



# Aviation Trail, Inc.

News and Updates from "The Trail"

*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.

"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](http://www.AviationTrailInc.org)

## Huffman Prairie Flying Field Temporarily Closed for Repairs

*The US Air Force is upgrading the HVAC system*

The Huffman Prairie Flying Field Interpretive Center building (Site # 3b on the Aviation Trail), had re-opened as of May 12, 2021, but now has **closed** while the US Air Force upgrades the HVAC system. (The **outdoor spaces**, at the Huffman Prairie Flying Field, and the Wright Brothers Memorial, remain open to the public). The park phone number is (937) 225-7705.



## Woodland Resumes In-person Guided Tours

*Sunset Tour at the Cemetery*

Join us for a Sunset Tour at the Cemetery on select evenings throughout the summer. More dates will be added soon so check back often ([woodlandcemetery.org](http://woodlandcemetery.org)). Reservations are required and you can sign up at <https://planned2give.networkforgood.com/events/30529-woodland-cemetery-sunset-in-the-park-tours>

More tours: For opportunities for self guided tours, private group tours, and Woodland bus tours, see the Woodland website "tours-and-events" page at <https://woodlandcemetery.org/tours-and-events/>. A list of various tours is shown on the page, with information for reservations. There is also a link on that page for downloading an app for the self guided tours.



Woodland Cemetery is a National and State Historic Landmark, considered to be among the loveliest rural cemeteries as well as a unique cultural resource for the residents of Dayton in addition to the visitors of the area. With close to 200 acres to roam, over 3000 trees to enjoy and a multitude of historic figures to discover. Learning about the history of Dayton, Ohio is truly a discovery of American history and ingenuity.

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*Woodland Cemetery and Arboretum is site #8 on the Aviation Trail.*

## Paul Laurence Dunbar House Historic Site

*Re-opened as of June 18, 2021*

Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park, in partnership with the Ohio History Connection, and Dayton History are pleased to announce the Paul Laurence Dunbar House Historic Site has re-opened to the public as of Friday, June 18, 2021. Come take a tour, get your NPS passport stamped, and learn about the life and work of Paul Laurence Dunbar!



The visitor center and house will be open Friday through Monday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Tours of the historic house will be held once an hour, on the half hour, beginning at 10:30 am; the last tour of the day will begin at 3:30 pm.

Reservations are encouraged, but not required. To schedule a tour, please e-mail Brad Sauls at: [bradley\\_sauls@nps.gov](mailto:bradley_sauls@nps.gov). There is no fee to tour the facility.

Masks or facial coverings for fully vaccinated individuals are not required in accordance with guidance from the CDC.

For additional information about the Paul Laurence Dunbar House Historic Site, please visit: [www.nps.gov/places/dunbar-house.htm](http://www.nps.gov/places/dunbar-house.htm) or e-mail: [jewel\\_harris@nps.gov](mailto:jewel_harris@nps.gov).

To learn more about Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park, please visit: [www.nps.gov/daav](http://www.nps.gov/daav).

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*The Paul Dunbar House Historic Site is Site# 2 on the Aviation Trail*

## Open Cockpit WACO Bi-Plane Rides

*August 13 - 15, September 17-19, October 16 & 17*

WACO Air Museum  
1865 S. County Rd. 25A  
Troy, Ohio 45373



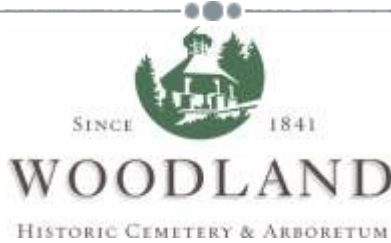
What better way to kick off your summer than a ride in an open-cockpit bi-plane. It's the experience of a lifetime! A ride gift certificate makes a wonderful present for that hard to shop for person. Call the museum for more information. 937-335-9226 or order your certificate at [www.wacoairmuseum.org](http://www.wacoairmuseum.org)

*The WACO Air Museum is Site #11 on the Aviation Trail*

# Woodland Cemetery & Arboretum Flag Day Story

**Woodland newsletter features a story about Dayton's first flag and its aviation theme**

See the story below as presented by Woodland Cemetery & Arboretum in their June email newsletter. Woodland is site #8 on the Aviation Trail. Go to the Woodland website at <https://woodlandcemetery.org> to subscribe to their newsletter. *Story Courtesy of Woodland Cemetery & Arboretum.*



## National Flag Day

On June 14th, National Flag Day honors Old Glory and commemorates the adoption of the United States flag on June 14, 1777.

## Mabel Hyer Griep

She designed the original Dayton flag and is resting peacefully at Woodland Cemetery.

It was through the directors at the Greater Dayton Association (GDA) that a flag design was submitted to the Dayton City Commission for adoption by ordinance and it was on August 2, 1917.

On June 11, 1916 in an article from the *Dayton Daily News* the flag was described as "distinctive in colors" and that the GDA recommended it "for all future use in local decorations." The article went on to say that the colors of the flag were blue, white and gold, with the gold being of a deep orange. The colors were not meant to represent anything in particular but it was stated that the blue could mean loyalty; white, civic righteousness; and the gold the agricultural resources or the wealth of the city. The flag consisted of three vertical bars: orange, white, orange. On the field of white an "aeroplane in flight and the word "Dayton" within the circle."

"The use of the aeroplane was governed by the idea that the science of aerial flight typifies the greatest advance in man's progress and that therefore Dayton is in the front rank of progressive cities."

Miss Hyer was urged by her supervisor to submit a design. She knew that the design would need to incorporate an airplane so drawing on her youth and friendship with the niece of the Wright Brothers, Ivonette Wright, she remembered the hours she and Miss Wright would spend in the bicycle shop where the first experiments with planes took place. It also helped that the original Wright plane was on display at the Delco Electrical Expedition in February 1916, so she went there, sketched the plane and completed her design. While sketching the plane, she overheard two bystanders making accusations that she was a German spy. She would always laugh when she told that story.

Mrs. Griep went on to be an active member of the Dayton Art Institute and she helped establish the Dayton Society of Painters and Sculptors. After 40-plus years of teaching art in the Dayton school system, she retired in 1962.

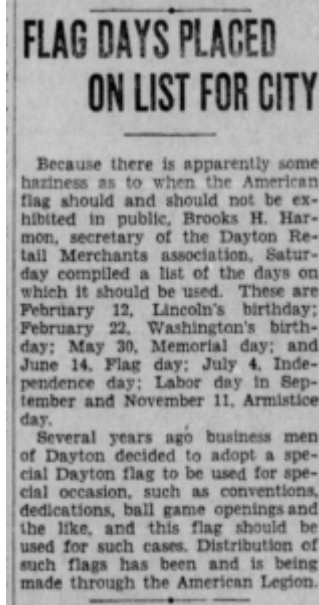
Mable (Hyer) Griep was born on May 2, 1896 in Dayton and died on May 30, 1994 in Miamisburg at the age of 98. She rests peacefully in Woodland in Section 107 Lot 3675.



Photo of Miss Mabel Hyer from the 1917 Steele High School Yearbook Faculty page.



In December 1943, Mrs. Mabel (Hyer) Griep holds the flag that she designed in 1916.



*The Dayton Herald*  
Saturday, April 28, 1928

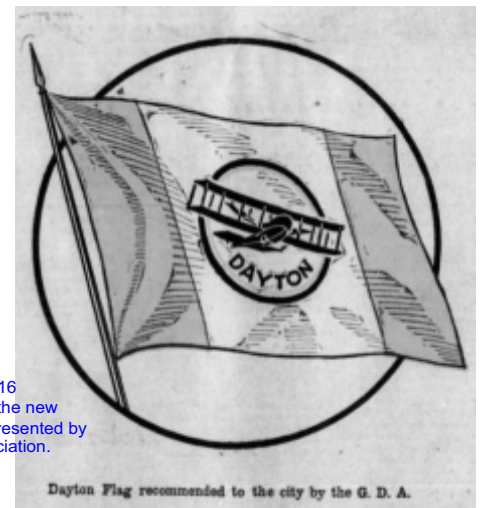


*Dayton Daily News*

The flag was designed by Mabel Hyer, a member of Steele High School graduating class of 1914. By 1916, Miss Hyer was working as an assistant in the art department at Steele.

In April 1942, Mayor Frank Krebs appealed to the patriotism of Daytonians by urging those with the American flag to display them on Army Day, April 6th. Brooks Harmon (mentioned in the above article and still secretary of the Dayton Retail Merchants Association) was urging those with the Dayton flag to display it as well.

"We are in troublesome times and our army means far more to us than ever. It is the least we can do to show our appreciation, our loyalty and our patriotism by displaying the American flag in front of our homes and places of business," stated Krebs.



Sunday, June 11, 1916  
The first showing of what the new Dayton flag will look like as presented by the Greater Dayton Association.

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## WACO Summer Stem Camps

*It's not too late to register!*



Don't let summer fly by without investing in your child's future in one or more of our esteemed summer STEM camps.

**AVIATION SUMMER ACADEMY** (5th-8th grade) July 6-9, 8:30am-3pm.

This 4-day course will enrich our students' science and technology base by exposing them to all things aviation. Through hands-on learning and fun we will walk them through the history, theory, and science of aviation. Ground school instruction and simulators prepare them for an introductory flight in a real airplane. Whether this sparks their interest in a future career in aviation or just deepens their knowledge and love of all things flying, our Aviation Summer Academy is an invaluable experience!

**DRONE CAMP I** (4th-6th) August 3-5, 9 am-noon

**DRONE CAMP II** (7th-9th) August 3-5, 1pm-4pm

Campers will learn of the exciting technologies and uses of drones. They will fly simulators and real aircraft, program flights, conduct missions, and analyze airborne collected data. Aerial obstacle courses and scavenger hunts will add fun elements to their learning experience.

**FUN WITH FLIGHT** (1st-3rd) August 9-13, 9am-11am

With young aviators in mind, this camp uses a collection of STEM learning activities based on aviation-themed children's books. Hands-on activities will engage your child as they make discoveries from a glider's form and function to an airplane's force and thrust. Our little campers have so much fun they don't even realize how much they are learning!

WACO Air Museum & Learning Center 1865 S. County Rd. 25A

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[www.wacoairmuseum.org](http://www.wacoairmuseum.org)

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## Trail Sites Opening Status

**Updated Status of Aviation Trail sites regarding visitors during the COVID-19 precautions**

Most of the Aviation Trail sites are now open, with COVID precautions in place, and some with limited hours. Since conditions at each venue can change quickly, it is suggested that visitors check each site's current status by using the [TRAIL SITES](#) page on the Aviation Trail website to find the contact information (website and phone) of each respective site.

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-1>. Before traveling to a site on the Aviation Trail, please verify that site's status by contacting that site (see above). For sites that are open, refer to their individual websites for days and hours.



## Aviation Trail Gift Shop

*CLICK the image below to visit the Aviation Trail gift shop page online store*



*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.*



## Aviation Trail Memberships & Donations

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



### Membership

- Join
- Renew
- Donate

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

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.

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





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## Yes! I want to support Aviation Trail, Inc.

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City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (W) \_\_\_\_\_ (C) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address (to receive online newsletter) \_\_\_\_\_

(Name to be used for recognition if different than above) \_\_\_\_\_

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

### 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.

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