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A non-profit corporation in partnership with the National Park Service to promote Aviation Heritage in the Dayton region

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



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Review of 2017 on the Aviation Trail

Highlights from Flight Log Stories of 2017

Use the appropriate links to see the full stories on the ATI website

1) Aviation Trail Special Events:

• April 8 2017, Aviation Trail members and guests met to celebrate the 150th birthday of Wilbur Wright. The celebration was held at Sinclair College in the UAS Indoor Flying Pavilion, with a dinner, and two speakers from Sinclair. With the location in the flying pavilion, the theme of unmanned aerial systems was emphasized, with a salute to the aviation innovation that flourishes in Dayton now, as it did in Wilbur's day. See the full story on the ATI website at <http://www.aviationtrailinc.org/april-8-2017-event>.



• The National Park Service's AERO CARNIVAL was held on September 9, 2017 on Huffman Prairie Flying Field, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. The event was free to all (access through Gate 16A off of State Route 444). 2017 marked the 100th anniversary of Wilbur Wright field and McCook Field and this event was one of the celebrations of that anniversary. See the full story on the ATI website at <http://www.aviationtrailinc.org/2017-aero-carnival>

• At the 2017 Annual Meeting on November 8, at Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park, ATI presented an initial proposal for the future development of the newly acquired buildings in the Hoover block of West Third St. The historic buildings will be repurposed as the ATI HANGAR (Fish Market) 1042 West Third St. and the AVIATION EXPERIENCE GALLERY (Pekin Theater) 1036-1038 West Third St. See the full story on the ATI website at <http://www.aviationtrailinc.org/new-building-plans>



Trailblazer Award

• On December 16, 2017, Aviation Trail, Inc. celebrated the 114th Anniversary of Powered Flight with our annual First Flight Dinner honoring the Wright brothers achievements in 1903. The 2017 Trailblazer Award was also presented, as it is annually since 1983, to an individual or organization that has furthered aviation in the greater Miami Valley. In honor of the 100th anniversary of McCook Field, the award was presented to the two "descendants" of McCook Field, the Air Force Life Cycle Management Center and the Air Force Research Laboratory. See the full story on the ATI website at <http://www.aviationtrailinc.org/december-17-2017>

2) More 2017 Aviation Trail Events:

See more on these items from the Events page of the ATI website:

<http://www.aviationtrailinc.org/events-and-projects-c4lp>



- Aviation Trail participated in the 6th Annual Runway Fest that was held on Friday, August 11, 2017 from 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM at the Dayton-Wright Brothers Airport.



- To celebrate the mutual birthdays of Orville and Katharine Wright on Saturday, Aug. 19, Aviation Trail, Inc. toured the new \$64 million Dayton Metro Library.

3) From the Aviation Trail News Page:

See more on these items from the News page of the ATI website:

<http://www.aviationtrailinc.org/news>

On the News page, click on the appropriate headline to navigate to the appropriate story.

- June, 2017 - Aviation Trail Parachute Museum made a presentation at the 24th AIAA Aerodynamic Decelerator Systems Technology Conference, which is part of the AIAA Aviation and Aeronautics Forum and Exposition held on 5 – 9 June, 2017 in Denver, Colorado. The title of the ATI presentation is “Parachute Related History and Preservation”, authored by ATI Parachute Museum Curator Randy Zuercher. The presentation was made on June 8 by Aviation Trail Vice President Steve Brown.



- On June 22, 2017 the Thunderbirds, the air demonstration squadron of the United States Air Force, arrived in Dayton a few days prior to their performance at the Dayton Air Show for a chance to tour some of the sites on the Aviation Trail. They began on Tuesday morning, June 20 with the Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park at the Wright-Dunbar Interpretive Center and Aviation Trail Visitors Center, along with the Parachute Museum and the Wright Cycle Company.

- August, 2017 - National Museum of the U.S. Air Force's Fourth Building Earned Top Rating for Environmental Design.



- On Friday, October 6, a new Ohio Historical Marker was unveiled to celebrate the centennial of historic McCook Field. The airfield, was established by the U.S. Army Signal Corps Airplane Engineering Department in 1917. The research and innovation that took place at McCook was the beginning of the research, development and acquisition missions now at Wright-Patterson AFB. McCook engineers made significant accomplishments and contributions to the war effort in the field's early years, and in the years after WWI many achievements in aeronautical testing and development took place at McCook.



- On Thursday, October 12, 2017, a naturalization ceremony was held at the the Wright-Dunbar Interpretive Center, hosted by the National Park Service. Judge Walter Rice of the US District Court, Southern District of Ohio, inducted 32 new naturalized U.S. citizens, from 21 different countries. They took the oath of citizenship at the 2:00 PM ceremony outside in the courtyard of the Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park Visitor Center. Aviation Trail hosted a reception in the conference room to welcome the new citizens, and offered them a free one year membership to congratulate them for their achievement.



- On July 21, 2017 Aviation Trail Inc. held a luncheon in honor of Dean Alexander, the just retired Superintendent of the Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park (and concurrently the Hopewell Culture National Historical Park in Chillicothe). He retired after 30 years with the National Park Service. In 2009, Dean became the third Superintendent at Dayton Aviation Heritage NHP, which was established in 1992, as a series of six noncontiguous sites that bring together Federal and State agencies with private, non-profit organizations (such as Aviation Trail) to preserve and celebrate the history of the Wright brothers, aviation, and Paul Laurence Dunbar.



4) More ATI Events from the Aviation Blog Page:

Additional 2017 ATI events and announcements can be reviewed on the Aviation Blog:

<http://www.aviationtrailinc.org/blog1>

Event stories on the Aviation Blog include:

- Special visits to the Aviation Trail Parachute Museum (posted on June 8, June 17 and July 20)
- The September WACO vintage fly-in (posted on August 25)
- Dayton History's Concours d'Elegance, on Sept. 17, featured “the cars of Orville Wright (posted August 26)
- An Ohio Historical Marker honors Woodland Cemetery and Arboretum (posted on September 26)



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