Green, Ohio, a 100' long triple-cell ConSpan bridge, two open-air coaches, rare views of Carillon Historical Park, and the Old Montgomery Co. Fairgrounds Horse Barn No. 17.

The Carillon Park Railroad is a major component of the Park's campus-wide masterplan and builds upon a concept conceived by Carillon Historical Park founder Edward Deeds to include a large-scale mid-19th-century locomotive among the exhibits. A miniature model, commissioned by Deeds in the 1950s, served as an inspiration for the project.



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

*Carillon Historical Park is Site #4 on the Aviation Trail*



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

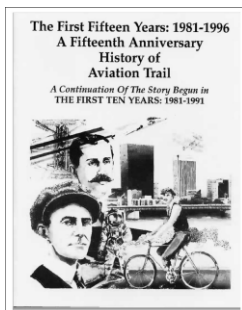


## A Look Back at Aviation Trail History

*The First Fifteen Years of Aviation Trail, Inc.  
1981-1996*

[CLICK HERE](#) to download a booklet with an interesting history of the first fifteen years of Aviation Trail, Inc. from 1981 to 1996 (or check it out on the Aviation Blog page: <https://www.aviationtrailinc.org/post/a-look-back-at-aviation-trail-history>).

This fourteen page booklet was written in 1996 by the late Mary Ann Johnson, one of the originating trustees of Aviation Trail, Inc. It gives an interesting and detailed insight into the early years of the organization, from its inception through the many restoration projects and development up to 1996.



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16 South Williams St.  
Dayton, OH 45402  
<https://www.aviationtrailinc.org/visitorcenter>  
Mailing address:  
PO Box 633, Wright Brothers Branch, Dayton, OH 45409

*The Aviation Trail Visitor Center is Site #1a on the Aviation Trail*



## Aviation Trail Gift Shop

See the GIFT SHOP menu item on the Aviation Trail website at: <https://www.aviationtrailinc.org/> or [CLICK HERE](#).



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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