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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.*

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**August 30, 2017**

*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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## **Aero Carnival Helps Celebrate WPAFB's 100th Anniversary**

Wright Patterson Air Force Base celebrates its 100th anniversary in 2017. One of the tributes to this anniversary will be the National Park Service's annual Aero Carnival which will be held on **Saturday, September 9, 2017** from 10:30 to 5:00. It will take place on the Huffman Prairie Flying Field on Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, the very place where Orville and Wilbur Wright conducted tests and flights as early as 1904. This will be a special year for Aero Carnival in celebrating WPAFB's origins.

The Army Air Service established Wilbur Wright field on May 22, 2017 and then McCook Field in November of that year. McCook was the test field where many aviation experiments and milestones were established, and Wright Field was a flying field, supply depot, and armorers' school. McCook Field closed in 1927, partly due to space restrictions, and its functions were moved to Wright Field, and in 1931 part of Wright Field was designated as Patterson Field. In 1948 Wright Field and Patterson were merged into Wright-Patterson Air Force Base.

The Aero Carnival event is free to all and access is through Gate 16A off of State Route 444.

Updated list of events at 2017 Aero Carnival, **as of August 28, 2017**: For more information, and for the latest list of the many activities that are lined up so far, see the Aero Carnival page on the ATI website at <http://www.aviationtrailinc.org/2017-aero-carnival>, and also see the Dayton Aviation Heritage National Park website at <https://www.nps.gov/daav/learn/news/the-2017-great-wright-brothers-aero-carnival.htm>



# WACO Vintage Fly-in

News Release: Gretchen Hawk, Executive Director WACO Air Museum

WACO is proud to announce the 20th annual Fly-In being held at WACO Field, 1865 S Co Rd 25A Troy on **September 15, 16, and 17 from 9 am - 4 pm each day. Bi-Plane rides will be available all weekend.**



To download an event poster with schedules, costs, and details, see the Aviation Blog story on the Aviation Trail website: <http://www.aviationtrailinc.org/single-post/2017/08/24/WACO-Vintage-Fly-in>



## Concours to Celebrate “The Cars of Orville Wright”

Held each September, Dayton History's Concours d'Elegance is Dayton's premier antique and classic automobile and motorcycle show. This year's event at Carillon Historical Park is on Sunday, September 17, from 10 AM to 4 PM. In addition to the featured marques, there will be an aviation connection, with reference to Orville Wright. As described by Dayton History: "For the first time ever, Concours will celebrate the Cars of Orville Wright, displaying a variety of automobiles similar to those owned by the world's first pilot. Known as a sharp dresser, a fanatic for keeping his shoes shined, Orville was also known as an early automobile enthusiast with a heavy right foot. With license plates OW-1, Oakwood police officers were instructed to allow the famed pilot to ignore the speed limit (which he did regularly) as he drove to and from his Hawthorn Hill home"



For costs and more details on the event see the Dayton History website at <https://www.daytonhistory.org/events/special-events/dayton-concours-delegance/> and the event site at <http://www.daytonconcours.com>



# Air Force 70th Birthday Art Exhibit

News Release - National Museum of the United States Air Force

**September 9, 2017:**

A special exhibit highlighting the 70th Birthday of the U.S. Air Force will open on **Sept. 9** at the Air Force's national museum. Seventy pieces of art, one representing a significant event for each year in Air Force history, will be displayed in the museum's art gallery.



The exhibit titled, "American Airmen: Breaking Barriers Since 1947 - Commemorating 70 Years of Air & Space Power through Art," showcases the innovation, teamwork and proud heritage of the U.S. Air Force, and highlights the unique contributions of its service members.

The artwork, provided by the U.S. Air Force Art Program, includes pieces from artists such as Keith Ferris, Maxine McCaffrey, Robert McCall, William S. Phillips and John Witt.

With the experience of fighting in two world wars during the first half of the twentieth century, United States military aviators advocated for the creation of a separate air force. On Sept. 18, 1947, their efforts came to fruition when the U.S. Air Force was established as a separate service under the Department of Defense, equal to the U.S. Army and the U.S. Navy.

This exhibit at the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force will be open for one year. Admission and parking are free.

The National Museum of the U.S. Air Force, located at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base near Dayton, Ohio, is the world's largest military aviation museum. With free admission and parking, the museum features more than 360 aerospace vehicles and missiles and thousands of artifacts amid more than 19 acres of indoor exhibit space. Each year about one million visitors from around the world come to the museum. For more information, visit [www.nationalmuseum.af.mil](http://www.nationalmuseum.af.mil) or call

National Museum of the U.S. Air Force at (937) 255-3286.



## 2017 Runway Fest

The 6th Annual Runway Fest was held on Friday, August 11, 2017 from 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM at the Dayton-Wright Brothers Airport. Attractions included music, food booths, fireworks, vendors, inflatables, and the Wright B Flyer. Admission and parking were free. The event started off a bit slowly after the rain but grew to what may have been the largest crowd ever. Aviation Trail's display was well attended and kept things very busy.



The photos below are from the Aviation Trail display area, as well assorted photos from around the event.

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# Flight Ground School at WACO

News Release; August 30, 2017  
|Nancy Royer, WACO Learning Center Director



WHO: WACO Historical Society  
WHAT: Aviation Ground School  
WHERE: WACO Air Museum, 1865 South County Road 25A, Troy, Ohio 45373  
WHEN: September 20, 2017  
*REGISTRATION DEADLINE: September 13*

## Flight Ground School

It's on your bucket list. You have always wanted to fly, but you don't know where to begin. The dream of obtaining your pilot license is possible. WACO offers Flight Ground School. Begin your flight journey at WACO—practically in your own backyard! If you just can't get your head out of the clouds, come and begin your journey with us.

The fall class is now forming. Must have a minimum of four class participants. Ground school will be taught in 11 class sessions on Wednesday nights at WACO Air Museum from 6:30- 8:30 pm. Please visit [www.wacoairmuseum.org](http://www.wacoairmuseum.org), under the Learning Center tab, for more information, including fees and materials. Call WACO at 937-335-9226 for any questions. Registration Deadline: September 13th.

Pete Demers will be the instructor for the ground school. Pete brings a wealth of experience in aviation education that spans the last 15 years. Pete has over 4000 flight hours as a flight instructor, has managed an FAA approved Part 141 Flight School as chief flight instructor, served as plot and company flight instructor for a part 135 charter operator in the Piper Navajo/Chieftain, and was selected as the FAA's Flight Instructor of the Year for the Southern Region in 2013. Pete is an instructor for PSA and also serves as a volunteer at the WACO museum.



## Aviation Trail Members Tour New Library

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

The tour was free with free parking underneath the library with access from St. Clair Street.

The library's Dayton Room, where valuable artifacts related to Wilbur and Orville Wright are archived, was a highlight. Archivist Bill McIntire talked about the room and had on display various memorabilia from Wilbur and Orville Wright.

Everyone shared the Wright's birthday cake in one of the buildings many conference rooms.

The new library exists because of the generosity of Montgomery County taxpayers who voted "yes" to a \$187 million levy to improve library facilities throughout the system. Thanks to all who came to enjoy this jewel in the crown of the Dayton Metro Library system.



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