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

Warbird Flying Showcase

September 30 @ 3:30 pm - 6:00 pm
Tri-State Warbirds



Festival of Warbirds! Showcasing more than 10 flying WWII aircraft!

Frequently Asked Questions

Get Tickets Here!

The Tri-State Warbird Museum proudly presents the Warbird Flying Showcase happening on September 30, 2023. This year's Festival of Warbirds will be showcasing more than 10 flying WWII aircraft! This family friendly activity brings history to life. Food trucks and beverage stations will be on-site to offer food and drinks available for purchase. Be sure to bring your own folding chairs or a picnic blanket to sit on our lawn in front of the runway!

Doors will open at 2:30P and wheels up at 3:30P

General Admission \$50
Veteran Admission \$30
Member Admission \$45

What will be flying?

Curtiss-Wright P-40M Kittyhawk
North American P-51D Mustang – "Cincinnati Miss"
North American B-25 Mitchell – "Yankee Doodle"
Focke Wulf 190 F-8
Grumman TBM Avenger
Beechcraft C-45 Expeditor
Piper L-4H Grasshopper
Piper J3C Flitfire
Boeing PT-17 Stearman

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



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Tri-State Warbird Museum is Site#15 on the Aviation Trail



Concours d'Elegance at Carillon Park

Sunday, September 17, 2023 = 10:30am-4:00pm

Held each September, Concours d'Elegance is Dayton's premier antique and classic automobile and motorcycle show. Guests travel from across the map to witness this breathtaking display of "art on wheels"—some of the finest vehicles in the country.



Dayton Concours at Carillon Historical Park features around 200 antique and classic automobiles and motorcycles, and vehicles are judged for around 30 awards. While the theme changes year-to-year, nationally-recognized automotive artists, hand-built model cars, an automobile raffle, and other auto-themed attractions are standard for this acclaimed event.

Concours d'Elegance occurs on Sunday, but the weekend kicks off the night before with the Concours d'Elegance Preview Party—a casual, public event on the grounds of Carillon Historical Park. The Saturday evening gala previews select Concours automobiles and feature an automotive art pavilion, music, silent auction, food, and beverages.

See more at <https://www.daytonconcours.com>

For prices, parking info, and ticket purchases see this Dayton History link:
<https://www.daytonconcours.com/tickets.php>



Dayton Concours d'Elegance at Carillon Park

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WACO 100th Anniversary Celebration & Fly-In
 Friday Sept. 15th to Sunday Sept. 17th, 2023



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**The National Aviation Hall of Fame
 Armstrong Award**

**NAHF to Present Prestigious Armstrong Award to
 Aviation Entrepreneur, Co-founder, and CEO
 of ForeFlight Tyson Weihs**

Dayton, OH August 10, 2023: The Board of Trustees of the National Aviation Hall of Fame (NAHF) is pleased to announce that the 2023 Armstrong Award will recognize Co-founder (and CEO for fifteen years) of ForeFlight, Tyson Weihs.

"This award publicly acknowledges Tyson's dedication to leadership in promoting aviation and the values of innovation, integrity, and service," explained NAHF President & CEO Aimee Maruyama. "Tyson's story is an inspiration for future generations of aviation innovators and entrepreneurs."

Weihs is being honored specifically for his innovative spirit, commitment to safety, and service to the aviation community as Co-Founder of ForeFlight, the leading provider of critically-acclaimed, essential Integrated Flight Application software for aviation. ForeFlight is an invaluable companion for pilots that packs rich airport information, search, and aviation weather imagery in a single package. "Receiving the Armstrong Award is deeply humbling," said Tyson Weihs, reflecting on the recognition. "I am truly honored to be part of the distinguished legacy of aviation, and I believe this award underscores the limitless possibilities that aviation holds for those who dare to dream and push boundaries."

"Not only has Tyson left an indelible mark on aviation by co-founding ForeFlight," said NAHF Chair Jim Cooling, "he is also a valuable member of the aviation community, giving generously with his leadership, time, and expertise to support numerous aviation organizations."

Weihs will receive the award on September 21, 2023, at the President's Reception as part of the National Aviation Hall of Fame's 59th Enshrinement events. Over 600 people are expected to attend two days of events in Washington D.C., including government and industry leaders and several returning Enshrinees, including former NASA astronauts Charlie Bolden, Eileen Collins, Bob Crippen, and Hoot Gibson, aviation visionary Joan Sullivan Garrett, general aviation titans Dale Klapmeier and Russ Meyer, and world champion aerobatic aviator Sean D. Tucker.

The ceremony, led by emcee CNN's Pete Muntean, features the formal installment of the NAHF Enshrinee Class of 2023; pioneers (the late Velta Benn and (the late) Cornelius Coffey, visionaries Angela Gittens and (the late) Ed Stimpson, and aerospace heroes Fred Haise and Kathryn Sullivan.

The 59th NAHF's Annual Enshrinement Dinner & Ceremony is open to the public by advance registration only. Limited sponsorship opportunities and individual seats are still available. To make reservations or find more information, visit www.nationalaviation.org or call 937-256-0944 ext.16.

About The National Aviation Hall of Fame- The National Aviation Hall of Fame strives to create a distinctive educational resource that will inspire future generations to appreciate our nation's extraordinary aviation heritage and the men and women who created it.

Founded and based in Dayton, OH, the NAHF's Heritage Hall & Education Center is committed to informing the public of American aviation heroes, their accomplishments and their impact. Learn more at www.nationalaviation.org



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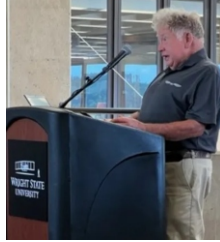
WACO Pilot Bob Wagner Honored

The 2023 Ivonette Wright Miller Award presented by the National Aviation Heritage Area

The **Ivonette Wright Miller Award** recognizes a lifetime volunteer in the service of aviation heritage. It is named for the niece of Wilbur and Orville Wright. Bob Wagner was nominated for the award by WACO Air Museum. The presentation was made on Tuesday, August 8 at the [National Aviation Heritage Area](#) Annual meeting at the Wright State University Special Collections & Archives in Dunbar Library.

Bob Wagner bio:

Bob is a rated commercial pilot in SEL, SES, MEL, glider and instrument airplane. He has been a certified flight instructor since 1959 in airplane single and multiengine and instrument airplane. He got his aircraft and powerplant mechanic license in 1973 and his FAA inspection authorization in 1976. He served as an FAA designated flight examiner for single engine land and sea and multiengine land aircraft. He has also served as chief pilot for FAA 135 air taxi operation, chief instructor for a FAA 141 flight school and director of maintenance for FAA 135 air taxi operation.



He met his wife - [Pat Wagner](#) - at the airport in the mid 60's when Pat began flying lessons, married her in 1968 and began their [wing riding routine](#) in 1971 - although that was not in the marriage contract. They have continued to fly this act for over thirty years. They have had their Stearman in all contiguous 48 states except Rhode Island, all Canadian provinces from Quebec westward to British Columbia, and even through the Caribbean islands to Venezuela. Their Stearman now is on display at the WAAAM Museum in Hood River, Oregon.



Fast forward to 2001 and Bob was flying air shows in a new WACO YMF-5 for WACO Classic Corporation in Battlecreek, Michigan and demonstrating the 1928 Linc WACO Taperwing for Goodrich Corporation at airshows around the country in addition to the wing act, and his comedy antics as "Zeke Devers" a hog farmer, who is attempting his first solo flight in a Citabria.

Bob has served as a consultant with WACO Aircraft providing pilot services, instruction and maintenance on the new production WACO. He has also met and helped assemble their aircraft around the world in Hawaii, England, Germany, Switzerland and Kenya, Africa and checked out their pilots.

Bob and Pat's love of aviation continues to their "home" life. In 1982 they purchased their own airport in Troy, Ohio- now known as "Wagner International Airport" a grass strip 1900+ feet long from the center of the road to the far fence line with a house and 2 large hangars. Pat's clipped wing Cub, a Citabria and a joint-owned Aeronca Champ are based there.

Bob and Pat are members of numerous aviation and museum organizations and enjoy volunteering in their spare time. You can often find Bob flying "Sunny" around the blue skies of Troy, Ohio.

Photo below - Bob with WACO personnel and supporters at the award presentation. Left to right - Betty Darst, Nancy Royer (Executive Director of WACO Airfield & Museum), Rachel Currie, Patty Wagner, Bob Wagner, Dawn Currie, John Schilling, and Reta Wagner.



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