



Aviation Trail, Inc.

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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"The Flight Log" -

AVIATION TRAIL MAIL

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

Wright "B" Flyer "White Bird" at 2023 Dayton Air Show



Wright "B" Flyer - New "White Bird"

See a photo of the White Bird at the July 22 & 23, **2023 CenterPoint Energy Dayton Air Show presented by Kroger** on the Wright "B" Flyer facebook page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/photo?fbid=680498930792033&set=pcb.680499310791995> (More photos from the show are posted on the page).

Also on the Wright "B" Flyer page is an Dayton Air Show interview with the pilot Jeff Sands, a Wright "B" volunteer:

<https://www.facebook.com/DaytonAirShow/videos/786056013316127>

To learn more about the "White Bird" see the Aviation Blog post of May 2, 2023 at: <https://www.aviationtrailinc.org/post/white-bird-flying-again>

and the post of Oct. 6, 2021 at:

<https://www.aviationtrailinc.org/post/wright-b-flyer-white-bird-in-the-news>



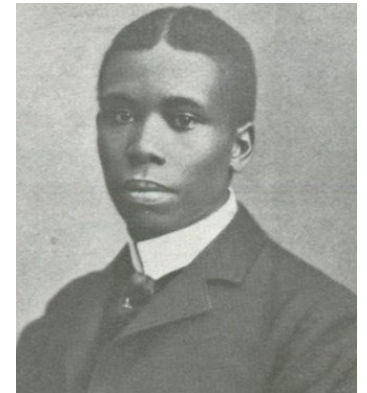
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Grant Conserves Rare Books by Paul Laurence Dunbar

Wright State University Libraries Special Collections and Archives



The Wright State Libraries Special Collections and Archives announced on June 28 that 11 rare, first-edition books by Paul Laurence Dunbar can now be more safely viewed and studied after undergoing conservation treatment. Nine books of poetry and two books of short stories, all inscribed by Dunbar – a prolific writer from Dayton who died at the age of 33 in 1906 – were conserved. The conservation project was supported by a Library Services and Technology Act Conservation grant from the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services, awarded by the State Library of Ohio.



For more see the Special Collections & Archives "Out of the Box" blog at: <https://blogs.libraries.wright.edu/news/outofthebox/2023/06/28/grant-conserves-rare-books-by-paul-laurence-dunbar/>



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3640 Colonel Glenn Highway
Dayton, Ohio 45435
Special Collections and Archives
Paul Laurence Dunbar Library
(937) 775-2092
www.libraries.wright.edu/special/

The Special Collections and Archives in the Paul Laurence Dunbar Library at Wright State University is Site #10 on the Aviation Trail

Wright "B" Flyer is Site #9 on the Aviation Trail



Wings & Wheels at Tri-State Warbird Museum

August 26, 2023 @ 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Come see vintage aircraft, automobiles & the chance to win a Warbird ride!



We are excited to announce that Wings & Wheels is returning this year in partnership with Dynasty Automotive Events.

Be sure to join us to see stunning vehicles interspersed with vintage aircraft. This will be a high octane experience that you won't want to miss!

Enjoy food, vendors, cars, awards, and see an aerial demo! There will also be an opportunity to enter the raffle for a chance to win a Warbird ride.

For more information see: <https://www.tri-statewarbirdmuseum.org/event/wings-wheels23/>

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



Tri-State Warbird Museum
4021 BORMAN DR.
BATAVIA, OH 45103
(513) 735-4500
<https://www.tri-statewarbirdmuseum.org>

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



Highlights from 2023 Wapakoneta Summer Moon Festival

Armstrong Air & Space Museum



The Armstrong Air & Space Museum hosted a multitude of activities on July 22 and 23, 2023 as part of the Wapakoneta Summer Moon Festival Community Event.

See this link for a news report and video of the weekend highlights. https://www.hometownstations.com/news/summer-moon-fest-finishes-strong-with-weekend-of-immersive-science-fun-at-armstrong-air-and/article_7f9753e0-29af-11ee-8df3-9f493fdc55c4.html

See a full list of Armstrong Air & Space Museum activities for the event at:

<https://www.aviationtrailinc.org/post/the-wapakoneta-summer-moon-festival-community-event-1>

FOR THE SUMMER MOON FESTIVAL WEBSITE, SEE: <https://summermoonfestival.com>



Armstrong Air & Space Museum
500 Apollo Drive
Wapakoneta, OH 45895
(419) 738-8811 or (800) 860-0142
<https://www.armstrongmuseum.org>

Armstrong Air & Space Museum is Site #12 on the Aviation Trail



Aviation Trail Parachute Museum

Addition to Ejection Seat Collection



- On July 11, 2023 the Parachute Museum received a major portion of the ejection seats that are being donated to the museum's collection. Along with the ejection seats were assorted parachutes, accessories, and documentation for the objects. The donor of the objects, Dr. Jean Potvin, personally brought a truck load of items from St. Louis to Dayton. The items will then be logged and further documented into the Parachute Museum collection. Along with previous deliveries in the past year, the Parachute Museum now holds about 70% of the Potvin collection. More items will be coming pending necessary preparation.
- The Aviation Trail Parachute Museum is grateful for this generous and significant contribution by Dr. Potvin.

For more background on the acquisition and Dr. Potvin, see the previous story from January, 2023 see this link: https://www.aviationtrailinc.org/post/parachute-museum-announces-new-acquisition?utm_campaign=a207f31e-876c-49a8-b447-ef7654cd3909&utm_source=so&utm_medium=mail

More photos can be seen in a slide show on the Parachute Museum webpage at:

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

(slide show appears in the story in the "News" section)



The Aviation Trail Parachute Museum
16 South Williams Street
Dayton, OH 45402
(937) 225-7705
<https://www.aviationtrailinc.org/parachute-museum>

The Aviation Trail Parachute Museum is Site #1b on the Aviation Trail



The National Aviation Hall of Fame 2023 Enshrinement



PLEASE JOIN US



Join us for the "Oscar Night of Aviation" as we come together to honor the newest group of aviation giants as they're inducted into the National Aviation Hall of Fame.

Friday, September 22, 2023
National Building Museum
440 G Street, NW, Washington, DC
6:00 p.m. Reception
7:00 p.m. Dinner & Program

- ★ Black tie (optional) or military equivalent
- ★ Complimentary valet parking available
- ★ Sponsorships are available

MEET THE CLASS OF 2023



Velta Benn



Cornelius Coffey



Angela Gittens



Fred Haise



Ed Stimpson



Kathryn Sullivan

Master of Ceremonies
Pete Muntean, CNN

<https://nationalaviation.org/programs/enshrinement/>



National Aviation Hall of Fame
1100 Spaatz St., Dayton, OH 45433
(937) 256-0944
www.nationalaviation.org

The National Aviation Hall of Fame is Site #6 on the Aviation Trail



WACO 100th Anniversary Celebration & Fly-In

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<https://www.wacoairmuseum.org/WACO-100-YEAR-CELEBRATION-FLY-IN>



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WACO Air Museum & Learning Center
1865 S. County Rd. 25A
Troy, OH 45373
937-335-9226

www.wacoairmuseum.org

WACO Air Museum & Learning Center is Site #11 on the Aviation Trail



Aviation Trail Memberships & Donations



Membership

- Join
- Renew
- Donate

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

Membership Reminder:

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 2023.

Aviation Trail Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

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. Thanks for your support! 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.

Donations:

Please consider making a donation to help Aviation Trail, a non-profit, all volunteer organization continue to promote and help to preserve historical aviation sites in the Dayton region.

[CLICK HERE](https://www.aviationtrailinc.org/)

or see the **JOIN/DONATE** menu item on the Aviation Trail website to join, renew, or donate: <https://www.aviationtrailinc.org/>

**Join, Renew, or Donate Now
to Help Support Aviation Trail, Inc.
and the
Aviation Trail Parachute Museum**



Aviation Trail Gift Shop

See the GIFT SHOP menu item on the Aviation Trail website at: <https://www.aviationtrailinc.org/>

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Pins



All transactions will be purchased from, processed by, and fulfilled by Dayton History, and can either be shipped to the purchaser or held for pick-up at Carillon Historical Park Museum Store at 1000 Carillon Historical Park, Dayton, OH 45409, (937) 293-2841. The products are in stock at the Carillon Historical Park Museum Store.



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Membership Levels

I / We wish to remain anonymous.

_____ \$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*

(*May be paid in three annual payments of \$500 per year, mail in only)

_____ Donation - I would like to support Aviation Trail with a **DONATION** of \$ _____ to Aviation Trail

Please apply my donation to:

Membership Fund

Preservation Fund*

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.

Check enclosed. Make payable to: Aviation Trail, Inc.

Mail to Aviation Trail, Inc. / PO Box 633 / Wright Brothers Station / Dayton, OH 45409

Members and donors receive an online subscription to the Aviation Trail newsletter, *Flight Log*, and advance invitations to Aviation Trail events and programs.

Online credit card payments may be made from our website. Secure payments are made through PayPal. See the **JOIN/DONATE** menu item on the Aviation Trail website to join, renew, or donate: <https://www.aviationtrailinc.org/>. **Or click the membership logo on the right >**



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