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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

Congratulations to Carillon Park

Carillon Park Wins Gold at 2025 OMA Visual Communication Awards

DAYTON, Ohio — The Ohio Museums Association (OMA) has announced the recipients of the 2025 OMA Visual Communication Awards.

Carillon Historical Park has earned a Gold Award for *A Living Landmark: The Story of Carillon Historical Park*, a limited-edition illustrated book commemorating the museum's 75th anniversary.



Written by Vice President of Museum Operations Alex Heckman and Curator Steve Lucht — who together have dedicated 45 years to Carillon Park — *A Living Landmark* chronicles the people, events, and circumstances that transformed an isolated swamp into a nationally significant 65-acre open-air museum. The deeply researched, hardbound, 222-page coffee table book is available for \$35 in the Carillon Park Museum Store.

The OMA Awards program annually honors outstanding contributions by Ohio museums and museum professionals in visual communications, individual and institutional achievement, and the advancement of Ohio's museum community. Winners are selected through a rigorous nomination process recognizing those who have gone above and beyond to serve their communities and the profession.

The 2025 award winners were recognized at the Annual OMA Awards Dinner, held April 19 at the Embassy Suites Dublin, in conjunction with OMA's 2026 Annual Conference.

Dayton History, a privately funded nonprofit, owns and operates Carillon Historical Park, Hawthorn Hill, and Patterson Homestead. Its mission is to inspire generations by connecting them with the unique people, places, and events that changed the Dayton region and the world. For more information, visit daytonhistory.org.



Dayton History
1000 Carillon Blvd.
Dayton, OH 45409
<https://www.daytonhistory.org>

Carillon Historical Park is Site #4 on the Aviation Trail



Open Cockpit Days at Tri-State Warbird Museum

June 6 @ 11:00 am - 12:30 pm



COME, IMAGINE,
AND DISCOVER WITH US!

- THE PARASOL
- TWEETY THE T-6

June 6, 2026
11:00A - 12:30P



www.tswm.org

Come, imagine and discover with us!

Our Open Cockpit Day gives you the chance to get up close and personal with some of our amazing aircraft!

Kids will have the unique opportunity to sit in the cockpits of our T-6 and Parasol. Don't miss this amazing chance to climb behind the stick and get a view of history!

The open cockpit experience is INCLUDED with admission and is free to members. Open Cockpit days makes for great photo opportunities.

Event Pricing: Adults \$12 Students \$7

Frequently Asked Questions: <https://www.tri-statewarbirdmuseum.org/learn/kids/open-cockpit-days-faqs/>

Program and Event Cancellations & Refund Policy

We regret that we cannot grant refunds for program and event registrations. If we must cancel a program or an event due to low enrollment, you will be given the option to move your registration to another program/event or receive a full refund. We reserve the right to cancel programs and events due to low enrollment or extreme weather. Registrants will be notified via email 24 hours prior if a program or event is cancelled.



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



National Aviation Hall of Fame

Discovering Flight with the NAHF Summer Camp Attention, Future Aviators!



The National Aviation Hall of Fame is proud to present a dynamic series of week-long summer camps. Each themed camp is a unique adventure, inviting campers to explore the past, present, and future of flight through hands-on LEGO® model building, interactive STEM challenges, and inspiring stories from aviation history.

From the Wright Brothers' first powered flight to the wonders of space exploration and modern innovations, campers will dive into fun projects that spark imagination, build critical thinking, and celebrate the pioneers who changed the skies—and beyond. Whether designing a custom aircraft, exploring the excitement of the Dayton Air Show, or planning a mission to Mars, each camp delivers a high-flying, creativity-fueled experience your child won't forget.

Mission Details:

June 8-12: Air Show
June 15-19: Adventures in Space
June 22-26: Innovations in Flight
July 6-10: Mission to Space
July 13-17: Flying with Legends
Time: 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Lunch: Campers bring their own lunch (box lunches are available for \$10)
TUITION: \$325** per child (Limited Need Based Scholarships Available)
AGES: 6 years old – 12 years old
LOCATION: Joe Clark Innovation Lab, National Aviation Hall of Fame
CAMP TUITION INCLUDES:
Official Discovering Flight T-Shirt
Camp Journal and Mission Stickers
Fieldtrips
Daily LEGO® Build Activities, Creative Challenges, Team collaboration, Themed Worksheets and Materials.
Certificate of Completion
Campers must be able to meet our Program Readiness & Participation Criteria (see full criteria here: Program Readiness & Participation Criteria)

See <https://nationalaviation.org/summer-camp/> for more camp information with an application form.



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



Lunch & Learn Lecture at Harmon Museum

Mid-Century Modern Style & Lebanon's Russel Wright; June 17 | 11:30am

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



In this talk, curator of the Harmon Museum's Mid-Century Modern Exhibit, Donna Summers, explores the Mid-Century Modern movement and collaborative genius of designer Russel Wright and his wife, Mary Einstein.

Their philosophy of creating beautiful, functional, and accessible designs for everyday life shaped the Mid-Century Modern aesthetic beyond just furniture, but as a complete lifestyle. She will also discuss Wright's profound influence on the movement and his enduring legacy.

BUY TICKETS AT:

<https://ticketstripe.com/LandLJune26>

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

(Includes lunch, lecture & museum admission)

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

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



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



B-25 Champaign Gal Rides

at Champaign Aviation Museum

Hear the roar of twin radial engines, feel the thrill of soaring like a WWII bomber crew, explore the aircraft nose to tail, and treasure the flight experience of a lifetime!



Saturday, June 6th starting at 10:00am | Champaign Aviation Museum (Grimes Field, I74)

Saturday, August 22nd starting at 10:00am | Champaign Aviation Museum (Grimes Field, I74)

Reserve Your Seat Here: <https://champaign-aviation-museum.square.site>



Champaign Aviation Museum
1652 N. Main St., Urbana, OH 43078
937-652-4710

ChampaignAviationMuseum.org

Champaign Aviation Museum is Site #13 on the Aviation Trail



Stearman Fly-In - June 19 - 21



A colorful lineup of historic Stearman biplanes will visit the Museum this summer during a new Stearman Fly-In, bringing dozens of these classic trainer aircraft to the flightline. Organizers expect between 40-50 aircraft, making it one of the largest gatherings of aircraft to visit the Museum.



Originally designed by Lloyd Stearman for the civilian market, the aircraft later became the military's Kaydet primary trainer. Variants such as the PT-13, PT-17, and PT-18 helped train thousands of U.S. Army Air Forces pilots during World War II, introducing a generation of aviators to the fundamentals of military flight before they advanced to fighters and bombers.

Aircraft are scheduled to arrive Friday, June 19, and depart early on Sunday, June 21, and will be on static display behind Memorial Park.

As with any gathering of historic aircraft, arrival times, departures, and public viewing hours are subject to change due to weather or maintenance considerations.
<https://www.nationalmuseum.af.mil/Upcoming/Events/>

National Museum of the U.S. Force | 1100 Spaatz St
Wright-Patterson AFB, OH 45433
www.nationalmuseum.af.mil

The National Museum of the United States Air Force™ is site #5 on the Aviation Trail



Talk and Tour at Armstrong Air & Space Museum

Armstrong's Flights - June 18 & June 20 at 2:00 -4:00pm

Talk & Tour
MONTHLY MUSEUM PROGRAM SERIES

Join Space Historian Greg Brown in the STEM Inspiration Center and outdoors for an engaging presentation on the fascinating history of the museum's four iconic craft. Learn about their history, missions, and the important roles they played in aviation and space history.

After the presentation, continue your journey through aerospace history with a guided tour, offering deeper insights into the museum's exhibits and artifacts.

Presentation begins at 2:00 PM in the STEM Inspiration Center
Guided tour begins at 3:00 PM
No RSVP is required. This programming is complimentary with that day's admission. All ages welcome!

Questions contact: 419-738-8869; programs@armstrongmuseum.org
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<https://www.armstrongmuseum.org/talkandtour>

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



Parachutes in the News
PRESENTED BY THE AVIATION TRAIL PARACHUTE MUSEUM



UK Provides Emergency Air Drop

Medical Personnel Parachute to Remote Island

Recent news stories have featured the outbreak of Hantavirus, the life-threatening respiratory illness that occurred when a cruise ship visited the remote island of Tristan da Cunha in April. The island has no air strip and is normally only accessible by boat. Medical resources are meager; thus, an air drop was only way to get medical support and supplies.



Photo by UK Ministry of Defence

On May 9, an Airbus A400M Atlas plane flew from Ascension Island to drop eight military personnel by parachute and 3.3 tons of medical supplies in three batches. This was the first ever emergency airdrop onto Tristan da Cunha. The chosen personnel were a British Army Pathfinder Platoon from 16 Air Assault Brigade — six paratroopers and two passengers, a consultant doctor and an ICU military nurse. They jumped in two groups from 7,000 ft, about 3 miles out over the sea, drifting backwards in the wind. The first group landed near the Back Fence; the second landed on the island's 9-hole golf course next to the settlement, Tristan da Cunha. Quite an extraordinary logistical feat to reach the world's most remote inhabited island in a medical emergency. See below for link to full story.

Click the link below to see the full report and photos on the Tristan da Cunha website:

<https://www.tristandc.com/government/news-2026-05-11-airdrop.php>



Presented by The Aviation Trail Parachute Museum
16 South Williams Street
Dayton, OH 45402

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

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



Center Point Energy Dayton Air Show presented by Kroger

JUNE 13-14, 2026, Dayton International Airport



After an incredible 51st celebration, the CenterPoint Energy Dayton Air Show Presented by Kroger is primed and ready to welcome back the U.S. Navy Blue Angels to Dayton!

As always, the air show will feature food and fun for fans of all ages. Seating is limited and typically sells out well in advance of the event.

See <https://daytonairshow.com> for information and tickets.



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 2026.**

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.

We continue to promote the "Wilbear Wright"® passport program. This program has been extremely popular with youth as it was intended, but frequently with adults as well! We have distributed over 15,000 free, "Wilbear Wright"® teddy bears since the program began, and we are extending the program through Dec. 31, 2026.

We continue to expand the ATI parachute collection (already noted by the Smithsonian Air & Space Museum as one of the largest, if not the largest, in the country) with major donations of ejection seats, and additional parachute equipment, and hope to expand the museum to display more of the collection. We plan to renovate the Pekin Theater and Fish Market buildings which ATI owns immediately adjacent to our Aviation Trail Visitor Center to accommodate the expansion.

We also are about to publish the "Field Guide to Flight" for the third time with significantly increased photos and additional Trail sites added since it's last publication.

Your membership support is critical in assisting us with these projects and our promotion of the aviation heritage of our region. Please visit our website at www.aviationtrailinc.org to keep up to date with events sponsored by ATI and our partners throughout our region.

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

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

Donations to Aviation Trail, Inc., a 501(c)3 organization, in partnership with the National Park Service to promote Aviation Heritage in the Dayton region, are fully tax deductible.

Aviation Trail Gift Shop



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



Shirts



Collectable Art Prints



Caps



Tumblers



Magnets



Pins



New Souvenir Sign 7" x 9" aluminum "Support the Trail"

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.