



# 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.*

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*This "Flight Log" highlights some of the stories and recent events featured on the Aviation Trail website: [AviationTrailInc.org](http://AviationTrailInc.org)*



Above: Aviation Trail Visitor Center • Wright-Dunbar Interpretive Center • Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park  
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## Upcoming Events at Aviation Trail Sites

### 5th Annual WACO LEGO Contest

WACO Historical Society presents the Brick Blowout LEGO Contest  
WACO Air Museum, 1865 South County Road 25A, Troy, Ohio 45373

**Deadline for entries is March 4, 2018**

**Event: March 17th between noon and 5 pm**



• Calling all LEGO lovers of all ages! Dump those buckets of multi-colored LEGOs and get started. This year even more prizes are waiting to be given to some deserving LEGO architect, just like YOU! Thanks to Greentech Lawn and Irrigation, a favorite prize in the adult category (the \$100 gift certificate to Smith's Boathouse Restaurant) is back! Scene 75 is sponsoring this event and have donated 1st place prize gift baskets in each youth category, which include a \$50 Scene 75 cash card. Other prizes have been donated by Troy Meijer, Troy Wal Mart, Troy Culvers, Cairn's Toys in Tipp City, Sky Zone, Jumpy's Fun Zone, Troy McDonald's, Troy Papa John's Pizza, Troy Skyline Chili, Tipp City's Hickory River, Tipp City Dairy Queen, Hobart Arena and more! Prizes will be awarded March 17th at the close of the Brick Blowout Event. All of these prizes Deadline for entries is March 4th. Pick up a registration packet at WACO Air Museum or download at [www.wacoairmuseum.org](http://www.wacoairmuseum.org).

• The theme of this year's contest, FIRST RESPONDERS, OUR REALHEROES, is an opportunity to honor these special heroes with your LEGO creativity. The definition of a hero is an ordinary person who faces extraordinary circumstances and acts with courage, honor and self-sacrifice. No matter where you live, first responders, our real heroes, have been busy making sure you, your family and your friends are staying safe. Recently, first responders of this country have been faced with hurricanes, fires, droughts, mudslides, flooding, severe storms and more. Fireman, policeman, EMT's, our servicemen and women, K-9 units, and other citizens have sacrificed their own comfort in the face of natural disasters in order to help their neighbors. Brick Blowout will be a day to honor these special heroes through a LEGO exhibit.

• The event will include activities such as a LEGO scavenger hunt, a LEGO building zone with thousands of bricks for building, popcorn and the Batman LEGO movie, a market for those who want to sell gently used LEGO kits, a chance shake hands and say thank you to local police and fireman, a drone demonstration by Sinclair UAS Workforce, photo opportunities with DC Comic heroes, as well as an opportunity to win a classic bi-plane ride for two in "Sunny," the big yellow WACO airplane!

CONTACT: Nancy Royer, 937-335-9226 • <http://www.wacoairmuseum.org/brick-blowout!.html>



## NASA Aeronautical Program for Homeschool Early Learners

WACO Historical Society presents FUN WITH FLIGHT FOR EARLY LEARNERS

WACO Air Museum, 1865 South County Road 25A, Troy, Ohio 45373

March 5-9, 2018; 12:30-2:30 p.m.

WACO Learning Center is excited to offer an aeronautical program to home school families with early learners designed by NASA. Fun with Flight is a collection of five STEM learning modules based on children's books. Each module focuses on a single children's book, followed by a STEM thematic lesson. Hands-on activities will engage the child as they make discoveries about Gliders in Nature (Form & Function), Balloons (Sinking & Floating), Parachutes (Fluid Thickness & Drag), Kites (Surface Area & Lift), Helicopters and Airplanes (Force & Thrust), and World Flyers (Geography & Global Trade). All six modules will be covered March 5th – 9th from 12:30 – 2:30 p.m. A \$50 materials fee will cover the entire week. Children ages 6-8 can register by calling WACO Air Museum at 937-335-9226 for registration.



CONTACT: Nancy Royer, 937-335-9226 • [www.wacoairmuseum.org](http://www.wacoairmuseum.org)



## WACO Aviation Lecture Series

WACO Historical Society Aviation Lecture Series

WACO Air Museum, 1865 South County Road 25A, Troy, Ohio 45373

Thursday, March 15, 2018—doors open at 6:30 p.m., speech at 7 p.m.



• Thursday night, March 15, at the WACO Air Museum, Bill Albers will present a lecture entitled “The Memphis Belle” as part of the ongoing Aviation Lecture Series. This lecture is in preparation for the upcoming opening of the Memphis Belle exhibit at the National Museum of the United States Air Force, which is to open May 17, 2018 and will feature the restored “Memphis Belle.”

• Bill will share information on the 1942, B-17F, Flying Fortress, called the Memphis Belle. The lecture will cover the B-17's history, the 25 combat missions over Europe in WWII and why the Memphis Belle was the first heavy bomber selected to go home in 1943 and participate in the historic, first War-Bond tour across the U.S.A.

• Bill is museum curator of the Champaign Aviation Museum in Urbana, home of the B-17G, the “Champaign Lady”, which is under construction.  
• Parking and admission are free and open to the public. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. with the lecture beginning at 7 p.m. The lecture is scheduled to last one hour with a time for questions to follow. It will be held in the Willis Wing of the WACO Air Museum at 1865 South County Road 25A in Troy, OH. Donations will be accepted. For questions, call 937-335-9226 or visit [www.wacoairmuseum.org](http://www.wacoairmuseum.org).



## Parachute Museum Speaker Series

Dayton: Where jumping from a perfectly good airplane began!

Date: Thursday, March 22, 2018

Location: Wright-Dunbar Interpretive Center Conference Room (2nd Floor)

Time: 7:00 PM, Cost: Free

Join us on Thursday, March 22, 2018 at the Wright-Dunbar Interpretive Center for our next Speaker Series engagement. Randy Zuercher and Ann Armstrong-Ingoldsby will speak on their skydiving experiences. Ann is a University of Dayton graduate who holds a Skydiving D license. Randy, a graduate of the Ohio State University, holds a C license with over 500 skydives. Randy is also the curator of the ATI Parachute Museum and is an instructor Jumpmaster at Greene County Sports Parachute Center.

For more information, please visit the park's website at [www.nps.gov/daav](http://www.nps.gov/daav) or call the park at 937-225-7705.

## Woodland Cemetery Presents:

Searching for Jordan Anderson

Saturday, March 24, 2018 at 4:00 PM

Woodland Cemetery Mausoleum

118 Woodland Avenue, Dayton, OH

RSVP to 937-228-3221

Searching for  
Jordan Anderson

Jordan Anderson was a Tennessee slave who was freed in 1804. Not long after, he made his way north and settled in Dayton, Ohio where he spent the next 40 years of his life. His story may have ended there if it were not for his now infamous reply in response to a request from his former master to return to the Tennessee farm after the Civil War.

Dr. Roy E. Finkenbine, Chair of History at the University of Detroit Mercy, and a specialist on slavery, abolition, and the Underground Railroad, will present the enlightening program.



Jordan Anderson

see more at [woodlandcemetery.org](http://woodlandcemetery.org)



**PLEASE NOTE:** The Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park will begin its 2018 summer hours on Monday, March 5, 2018. Dayton's National Park Summer Hours: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm -Open every day -- Sunday through Saturday • (937) 225-7705 • <https://www.nps.gov/daav>

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