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

Festival of Flight

Aviation Trail Parachute Museum to Participate in Festival of Flight Saturday, October 5, 2019



the live entertainment and fun aviation-related educational experiences from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday October 5 at 3640 Col. Glenn Highway, Fairborn, Ohio.

Join us on the grounds of the Wright State University Nutter Center for a day full of live entertainment, fun aviation-related educational experiences, and creative local innovations. Visitors may get food from some of the area's most popular food trucks, dance to favorite local bands, and bring the family to explore the Kids Zone and haunted trail. Sports fans will be able to cheer on a Wounded Warrior Amputee Softball team, Wright State's NCAA Division I volleyball, men's soccer, and the university's club football team.

Aviation Trail and the Parachute Museum will be raising parachutes and celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the first freefall. Try on a parachute (no jumping allowed). Watch the Fastrax Skydiving team jump at our booth. Plenty of thrills! Safe for all ages.



See more at Festival of Flight <https://festivalofflight.org/>

Parachutes in the News

98 Year Old Veteran Reenacts His WWII Jump in Netherlands

On September 17, 2019, ninety-eight year old James Martin, of Xenia, Ohio parachuted over the Netherlands, in a reenactment of his wartime jump 75 years prior. The tandem jump, with jump partner Art Shaffer, landed in the village of Son, where he was honored by the Dutch as part of a celebration of their liberation from Nazi occupation.

James "Pee Wee" Martin was a member of the 101st Airborne Division when he parachuted into the Netherlands on September 17, 1944 as a part of WWII's Operation Market Garden. The objective was for the airborne



forces to gain entry into German territory and seize bridges to create a route for Allied ground troops into northern Germany. The effort failed to secure a foothold over the Rhine, but it did result in the

liberation of several Dutch cities. The attack was the largest airborne operation up to that point in the war. Three months earlier Martin had jumped into combat during the D-Day invasion at Normandy. Martin's unit, the "Easy" Company, 2nd Battalion, 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment of the 101st Airborne Division was featured in the HBO miniseries "Band of Brothers" which dramatized the unit's activities from jump training through various actions in WWII.

Learn more about this story on James Martin's Facebook page (with photos and video):

<https://www.facebook.com/Jim-Pee-Wee-Martin-G506-150930871630989/>

Troy's Pioneers of Aviation

Troy Ohio's "Pioneers of Aviation Statue Pavilion" Receives Aviation Trail Sign

Last year, on July 24, 2018, three large bronze statues were dedicated at Troy's "Pioneers of Aviation Statue Pavilion" celebrating two past and one present member of Troy's rich aviation history. One year later, in July of 2019, Aviation Trail, Inc. presented an Aviation Trail sign at the site, to include it among the over 50 sites in the Miami Valley that are recognized as significant in the area's rich aviation history with "Aviation Trail" designation.



The pavilion, located at 134 N. Market St., Troy, Ohio, includes statues of Clayton Brukner, Robert Hartzell, and Nancy Currie-Gregg Ph.D. The sculptures were designed by artist Mike Major of Urbana.

Clayton Brukner

Clayton Brukner (1896 - 1977) was one of the founders of Troy's WACO Aircraft Co., which at one time was one of the biggest aircraft producers in the country. Besides its iconic biplanes, the company made trainers for the military during WWII, and gliders that were used in the Normandy landing. He was inducted in the National Aviation Hall of Fame in 1997. He also developed the Brukner Nature Center, a privately funded, nonprofit nature preserve dedicated to environmental education and wildlife rehabilitation.



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Nancy Currier-Gregg



Colonel Nancy Currier-Gregg, a graduate of Troy High School, served in the U.S. Army for 22 years and joined NASA in 1987 as an astronaut. She flew four space missions from 1993-2002. She completed 262 hours in space and orbited the Earth 165 times, flying 3.9 million miles. After her astronaut career, she served as principal engineer in NASA's engineering safety center and is currently a professor in the Department of Industrial Engineering at Texas A&M.

Robert Hartzell

Troy resident Robert Hartzell (1896 - 1968) founded the Hartzell Walnut Propeller Company in 1917 when he was still in college. At the time he lived near Hawthorn Hill, the home of Orville Wright who encouraged his interest in aviation. He oversaw the creation of many technical advances in aviation, including the first composite propeller. He served as president of Hartzell Propeller until his passing. He was inducted in the National Aviation Hall of Fame in 2014.





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