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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

Tri-State Warbird Museum

Open Cockpit Day

April 6, 2024 - 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Come, imagine and discover with us!

Our Open Cockpit Day gives you the chance to get up close and personal with some of our amazing aircraft!

Kids will have the unique opportunity to sit in the cockpits of our T-6 and Parasol. Don't miss this amazing chance to climb behind the stick and get a view of history!

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

For membership info see: <https://www.tri-statewarbirdmuseum.org/support/membership/>



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



Summary of Eclipse Viewing Events

Aviation Trail Sites

Several of the sites on the Aviation Trail have announced plans for the April 8 eclipse day. These have already been posted on the Aviation Trail "Aviation Blog" or in a previous newsletter. Below is a list of these with links to the posts (in the order they were posted). For further information, or plans for other sites, see the websites for each individual site.



- **Armstrong Air & Space Museum** <https://www.aviationtrailinc.org/post/armstrong-air-space-museum-eclipse-viewing>
- **National Park Service** <https://www.aviationtrailinc.org/post/eclipse-watch-at-dayton-aviation-heritage-national-historical-park>
- **WACO Air Museum** <https://www.aviationtrailinc.org/post/2024-eclipse-at-waco>
- **Woodland Cemetery & Arboretum** <https://www.aviationtrailinc.org/post/total-eclipse-of-woodland-cemetery-and-arboretum>
- **National Museum of the USAF** <https://www.aviationtrailinc.org/post/national-museum-of-the-usaf-2>
- **Grimes Field/Grimes Flying Lab Museum** <https://www.aviationtrailinc.org/post/grimes-flying-lab-museum>

(Our apologies if we missed anyone).



Wright at Home-Hawthorn Hill

Open House • Sunday, April 28, 2024 • 12 - 5 pm

Presented by Carillon Historical Park



This special event, an open-house style experience, provides visitors with the opportunity to explore the Wright family mansion, Hawthorn Hill. As guests move through the home, trained docents will share information about the historic structure, its contents, and its brilliant owner, Orville Wright. This year will feature a celebration of Katharine Wright's 150 birthday with pictures, artifacts, and anecdotes.



Join the walking tour and learn about historic Wright family neighbors, including the founder of Cheez-It™ Crackers, a famous Dayton architect, a man nicknamed the "Maker of Machines", and more.

Light refreshments will be provided, including Orville's favorite cookies. Meet Stephen Wright, the brothers' great grandnephew, and purchase Wright family and Oakwood-themed gifts and books.

Wright at Home is presented as a collaboration between Dayton History and the Oakwood Historical Society. Proceeds from this event will benefit both history organizations. Join us for this special tour of Hawthorn Hill - the world's first

Reservations required: (937) 293-2841
April 28 | 12-5 pm | \$40
901 Harman Ave, Oakwood, Ohio 45419
Parking: City Municipal Lot or along Park Ave

Order Tickets at:
<https://shop.daytonhistory.org/Events.aspx?display=events>

- Other Upcoming 2024 Events at Carillon Historical Park**
- Easter Sunrise Service:** March 31st at 6:30 AM
- Home School Day:** April 11
- Patterson Homestead Open House:** April 20
- Mother's Day Victorian Afternoon Tea:** May 5
- Fleurs de Fête:** May 28



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

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



Parachute Museum Theater

US Special Forces Extreme Techniques to Perform Halo Jumps

12 in a series of videos featured on the Aviation Trail Parachute Museum Theater.



Video Presented by fluctus

See this video, and more at:

<https://www.aviationtrailinc.org/parachute-museum-theater>



The Aviation Trail Parachute Museum
16 South Williams Street
Dayton, OH 45402
(937) 225-7705

<https://www.aviationtrailinc.org/parachute-museum>

The Aviation Trail Parachute Museum is Site #1b on the Aviation Trail



Grimes Flying Lab Museum Events

2024 Season Update

Schedule for The Grimes Flying Lab Museum is April - October months with hours of 110am- 1pm

(open only on Saturdays / call for special appointments)

April 6 museum is open for the 2024 season at 10 am

April 8 for the solar eclipse the museum will be open to the public. Snacks and drinks will be for sale. The public is welcome to bring a lawn chair.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/2057548497944059/?ref=newsfeed>

Aircraft will attend

- Columbus air show June 14-16 (not confirmed yet)
- Dayton Air Show June 22-23
- Urbana , Ohio July 4th celebration (aircraft will fly at dusk)
July 13-14 Barn Storming Carnival at Springfield - Beckley Municipal Airport

September Labor Day weekend

Red Stewart Airfield Waynesville, Ohio -August 31
Ring of Fire Event Indian Lake Russels Point, Ohio
September 21- Bucyrus Ohio airport fly in event
September 28- Zanesville Airport Zanesville, Ohio EAA Chapter Event

October - Military Appreciation Flyover for Urbana High School

Mark calendars now ! In 2025 will be the 50th anniversary of when our original pilot Earl Bennett took the Grimes Flying Lab Beech 18 to Paris , France for the Paris Air show . More details will be coming at a future date .



Grimes Flying Lab Foundation
1636 N. Main St. Urbana, Ohio 43078
<https://n864oe.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



Champaign Aviation Museum Gala 2024

12th Annual Gala, Saturday April 13, 2024



Join us on Saturday, April 13, 2024 for the Champaign Aviation Museum's 12th Annual Gala!

Doors open at 5:30pm and activities of the evening include complimentary drinks and light appetizers, musical guest, fly-by (weather permitting), a delicious dinner and dessert, silent auction throughout the evening, and Keynote Speaker Lieutenant Commander Dan Cnossen.

A true patriot, raised on the farmlands of Kansas, early on Dan knew he wanted to serve his country. Upon graduating high school, he was accepted at the U.S. Naval Academy and spent the next four years relentlessly pursuing selection for SEAL training. One of only 16 members of his class given the opportunity to enter Basic Underwater Demolition / SEAL training as officers, Dan successfully completed the grueling process in the fall of 2003.

Over the next six years, Dan was deployed multiple times to Iraq and Afghanistan and rose in rank to become the officer in charge of an 18-man SEAL platoon. In 2009, Dan was deployed to Afghanistan, into an area of heavy combat. There, on a night mission in the mountains, he stepped on an IED, losing both legs in the blast. He would later be awarded a Purple Heart and Bronze Star with Valor.

For the next two years, Dan fought for his life, enduring over 40 different surgeries while readjusting to civilian life. It was during this time, as part of his rehab, that he was introduced to the sports of cross country skiing and biathlon. Never one to shy from a challenge, he eventually earned a spot on the 2014 U.S. Paralympic Team.

In 2015, Dan returned to graduate school, earning two degrees from Harvard University. At the 2018 Paralympic Games, Dan stole the show, remarkably winning one gold, four silver, and one bronze medal over a period of eight days earning the honor of Best Male Athlete of The Games.

Gala tickets are available for purchase online or at CAM.

CAM Members get a discount on tickets - join or renew today and get an instant ticket discount!: <https://manage.wix.com/dashboard/fe2c77ca-2326-40ca-9d37-cf533c4d816f/shoutout?referralInfo=sidebar#/preview>

Contact Jessica at 937-652-4710 or jessica.henry@champaignaviationmuseum.org with any questions or if you need assistance logging into your CAM Member account.

See <https://www.champaignaviationmuseum.org/gala> for ticket information.



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 site #16 on the Aviation Trail



Wright "B" Flyer Museum

Wright Flyer, Inc. Story - Video



From the Wright "B" Flyer website, see this video by 88th Air Base Wing, WPAFB:

Watch at <https://youtu.be/NLaGx7-99Rs>



Visit the website at <https://www.wright-b-flyer.org> for more videos.

Another video appears on the Wright "B" Flyer Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/reel/303903249366062>.



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<https://www.wright-b-flyer.org>

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



Wright State University Libraries Special Collection and Archives

Head of Special Collections & Archives named Interim University Librarian



The "Out of the Box" blog of the Wright State University Libraries' Special Collections & Archives reported that Jane Wildermuth, head of SCA, was named Interim University Librarian. (Posted on March 7, 2024 by Lisa Rickey).

See the full post and story at <https://blogs.libraries.wright.edu/news/outofthebox/2024/03/07/sca-head-jane-wildermuth-named-interim-university-librarian/>

Be sure to bookmark the "Out of the Box" blog to keep up with additional news from the WSU Special Collections and Archives Paul Laurence Dunbar Library.



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3640 Colonel Glenn Highway
Dayton, Ohio 45435
Special Collections and Archives
Paul Laurence Dunbar Library
(937) 775-2092
www.libraries.wright.edu/special/

The Special Collections and Archives in the Paul Laurence Dunbar Library at Wright State University is Site #10 on the Aviation Trail



After Dark Event at NMUSAF™

Enter a world of intrigue and mischief! "Villains Ball" April 20, 2024

Step – or dance – into a world of intrigue and mischief as the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force™ is transformed into a haven for the wicked and whimsical!

This adult-only (ages 21+) event will include live music and dancing, elusive artifacts, costume contest, trivia, and more diabolically delightful activities. Our open aircraft for this event include both the Lockheed AC-130A Spectre gunship and the Cougar CAT II A1 MRAP vehicle. You'll also be able to take a look inside a General Dynamics F-16A Fighting Falcon that flew with the Thunderbirds, and take a photo with the section of the Berlin Wall on display at the Museum.



Enjoy hors d'oeuvres and a beverage from one of the cash bars in the Villain Parlor with friends and foes alike.

Tickets are just \$40 and benefit the Air Force Museum Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that raises funds and awareness for the Museum.

GET TICKETS at: <https://www.afmuseum.com/events/after-dark-events>



<https://www.afmuseum.com>
Air Force Museum Events | Air Force Museum Foundation, WPAFB, OH 45433

The National Museum of the United States Air Force™ is site #5 on the Aviation Trail



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

See the **JOIN/DONATE** menu item on the Aviation Trail website to join, renew, or donate: <https://www.aviationtrailinc.org>

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To print a mail-in membership/donation form use this link: file:///E:/Documents/ATI/Membership/membership%20print%20form_c.pdf

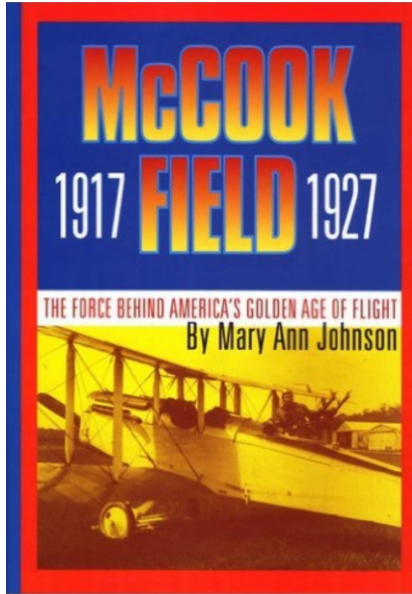
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Aviation Trail Gift Shop

Now available on the Aviation Trail Gift Shop page:

McCook Field 1917-1927 The Force Behind America's Golden Age of Flight by the late Mary Ann Johnson covers the fascinating decade of Dayton's McCook Field and its extensive contributions to aviation technology.



Visit the Aviation Trail online gift shop!

Your purchase of Aviation Trail merchandise helps us to uphold our mission of promoting awareness of the Dayton area's aviation heritage, and supporting education, preservation and restoration of that heritage.

An assortment of Aviation Trail and Parachute Museum souvenir items is shown below:

Shirts



Collectable Art Prints



Caps



Tumblers

The author, who passed away in 2015 at the age of 93, was a founding member of Aviation Trail, Inc. which was formed in 1981 to promote Dayton's aviation heritage and continues to promote the various trail sites in the area that have unique and significant importance in this rich aviation heritage. This book is a definitive source of information on an historic site on the Aviation Trail.

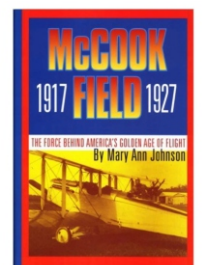
Magnets



Pins



Note Cards & Envelopes



McCook Field Book

See details on gift shop page.

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.

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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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.

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