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Visit the historical sites that tell of man's conquest of the air.

"The Flight Log" -

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

Ohio and North Carolina Work Together to Celebrate First Flight

December 17, 2020: Schedule of Livestreaming Program



On **December 17, 1903** the winds at Kitty Hawk, NC were high, but two brothers from Dayton, OH didn't let that stop them. Orville Wright took the 1903 Wright Flyer into the air at 10:35am, Wilbur Wright helping to steady the wings. After four flights that day, the following telegram was sent home to Dayton: "Success four flights Thursday morning all against twenty one mile wind started from Level with engine power alone average speed through air thirty one miles longest 57 seconds inform Press home Christmas." In celebration of First Flight, organizations in both Ohio and North Carolina are joining forces to commemorate the occasion. The National Aviation Heritage Area, Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park, Wright Patterson Air Force Base, First Flight Society, First Flight Foundation, Wright Brothers National Memorial, and Outer Banks Forever will be livestreaming a joint wreath-laying ceremony and flyover, and will offer additional special programming throughout the day. Park entrance fees at Wright Brothers National Memorial in North Carolina will be waived on the first flight anniversary. Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park in Ohio is a free site.

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Full Schedule:

8:30 a.m.

Wright Brothers National Memorial Facebook Page - Wind and Sand interpretive ranger program. Step back in history to learn more about the first powered flight in human history and how it came to pass.

9:30 a.m.

Virtual Celebration with a joint wreath-laying ceremony and flyover – Speakers include Brig. Gen. John P. Newberry, Wright Brothers National Memorial Superintendent David Hallac, and Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park Superintendent Kendell Thompson. Also featured will be the United States Air Force Band of Flight and Mr. Dan Patterson. Remarks will be followed by the unveiling of the Paul E. Garber First Flight Shrine portrait and a joint wreath-laying ceremony featuring descendants of the Wright brothers and descendants of the witnesses of the first flight. The flyover of the B-1B Lancer will occur at 10:35 a.m. to close out the celebration. Brig. Gen. John P. Newberry is the Air Force Program Executive Officer for Bombers, Bomber Directorate, Air Force Life Cycle Management Center, Air Force Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. He is responsible for the sustainment and modernization of the bombers portfolio, which includes the B-1, B-2, and B-52. He is also responsible for organizing, training, and equipping the Center's B-21 Systems Program Office. The Dayton, OH Wright Brothers Memorial was dedicated on August 19, 1940 with Orville Wright in attendance. The first anniversary celebration of first flight was held on December 17, 1978 and has been held annually ever since. The 88th Air Base Wing is responsible for the maintenance of the Wright Memorial.

12:00 p.m.

Wright Brothers National Memorial Facebook Page - Interview with Dr. Tom Crouch, Curator Emeritus of the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum.

1:30 p.m.

Wright Brothers National Memorial Facebook Page - Wright Legacy interpretive ranger program. Twelve seconds was all the Wright brothers needed to show humans can fly. Discover what inspired Wilbur and Orville and how they are remembered in the world today.

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2:00 p.m.

National Aviation Heritage Area Facebook Page – Video of Ohio elected officials’ remarks including Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine, Sen. Sherrod Brown (D-OH), Sen. Rob Portman (R-OH), and Rep. Mike Turner (OH-10).

2:30 p.m.

Wright Brothers National Memorial Facebook Page - Interview with Greg Principato, President of the National Aeronautic Association.

4:30 p.m.

Wright Brothers National Memorial Facebook Page - Sunset view of Wright Brothers National Memorial, weather permitting.

7:00 p.m.

Wright Brothers National Memorial Facebook Page - Livestream of the Kill Devil Hills fireworks at Avalon Pier.

National Aviation Heritage Area Facebook Page - <https://www.facebook.com/visitNAHA>

Wright Brothers National Memorial Facebook Page - <https://www.facebook.com/WrightBrothersNMem>

Dayton Aviation National Historical Park Facebook Page - <https://www.facebook.com/DaytonAviationNPS/>



Site Opening Status

- *Re-openings of several Aviation Trail sites*
- *Other new closings and restrictions*

As indicated in the "Flight Log" for the last seven months, most of the trail site facilities had posted closings due to the COVID-19 virus threat. There are several sites that have re-opened in June, July, and August. This is something that can change daily, so check the websites for the individual trail sites to get the latest information. A list of the status of sites on the Aviation Trail is also posted on the the "Aviation Blog" page of the Aviation Trail website. It is updated as changes occur: <https://www.aviationtrailinc.org/post/covid-19-closure-updates>

Since things can change on a day-to-day basis, it is recommended that visitors contact the individual sites directly before making plans to visit. The website and phone information for each site is available on the Aviation Trail website "Trail Sites" page, <https://www.aviationtrailinc.org/copy-of-trail-sites>, and on the Aviation Trail brochure, which can be downloaded from that page.



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

All levels of Aviation Trail memberships, except for Life Membership, are annual and are subject to renewal, at the desired level, by each January. Aviation Trail is now accepting memberships and renewal orders for 2021.

Aviation Trail remains committed to upholding our mission of aviation awareness, education, preservation and restoration in our region. We need your support in order to be more than "The Birthplace of Aviation," but also the premier locale in the country to "Experience the Birthplace of Aviation." Your membership and donation support is critical in helping maintain that mission.

See the **JOIN/DONATE** menu item on the Aviation Trail website to join, renew, or donate.

Memberships and donations can be made on-line through secure payment on PayPal, or a Membership/Donor form can be downloaded from the Membership Page for mailing.





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_____ \$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*

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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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<https://www.aviationtrailinc.org/membership-donations-reservations-orders>

Secure payments are made through PayPal.

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