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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.

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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

Wright at Home Hawthorn Hill Open House

Saturday, April 26, 2025 • 11 am - 5 pm
Presented by Carillon Historical Park



Held each April, Wright at Home is an open house of the Wright Family Mansion, also known as Hawthorn Hill. Travel back in time and enjoy a walking tour of the surrounding neighborhood.

During Wright at Home, visitors join the ranks of Charles Lindbergh, Henry Ford, and Thomas Edison as guests at Hawthorn Hill, Orville Wright's success mansion.

Dayton History presents Wright at Home in conjunction with the Oakwood Historical Society. Join the two organizations for this special visit to Hawthorn Hill — the world's first pilot's last home.

Reservations required: (937) 293-2841
April 26, 2025 • 11-5 pm • \$40 per person
901 Harman Ave, Oakwood, Ohio 45419
Parking: City Municipal Lot or along Park Ave
Dayton History • 1000 Carillon Blvd.
Dayton, OH 45409 <https://www.daytonhistory.org>

Purchase tickets at

<https://shop.daytonhistory.org/EventPurchase.aspx?dateselected=4/26/2025>



Dayton History
1000 Carillon Blvd.
Dayton, OH 45409

<https://www.daytonhistory.org>

Champaign Aviation Museum Gala

13th Annual Gala, Saturday May 3, 2025 • 5:30pm

Saturday, May 3rd at 5:30pm • 13th Annual Gala with Keynote Speaker: MSgt. Dave Norman (Ret.), one of the last Marines to leave the rooftop of the United States Embassy in Saigon at the end of the Vietnam War.

Dave Norman was an active duty Marine and Marine Reservist from September 1972 until November 2002. During his time as a Marine, he volunteered for two tours of duty in Vietnam. During his second tour of duty, he was involved in the evacuation of the American Embassy in Saigon and was on the very last helicopter to leave the rooftop of the American Embassy. In January 1991, Dave volunteered to return to active duty in support of Desert Storm and was assigned to a Military Police unit at Camp Pendleton, CA. After his time at Camp Pendleton, Dave remained on active duty as a Marine Corps Recruiter in southwest Ohio until he retired in November 2002 as a Master Sergeant.



TICKETS ON SALE NOW AT:

<https://champaignaviation.app.neoncrm.com/np/clients/champaignaviation/eventRegistration.jsp?event=39&>



Champaign Aviation Museum
1652 N. Main St., Urbana, OH 43078
937-652-4710

ChampaignAviationMuseum.org

Champaign Aviation Museum is Site #13 on the Aviation Trail

Carillon Historical Park is Site #4 on the Aviation Trail



Tri-State Warbird Museum

Upcoming Events

**Super Soarin' Saturdays
The Science of Flight
April 5, 2025, 11:00 am - 12:30 pm**



Learn how the Wright Brothers research, the forces of flight, and Bernoulli's Principle help us understand the science behind flight.

Super Soarin' Saturdays happens in the Kids Zone area between 11am – 12:30pm. Kids can take part in fun, educational activities! Super Soarin' Saturdays is included with museum admission and is always free to TSWM members.

**Tiny Soarers - Brilliant Butterflies
April 23, 2025 • 11 am to 12 pm**



Bring your children to the Museum to enjoy stories, songs, art activities, and creative play. Each segment will delight and educate young museum visitors and their families.

Tiny Soarers is best suited for ages 3- 5. Registration is required for this program.

Student admission is \$5 • This program is FREE to members

Register at: <https://form.jotform.com/TSWM/tiny-soarers-registration-2025>

FOR MEMBERSHIP INFO SEE " <https://www.tri-statewarbirdmuseum.org/support/membership/>

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 Drive

Batavia, OH 45103

(513) 735-4500

<https://www.tri-statewarbirdmuseum.org>



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



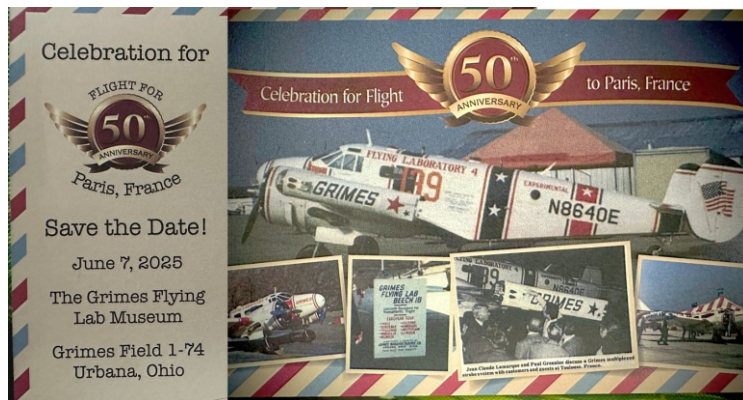
The Grimes Flying Lab Museum/Foundation 2025 Season

Museum Opens April 5, 2025



Events for the 2025 season:

- **April 5**- First day of 2025 museum is open - open at 10 am
- **May- Memorial Day** - Saint Paris veteran banner ceremony - aircraft will fly over - TBD
- **June 7**- Grimes Flying Lab museum event - 50th anniversary celebration for the flight to Paris, 8 am to 4 pm- more details will be coming soon - See "Save the Date" card below. For updates see See Grimes facebook page at www.facebook.com/GrimesFlyingLab
- **June 21-22**- aircraft on display at Dayton Air Show
- **July 5**- Urbana 4th of July Celebration (aircraft will fly at dusk before fireworks)
- **August 16** - aircraft will attend Akron Props and Pistons Air show in Akron, Ohio At Grimes Field - MERFI and Balloonfest in afternoon / evening - museum will be open
- **Labor Day weekend** - Waynesville , Ring of Fire event over Indian Lake
- **September 20** - Bucyrus, Ohio
- **September 27** - EAA Chapter event Zanesville , Ohio



Save the Date! June 7, 2025 - 50th anniversary celebration for the flight to Paris

About Grimes Flying Lab Museum:

Located at Grimes Field in Urbana, the "lab" is a Beech 18 that served the U.S. Air Forces as a C-45 and was modified to a C-45H as a test bed for aircraft nighttime lighting systems. The aircraft was a valuable tool for engineers who worked for Warren G. Grimes - the father of aircraft lighting - before and during World War II to advance developments for safer flight at night. Grimes produced his first airplane lights in his garage in 1933 and by World War II his company had grown to produce lighting for military aviation. Besides memorabilia from Grimes' life and Grimes Manufacturing Co., historical and modern aircraft lighting products are displayed.



Grimes Flying Lab Foundation

1636 N. Main St. Urbana, Ohio 43078

<https://n8640e.wixsite.com/grimesflyinglab>

or www.facebook.com/GrimesFlyingLab

Grimes Flying Lab Foundation is a 501 (c) (3) organization.

Grimes Flying Lab is Site #14 on the Aviation Trail

Talk & Tour
Armstrong Air & Space Museum

Lunar Conspiracies, April 17, 2025

TIME: 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Armstrong Air & Space Museum

ADDRESS: 500 Apollo Dr, Wapakoneta, OH

COST: Complimentary with that day's admission



ABOUT TALK & TOUR:

The Armstrong Air & Space Museum's Talk & Tour program offers visitors a unique opportunity to explore the wonders of aviation and spaceflight through an engaging two-part experience. Each session begins with a presentation by a knowledgeable staff member, delving into fascinating space topics. Following the talk, guests embark on a guided tour of the museum, where they can see artifacts up close and gain deeper insights into the exhibits. This immersive program provides an enriching experience for space enthusiasts of all ages.

APRIL

Lunar Conspiracies: (April 17th) Fact or hoax, we landed on the moon? Why have we not been back with people since 1972? Explore some of the various theories on why we never went back after landing that include the moon being hollow, and a potential space station.



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



Aviation Trail Salutes Wilbur Wright

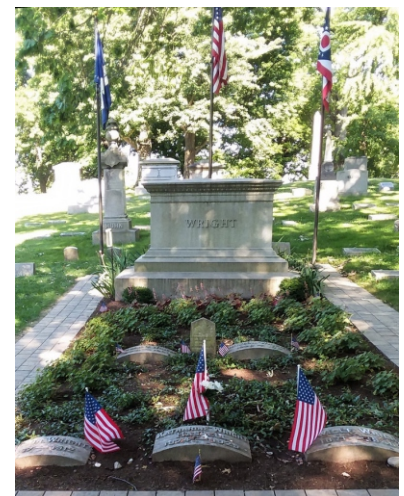
April 16, 1867 - Birthday of Wilbur Wright



Wilbur Wright was born to Milton and Susan Wright April 16, 1867, in a three-room house near Millville, Ind., eight miles east of New Castle, Ind. Wilbur was the Wrights' third son and was named for Wilbur Fiske, a clergyman admired by Milton.

It was Wilbur's observations of birds in flight that inspired his concept of wing warping, and his letter to Octave Chanute that helped propel the brothers on their historic venture. See this Library of Congress story: <https://www.loc.gov/collections/wilbur-and-orville-wright-papers/articles-and-essays/the-belief-that-flight-is-possible-to-man/>

Although Wilbur's birthplace is commemorated by the Wilbur Wright Birthplace Museum in Hagerstown, Indiana: (<https://wwbirthplace.com>) you can now visit his final resting place at Woodland Cemetery & Arboretum in Dayton, Ohio (<https://woodlandcemetery.org>) (Site #8 on the Aviation Trail) where he lies next to his brother Orville.



Woodland Historic Cemetery & Arboretum

April 2025 Tours

Spring Tours



Woodland Cemetery is a National and State Historic Landmark, considered to be among the loveliest rural cemeteries as well as a unique cultural resource for the residents of Dayton in addition to the visitors of the area. With close to 200 acres to roam, over 3000 trees to enjoy and a multitude of historic figures to discover. Learning about the history of Dayton, Ohio is truly a discovery of American history and ingenuity.

Woodland offers a multitude of fascinating tours such as:

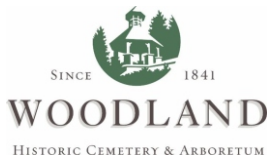
- Sports Legends Tour
- Woodland Historical Tour
- History, Mystery, Mayhem & Murder Tour
- Cemetery Symbols Tour
- Woolf Walk
- Street Names of Dayton Tou



For a full list and links to sign up see <https://woodlandcemetery.org/events/list/>



For opportunities for self guided tours, private group tours, and Woodland bus tours, see the Woodland website "tours-and-events" page at <https://woodlandcemetery.org/tours/>



Woodland Cemetery and Arboretum
118 Woodland Avenue
Dayton, Ohio 45409
937-228-3221
www.woodlandcemetery.org

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



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



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:
file:///E:/Documents/ATI/Membership/membership%20print%20form_c.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



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



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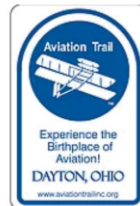


Caps



Tumblers

Magnets



Pins



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.

