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

Visitor Center Now Open

The Wright-Dunbar Interpretive Center and Aviation Trail Visitor Center

Wednesday through Sunday from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM



Four months after closing for pandemic precautions on Dec. 3, 2020, the Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park has opened the Visitor Center on April 21, 2021. It is open to the public **Wednesday through Sunday from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM**. The facilities include the Visitor Center, the Aviation Trail Parachute Museum, and the Wright Cycle Company. The Parachute Museum is on the second floor of the Visitor Center, and the Wright Cycle Co. is next door. *(At this time the indoor facilities of the other locations of the Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park, which are the Huffman Prairie Flying Field Interpretive Center, and the Paul Laurence Dunbar House Historic Site remain closed. Only the outdoor spaces at the Huffman Prairie Flying Field, and the Wright Brothers Memorial are open to the public).* The park phone number is (937) 225-7705.

Features:

• **The Wright-Dunbar Interpretive Center is located in the Hoover Block building part of this complex. The Aviation Trail Visitor Center is in the Aviation Trail building.**

Wilbur and Orville Wright had a job printing business in a second floor corner suite of the building from 1890 - 1895. One of their printing clients was Paul Laurence Dunbar, a former classmate of Orville Wright, and later an internationally known black poet. The name of the interpretive center reflects this special relationship. The exhibits tell about the lives of the three men and about the West Side neighborhood in which the building is located. The Hoover Block/Wright-Dunbar Interpretive Center is a unit of Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park.



<https://www.aviationtrailinc.org/visitorcenter>

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• **The Aviation Trail Parachute Museum is located on the second floor of the Aviation Trail Visitor Center.**



The Museum tells the story of the development of the free fall parachute from its invention at Dayton's McCook Field after World War I, up to the vital role it plays in safely landing today's spacecraft. The time line around the soffit of the exhibit space highlights significant events in the history of the parachute. The Museum also includes interactive exhibits, artifacts, historic photographs and text. The museum maintains what is considered one of the most

comprehensive private parachute collections in the world, with research materials permanently housed at Wright State University Libraries Special Collections and Archives.

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

• **The Wright Cycle Co. building is one of only two original Wright brothers' buildings still standing at their original locations in the West Side neighborhood where Wilbur and Orville lived, worked and invented the airplane.**

The other is the nearby Hoover Block building (Site 1a). The building was saved from demolition by Aviation Trail, Inc. before it was acquired by the National Park Service after the Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park was created in 1992. The Wright brothers occupied the building from 1895 to 1897, manufacturing bicycles on the first floor and operating a job printing business on the second floor. During this period, Wilbur and Orville also took their first steps on the road to inventing the airplane, their Flyer I, in 1903.

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• **Souvenir and gift items are available to order in the lobby of the Aviation Trail Visitor Center where Dayton History has a display of assorted aviation gifts & souvenirs, including Wright Brothers items.**

The product samples in the Visitor Center are identified with a QR code that visitors can use to place an order, via their smart phone, directly with Dayton History. The order can then be



shipped to the purchaser's home address, or can be held for pick up at 1000 Carillon Historical Park, Dayton, OH 45409, (937) 293-2841, just 2.9 miles and seven minutes from the Wright-Dunbar Visitor Center. (Visitor orders will be purchased from & processed by Dayton History. Transactions will not be made by NPS personnel at the Visitor Center). Orders for merchandise can also be placed online at <https://shop.daytonhistory.org> and Aviation Trail products can be

ordered online through the "Gift Shop" page on the Aviation Trail website. (At the time of the introduction of the ATI gift shop in February of 2021, the Aviation Trail Visitor Center had been closed since Dec. 3, 2020. With the opening of the Visitor Center as of April 21, the ATI products will be scheduled to add to this display by approximately April 28).



Funday Sunday 2021

Sunday, May 2, 2021, Moraine Airpark



Come to Moraine Airpark (I73) in Moraine Ohio for its 62nd annual Funday Sunday Fly-In on May 2, 2021. Enjoy the longest running EAA Chapter Fly-In at the same location in the history of the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA). Historically the first fly in of the season. See a large assortment of homebuilt, classic, and vintage airplanes. Interact with the pilots!

Chapter 48 is working hard to make Funday Sunday a fun and safe event compliant with local COVID-19 safety protocols. Join us for a great, socially-distant day of aviation.

Tentative Schedule of Events

Breakfast : 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Featuring Chapter 48's vastly improved pancakes and sausages!

Lunch: 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.



<https://chapters.eaa.org/ea48/funday-sunday-2021>



Wright Dunbar, Inc. Announces 2021 Dayton Region Walk of Fame

Celebration for Tuesday, October 12 at Sinclair College



DAYTON – The Walk of Fame Class of 2020 offers a first-class mix of individuals with outstanding achievements in the categories of Arts, Culture, Education, Invention, Science, Military, Community Service, Significant Personal Achievement, Entertainment, Media and Philanthropy. The Class of 2020 will be inducted this year due to the pandemic restrictions last year. The 2021 Inductee Luncheon will be held on Tuesday, October 12 at Sinclair Community College Conference Center in Building 12. Sponsorship for the event is available now with details on the Walk of Fame website at www.daytonregionwalkoffame.org. Individual tickets for the event will go on sale at a date to be announced later. “We have another year of outstanding inductees,” said Harry Seifert, president and CEO of Wright Dunbar, Inc. “They are all excellent examples of the exceptional people who made great strides in their personal lives and have remembered the Miami Valley as their home.” The 2020 class of inductees are: Hallie Quinn Brown, William Hale Charch, Ohio Governor Mike DeWine, John Legend, and AFC William H. Pitsenbarger.

Hallie Quinn Brown (1850 – 1949) an educator, author, elocutionist, historian, civil rights reformer and women’s rights advocate during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. The daughter of former slaves, Brown attended Wilberforce University graduating in 1873. She became a teacher and later became a dean at Allen University and the Tuskegee Institute. After attending the Boston School of Oratory, she became an accomplished speaker, travelling nationally and internationally to speak on topics of African-American Folklore and Song to Civil Rights and the Temperance Movement. For ten years Brown served as professor of elocution at Wilberforce University and was a leader in fundraising for the college. She helped to establish the National Association of Colored Women where she served as president for four years and as honorary president for the remainder of her life. Brown also served as president of the Ohio State Federation of Women’s Clubs for seven years. The Hallie Q. Brown Community Center in St. Paul, MN is named for her as is the library at Central State University. Ms. Brown is buried at Massie’s Creek Cemetery in Cedarville, Ohio.

William Hale Charch (1898 – 1958) inventor and scientist who gave us one of the most innovative food storage creations of the twentieth century: moisture proof cellophane. The cellophane Charch invented was a translucent natural plastic film made to protect and preserve food from air, moisture and bacteria, thereby revolutionizing food storage, safety and cleanliness. Working for the DuPont Corporation, Charch tested more than 2,000 formulas before devising a workable process to manufacture the new product. By 1927, DuPont was selling more than \$3.7 million worth of cellophane. During World War II, cellophane was classified as an “essential material” used for the packaging of G.I. rations. Charch then spent the remainder of his career at DuPont contributing to the development of Teflon, Orlon, Dacron and Lycra. William Hale Charch was born in Dayton, graduated from Stivers High School, earned a Bachelor’s degree in Chemistry at Miami University and a Doctorate’s degree in Organic Chemistry from Ohio State University. Mr. Charch is buried in Woodland Cemetery and Arboretum in Dayton, Ohio.

Mike DeWine (1947 -) Greene County Prosecutor, Ohio State Senator, U.S. Representative, Lt. Governor, U.S. Senator, Attorney General and Governor. Mike DeWine has worked tirelessly to preserve and share the rich heritage of the greater Dayton area. His work includes the support of major projects at Wright Patterson Air Force Base, the National Air and Space Intelligence Center, the Air Force Institute of Technology, the Energy Department in Miamisburg, the creation of the National Aviation Heritage National Historical Park and the National Aviation Heritage Area, and the Wright Dunbar Main Street Program. Gov. DeWine has been on the front lines of helping children and the disadvantaged by launching the Crimes Against Children Initiative, combating the opioid crisis, reducing the time for DNA testing supporting criminal investigations, passing strict drunk driving laws and improving education for increased job opportunities. Mike DeWine graduated from Yellow Springs High School, married his childhood sweetheart, received a bachelor’s degree from Miami University and a juris doctor’s degree from Ohio Northern University Law School. He maintains a home in Cedarville where he entertains many from around the state of Ohio at his annual ice cream social.

John Legend (1978 -) singer, songwriter, artist and entertainer. John Legend was born in Springfield, Ohio and began playing the piano at age four. He graduated from Springfield North High School and attended the University of Pennsylvania. Legend began his career in New York nightclubs and soon found himself collaborating with the best of R & B and hip-hop artists. In 2018, Legend became one of the youngest Emmy, Grammy, Oscar, Tony (EGOT) winners and made history as the first African-American man to win all four awards. Overall, Legend has won 25 awards from 70 nominations which include 10 Grammys. Legend’s foundation, the Show Me Campaign, seeks to give every child access to quality education and to elevate and celebrate teachers. The campaign also works to end the school to prison pipeline and to address systemic issues in our criminal justice system that disproportionately impact the poor, minorities and disadvantaged. John Legend has performed concerts and has lent his name to world-wide charitable efforts in support of equal access to educational opportunities, HIV/AIDS awareness, disaster relief and advocacy for troops and veterans and much, much more. His support of the Springfield community is evident through benefit concerts and performances for the Springfield City School District, the Springfield Center for Innovation: The Dome and victims of the Oregon District mass shooting. John Legend has made an enormous humanitarian impact regionally, nationally, and internationally.

William H. Pitsenbarger (1944 – 1966) Airman First Class, USAF. Born and raised in Piqua, Ohio, Pitsenbarger tried to enlist in the U.S. Army as a Green Beret during his junior year of high school but his parents refused to give their permission. After he graduated from high school, he joined the Air Force and in 1962 found himself on a train bound for Air Force basic training. Airman Pitsenbarger volunteered for Pararescue and was trained and assigned to the Rescue Squadron based at Hamilton AFB, California. He served a temporary duty in Vietnam and then volunteered to return. Pitsenbarger received orders in 1965 to report to the 38th Air Rescue and Recovery Squadron at Bien Hoa Air Base in Saigon. On May 11, 1966 near Cam My, Airman Pitsenbarger was aboard a rescue helicopter responding to a call for evacuation of casualties. Pitsenbarger rode a hoist to the ground where he coordinated rescue efforts, cared for the wounded, and prepared casualties for evacuation. Airman Pitsenbarger stayed behind to perform medical duties during a period of heavy assault by a large Viet Cong force. He courageously resisted the enemy, distributed vital ammunition to his fellow soldiers, repeatedly exposed himself to enemy fire and returned fire whenever he could. Airman Pitsenbarger was fatally shot and perished while saving the lives of wounded soldiers on the ground. For his courage and gallantry, Airman First Class William H. Pitsenbarger was posthumously awarded the Air Force Cross. In 2008, his family accepted the Congressional Medal of Honor from the Secretary of the Air Force. William H. Pitsenbarger is buried in Miami Memorial Park Cemetery in Covington, Ohio.

For information on how you can sponsor the event, purchase a ticket or learn more about the Walk of Fame, visit the website at www.daytonregionwalkoffame.org. “We thank you in advance for supporting Wright Dunbar, Inc. and the programs we offer to the community,” said Harry Seifert. “Now, more than ever, your support is important to keep our mission of neighborhood revitalization alive in the historic Wright Dunbar Neighborhood.” About the Walk of Fame and Wright Dunbar, Inc. Since its inception in 1996 as a part of the City of Dayton’s bicentennial celebration, the Dayton Region Walk of Fame has recognized individuals and groups for their outstanding and enduring personal or professional contributions to the community, nation and the world. The Walk of Fame honors them by setting memorial stones in the sidewalks of Dayton’s historic Wright-Dunbar District. The stones can be enjoyed year-round on West Third Street between Broadway and Shannon and on North and South Williams Streets.

Wright Dunbar, Inc., a private non-profit organization, serves as a catalyst for economic development on West Third Street and manages the Walk of Fame as part of its mission in Dayton’s historic West Third Street Corridor in the neighborhood of Wilbur and Orville Wright and Paul Laurence Dunbar.

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_____ \$75 Contributing

_____ \$1000 Patron

_____ \$30 Individual

_____ \$150 Supporting

_____ Other- I am a life member and would like to make an additional contribution

_____ \$40 Family

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