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## AVIATION TRAIL, INC.

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Dear friend of Aviation Trail:

We are asking you to consider becoming a member today, or to renew or upgrade your membership.

This year ATI is in its 41<sup>st</sup> year of promoting (and bragging about) our region's phenomenal aviation heritage, and continues to move forward with new and exciting ideas and projects.

Please note on our brochure that 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 nearly 15,000 free, "Wilbear Wright" teddy bears since the program began, and we are extending the program through July 1, 2024 when a new brochure will detail the program changes for the future.

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). We have received a donation of 22 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. Enclosed is a copy of the new ATI brochure and a membership/donation card. This information is also available on our website, [www.aviationtrailinc.org](http://www.aviationtrailinc.org) where you can keep up to date with events sponsored by ATI & our partners throughout our region.

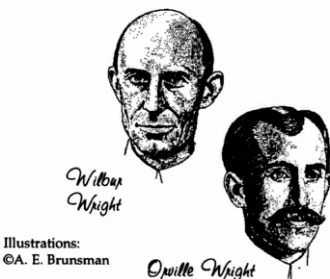
We remain committed to upholding our mission of aviation awareness, documentation and restoration in our region. We need your support to be more than "The Birthplace of Aviation," but also the premier locale in the country to experience aviation history and ongoing development.

Please help us keep the Dayton area in the forefront of the world's aviation history, leadership and preservation. Thank you for your past and present support.

*\* Get out on the Trail and earn your own bear!*

Sincerely,

**Aviation Trail, Inc.  
Board of Trustees**



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The Aviation Trail connects 47 historical aviation sites which tell the story of Dayton's and the Miami Valley's significant contributions to flight.

As long as men fly . . . wherever they journey through space . . . their flights began in Dayton, Ohio. *The Birthplace of Aviation.*