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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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"The Flight Log" -

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SPECIAL EVENT EDITION

12/10/2025

This "Flight Log" highlights a special event featured on the Aviation Trail website: www.AviationTrailInc.org

Open House Celebration of First Flight Night

Wednesday, December 17, 2025

*Aviation Trail, Inc. will be sponsoring a special open house,
hosted by Heavier Than Air Brewing Company
to celebrate the 122nd Anniversary of powered flight.*

FIRST FLIGHT NIGHT

A SPECIAL OPEN HOUSE AT HEAVIER THAN AIR BREWING CO
CELEBRATING THE 122ND ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST FLIGHT



**WEDNESDAY
DECEMBER 17 2025
4-9PM**

PRESENTED BY



The celebration event will be held from 4 pm to 9 pm at at Heavier Than Air Brewery, 497 Miamisburg Centerville Rd, Dayton, OH 45459 (in Normandy Square Shopping Center).
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(937) 433-1500

*A 122nd anniversary celebration
of the first flight hosted by
Heavier Than Air Brewing Co,
presented by Aviation Trail Inc.*

Join us for this year's First Flight Night, as we will be spotlighting the art of commercial artist and illustrator Paul Melia and the documentary photography of Dan Patterson.

---There will be a select number of framed and signed art pieces available for silent auction that have been donated to the event, as well as unsigned prints for sale with 100% of the proceeds going to support the 501c3 non-profit groups Wright B Flyer Inc (WBF) and Aviation Trail Inc (ATI).

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--In 2003, artist Paul Melia presented "Manned Flight 100" to the enshrinees of the National Aviation Hall of Fame at the 2003 Pioneers of Flight Homecoming, an art piece that features a retrospective of the first 100 years of flight, prominently highlighting the original Wright Flyer and other seminal aircraft. Additionally, we will have historian and professional photographer Dan Patterson on hand, and will have a collection of images with a focus on the historic camera used at Kittyhawk and the importance of documenting history and the artifacts that make it, in style.

---Light sandwich fare will be provided, and a complete tap menu is available, as well as mead, wine, canned cocktails, limited spirits, soft drinks and n/a beers. All beer, beverage, and brewery branded merch sales processed directly by Heavier Than Air Brewery.

Agenda

- 4:00 PM Doors open
- 5:00 PM Silent auction opens
- 5:30 PM Light buffet available
- 6:00 PM - 6:20 PM Paul Melia works and biography Terri Melia Hamlin
- 7:00 PM - 7:20 PM Dan Patterson works and historic review Dan Patterson
- 8:00 PM Silent auction closes

Please Note: Due to capacity at Heavier Than Air Brewery, this is a ticketed event, but is free (except for beverages). Please go to the **Eventbrite ticket link** to order your tickets and reserve a spot:

[at:https://www.eventbrite.com/e/first-flight-night-an-anniversary-celebration-of-the-first-flight-tickets-](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/first-flight-night-an-anniversary-celebration-of-the-first-flight-tickets-1976653854890?aff=oddtcreator)

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or go to the Heavier Than Air Brewery facebook page:

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TICKETS ARE FREE.
Each attendee will
need a ticket.



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