



# 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**



**"Preserving the Past & Promoting the Future"**

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This "Flight Log" highlights some of the stories and events featured on the Aviation Trail website: [www.AviationTrailInc.org](http://www.AviationTrailInc.org)

## Free Lecture at Champaign Aviation Museum

**Thursday, Sept. 4th, 2025 at 11:00am**  
**USS Shenandoah & America's Airships - The Dirigibles**



Join us in the CAM library with presenter Robert Mergel as he outlines the development of Rigid Airships (Zeppelins) in Germany, their use in the First Battle of Britain in World War I, and their influence on the development of America's Rigid Airships (Dirigibles). Following will be a discussion of The Treaty of Versailles and War Reparations; particularly the provisions regarding the United States. The discussion continues with the development, use, and fate of America's Rigid Airships (USS Shenandoah ZR-1, R-38 Un-named ZR-2 and never delivered, USS Los Angeles ZR-3, USS Akron ZR-4, and USS Macon ZR-5). The presentation will conclude with a short discussion of America's Airship Program and the Post Rigid Airships (Blimps).



Champaign Aviation Museum  
1652 N. Main St., Urbana, OH 43078  
937-652-4710  
[ChampaignAviationMuseum.org](http://ChampaignAviationMuseum.org)

**Champaign Aviation Museum is Site #13 on the Aviation Trail**



## Concours d'Elegance at Carillon Park

**Sunday, Sept. 14, 2025, 10:30am-4:00pm**

*Concours d'Elegance*

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



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, 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.

**Admission** \$20 per adult (In Advance) \$25 per adult (At the Door) \$10 per child (3–17)  
FREE to Dayton History Members and Children 2 and Under

Location - 1000 Carillon Blvd., Dayton, Ohio 45409

Parking - FREE parking available at Carillon Historical Park

For More Information (937) 293-2841

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

For ticket purchases see this Dayton History link:  
<https://www.daytonconcours.com/tickets.php> Concours d'Elegance

Preview Party for 9/13/2025

Get a sneak peek of our elite concours automobiles, an exclusive shopping opportunity in the Art Pavilion, food tasting stations, wine, beers, spirits, a silent auction, and musical entertainment!

Preview party tickets at  
<https://shop.daytonhistory.org/EventPurchase.aspx?dateselected=9/13/2025>



Carillon Historical Park  
1000 Carillon Blvd.  
Dayton Ohio 45409  
937-293-2841  
[daytonhistory.org](http://daytonhistory.org)

**Carillon Historical Park is Site #4 on the Aviation Trail.**



## Armstrong Air & Space Museum Talk and Tour

**Black Holes**  
**September 18, 2025 • 2:00 - 4:00 pm**

Armstrong Air & Space Museum • 500 Apollo Dr, Wapakoneta, OH 45895, USA

### Talk & Tour

MONTHLY MUSEUM PROGRAM SERIES

Children and their families are invited to join the Museum Educator in the STEM Inspiration Center at the Armstrong Air & Space Museum for a fun, hands-on learning experience all about black holes!

Using simple materials like balloons and aluminum foil, participants will explore how black holes form, what they are, and the fascinating science behind these mysterious objects in space. This interactive program is designed especially for children, sparking curiosity and encouraging questions in a supportive, educational environment.

Following the program, continue the experience with a guided tour of the museum led by the Museum Educator, where you'll discover more about space science and the exhibits that connect to the theme.

Program begins at 2:00 PM in the STEM Inspiration Center  
Guided museum tour begins at 3:00 PM

An adult must accompany children during both the program and the tour. No RSVP is required. General admission must be paid upon entry to participate.

Questions contact: 419-738-8869; [programs@armstrongmuseum.org](mailto:programs@armstrongmuseum.org)



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

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



## Warbird Flying Showcase

**September 27m 2025 @ 3:30 pm - 6:00 pm**  
**at Tri-State Warbirds**



The Tri-State Warbird Museum proudly presents the Warbird Flying Showcase happening on September 27, 2025. 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!

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ORDER TICKETS at: <https://tristatewarbirdmuseum.wildapricot.org/event-6042040>

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

General Admission \$50 • Veteran Admission \$30 • Member Admission \$45  
Kids are FREE! (17 years and younger)

What will be flying? The lineup we have come up with (subject to change) is packed with rare and amazing aircraft including: Curtiss-Wright P-40M Kittyhawk, North American P-51D Mustang – "Cincinnati Miss", Focke Wulf Fw 190 F-8, Grumman HU-16 Albatross, Beechcraft C-45 Expeditor, Piper L-4H Grasshopper, Piper J3C Flitfire, Boeing PT-17 Stearman, AT-6D Texan



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

*The Tri-State Warbird Museum is site #15 on the Aviation Trail*



## Annual WACO Fly-In Event September 19-21, 2025

**September 19 - 21, 2025**



**Open to General Public**

Adults \$10 Students \$5  
Seniors/Military \$8 3 & Under Free

**All General Aircraft Welcome!**

**Friday, Sept 19th**

10 am Opening ceremony  
All Day Museum Open  
Museum Scavenger Hunt  
Biplane Rides  
Gift Basket Raffle  
Food Trucks (10am - 3pm)  
Kids Area (4 - 7pm)  
Touch-A-Truck  
5pm FOP Serving Free Hotdogs  
6pm Powered Paramotors  
7pm Museum Closes  
7pm Outdoor Family Movie (Bring chairs, Popcorn Provided!)

**Saturday, Sept 20th**

8:30am Pancake Breakfast  
9am Opening Ceremony  
All Day Museum Open  
Museum Scavenger Hunt  
Gift Basket Raffle  
Biplane Rides  
Food Trucks (10am - 5pm)  
Kid's Area (10am - 2pm)  
Parade of WACO Planes  
2pm Flour drop Contest  
3pm Museum Closes  
5pm Catered Dinner (Support the Museum with the Purchase of your Tickets!)

**Sunday, Sept 21st**

9am Opening ceremony  
All Day Museum Open  
Museum Scavenger Hunt  
Biplane and Helicopter Rides  
Food Trucks (10am - 3pm)  
Kid's Area (10am - 12pm)  
12pm Flour Drop Contest  
1pm RC Airshow and Candy Drop  
5pm Museum Closes

Scan QR Code to Register for Ticketed Events! Or call (937)-335-9226.



WACO Air Museum & Learning Center  
1865 S. County Rd. 25A  
Troy, OH 4537  
937-335-9226  
[www.wacoairmuseum.org](http://www.wacoairmuseum.org)

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



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## Lunch & Learn Lecture

**September 17, 2025, 11:30 am**  
**Harmon Museum Armstrong Conference Center**

Caroline Scott Harrison: First Lady & First DAR President

SPEAKER: Character actor, Joyce Lovins Browning

Harmon Museum Armstrong Conference Center • (121 S. Broadway, Lebanon, OH)

COST: \$25 for WCHS members / \$30 for non-members.

(Includes lunch, lecture & museum admission)

Program without lunch \$5 for members / \$8 for non-members.

Ticket sales close at midnight the Thursday night prior to the event. If you would like lunch, reservations MUST be made by this time. Tickets for the lecture ONLY option will be available up until the event or may be purchased at the door. There is a small fee associated with the sale of tickets online.

11:00am - Seating/Open Museum | 11:30am - Lunch Served | 12:00pm (noon) - Speaker

ORDER TICKETS at:

<https://ticketstripe.com/events/1977107731714584>



Harmon Museum & Armstrong Gallery of Flight

Warren County Historical Society

Address: 105 S. Broadway, Lebanon, OH 45036 Phone: 513-932-1817

<https://www.wchsmuseum.org/armstronggallery.html>

<https://www.wchsmuseum.org/harmonmuseum.html>

For much more on the Armstrong Gallery of Flight see the blog page on the Harmon Museum website and scroll down to the post of 4/19/24: <https://www.wchsmuseum.org/blog>

*The Harmon Museum Armstrong Gallery of Flight is a site on the Aviation Trail*



## Girls in Aviation & STEM Day

**September 28, 2025 - 10:00 to 3:00 pm**

by Girls in Aviation & STEM Day at the National Museum of the United States Air Force™ \*

Hosted in partnership with National Aviation Hall of Fame, Women in Aviation's Huffman Prairie Chapter, Girl Scouts of Western Ohio, UDRI Fastlane, SOCHE, and Technology First.

Join the National Aviation Hall of Fame September 28, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. for Girls in Aviation & Stem Day! This free day-long experience is designed to inspire curiosity and confidence in young girls ages 6-17 to explore careers in aviation and STEM fields through hands-on activities, meeting with female role models in aviation, and learning about various career paths beyond just piloting.

For more details go to:

[https://secure.lgforms.com/form\\_engine/s/yKdJX1\\_3DFKqBqz55qNiw](https://secure.lgforms.com/form_engine/s/yKdJX1_3DFKqBqz55qNiw)

\*Offered by the National Aviation Hall of Fame and its supporters and partners. Federal Endorsement Not Implied.



National Museum of the US Air Force, 1100 Spaatz St, Wright-Patterson AFB, OH 45433,  
National Aviation Hall of Fame, 1100 Spaatz St., Dayton, OH 45433 (937) 256-0944,  
[www.nationalaviation.org](http://www.nationalaviation.org)

The National Museum of the United States Air Force™ is site #5 on the Aviation Trail.  
The National Aviation Hall of Fame is Site #6 on the Aviation Trail



## Rocket Day at

**National Museum of the United States Air Force™**

**Sept. 27, 2025; 10 am-3 pm**



Blast Off into Fun at Rocket Day 2025! Join us for an out-of-this-world experience at the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force during our annual Rocket Day—a FREE event packed with hands-on activities, interactive demonstrations, and high-flying excitement for all ages! Budding engineers and space enthusiasts can build and launch their own model rockets and explore the science behind spaceflight through STEM demos, and much more. More details—including scheduled activities and presentations—will be

available soon. Until then, mark your calendar and follow us at <https://www.nationalmuseum.af.mil/Upcoming/Events>.

Rocket building happens rain or shine, while supplies last. Rocket launches are weather dependent.

Made possible through the generous support of the Air Force Museum Foundation. (Federal Endorsement Not Implied.)

*The National Museum of the U.S. Air Force, located at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base near Dayton, Ohio, is the world's largest military aviation museum. With free admission and parking, the museum features more than 350 aerospace vehicles and missiles and thousands of artifacts amid more than 19 acres of indoor exhibit space. Each year thousands of visitors from around the world come to the museum. For more information, visit [www.nationalmuseum.af.mil](http://www.nationalmuseum.af.mil).*



**NATIONAL MUSEUM  
OF THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE™**

National Museum of the U.S. Force  
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[www.nationalmuseum.af.mil](http://www.nationalmuseum.af.mil)

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# National Aviation Hall of Fame 61st Enshrinement

**September 19, 2025 • 6:00-10:00 PM  
B-29 Doc Hangar, Wichita, KS**



**The Countdown is On!**

The prestigious National Aviation Hall of Fame's 61st Enshrinement Ceremony is just around the corner, and we don't want you to miss out on this incredible event. Join us on Friday, September 19, 2025, to celebrate the legends of aviation who have shaped our skies and inspired generations. This is more than just an event; it's a celebration of history, innovation, and the pioneering spirit that drives us all.

## Introducing the Class of 2025

We are thrilled to announce the induction of the Class of 2025 into the National Aviation Hall of Fame, a momentous occasion that pays tribute to the extraordinary achievements of remarkable aviation pioneers. Each of these inductees embodies the spirit of innovation, courage, and commitment that has shaped the history of aviation, and we invite you to join us in celebrating their legacies. Engage with the Hall of Fame through membership, event attendance, or supporting our mission, and become part of a vibrant community that honors the pioneers of the skies and inspires the future of aerospace.

## We proudly welcome six aviation pioneers into the Hall of Fame:

Frank D. Robinson - has revolutionized rotorcraft aviation with his iconic Robinson R22 and R44 helicopters, serving both personal and commercial needs.

Phoebe Fairgrave Omlie - shattered barriers as the first woman to earn an FAA aircraft mechanic's license, paving the way for future generations of women in aviation and public service.

Gen. Lloyd W. "Fig" Newton, USAF (Ret.) - not only made history as the first African American pilot in the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds but also exemplified leadership as a highly decorated Air Force veteran.

Dr. Mae Jemison - a NASA astronaut and physician, broke ground as the first African American woman to journey into space, inspiring countless individuals to pursue their dreams.

John J. Goglia - has championed aviation safety and maintenance standards, being the first FAA-certified mechanic to serve on the National Transportation Safety Board.

Julie Clark - has captivated audiences as an acclaimed aerobatic performer and commercial airline captain, dedicating over 40 years to flying excellence and serving as a true ambassador for aviation. For details on exclusive Enshrinement Sponsor opportunities, contact Aimee Maruyama at [amaruyama@nationalaviation.org](mailto:amaruyama@nationalaviation.org) or call (937) 256-0944 ext. 11.

**Act Now! Ensure your place at this landmark event. Seats are filling up fast, and we don't want you to miss your chance to be part of aviation history.**

## Tickets and Sponsorship:

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



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# Aviation Trail Membership Reminder



## 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 2025.

Online credit card payments may be made from our website. Secure payments are made through PayPal.

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



To print a mail-in membership/donation form use this link:

[file:///E:/Documents/ATI/Membership/membership%20print%20form\\_c.pdf](file:///E:/Documents/ATI/Membership/membership%20print%20form_c.pdf)

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

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# Aviation Trail Gift Shop



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.



Gift items include: T-Shirts, Tumblers, Caps, Lapel Pins, Magnets, Art Prints, Note Cards, & McCook Field Book.

See the GIFT SHOP menu item on the ATI website at: <https://www.aviationtrailinc.org/> or scan the QR code.

