



# Aviation Trail, Inc.

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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.

"The Flight Log" -

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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)

## Gliders in Combat During WWII

### WACO Lecture Series

Thursday, September 16, 2021 • Doors open at 6:30 p.m., lecture starts at 7 p.m.

WACO Historical Society Aviation Lecture Series  
WACO Air Museum, 1865 South County Road 25A, Troy, Ohio 45373



The first use of gliders in combat, reportedly, took place at the start of the invasion of the German Army into Holland, Belgium & France in May of 1940. The use of stealth glider airplanes operating behind enemy lines is not known to many of us. It took courage to fly in a WACO build CG-4A or similar types of gliders.

The story about the glider troops is one that should not be forgotten. In WWII gliders participated in several major battles in Europe and a spectacular rescue of Americans who crashed in New Guinea, in a place they called Shangri-La.

The lecture is presented by Bill Albers who is a volunteer at the WACO Air Museum and is a frequent guest lecturer about World War II subjects. Bill Albers is Dutch-American who survived WWII and shares his knowledge about World War II so we don't forget what happened during WWII.



To learn more about the fascinating subjects of WWII and others join us on September 16th. It is the start of the WACO Air Museum 2021-2022 lecture series.

All aviation lectures are free and open to the public and are held in the Willis Wing of the WACO Air Museum at 1865 South County Road 25A in Troy, OH. Programs are scheduled to last one hour with questions to follow. Donations to the WACO Air Museum are accepted.

For questions, please call 937-335-9226 or visit [www.wacoairmuseum.org](http://www.wacoairmuseum.org).

*Historic WACO Field and Airplane Museum Site #11 on the Aviation Trail*

## Open Aircraft Day at NMUSAF

Saturday, September 11, 2021

### Look inside the cockpit of the RF-101C Voodoo

The National Museum of the U.S. Air Force will continue to provide the unique opportunity for visitors to get an up-close look inside a different aircraft from the collection each month on select days.



Visitors can look inside the cockpit of the RF-101C Voodoo on Saturday, Sept. 11. The first Voodoo, an F-101A fighter version, made its initial flight in Sept. 1954. The F-101 lineage included several versions: low-altitude fighter-bomber, photo reconnaissance, two-seat interceptor and transition trainer. Visitors will also have the opportunity to speak with Chief Master Sgt. Arthur "Pete" Petrini, a museum volunteer and former F-101 crew chief.

The schedule of aircraft to be opened each month will be announced in advance on a quarterly basis. For a list of the open aircraft dates, visit <https://www.nationalmuseum.af.mil/Upcoming/Events/>.

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).



*The National Museum of the United States Air Force is Site #5 on the Aviation Trail.*



# Warbird Flying Showcase

Tri-State Warbird Museum Events; Sept. 17 & 18



**Taking Flight Gala**  
September 17 @ 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm



**Warbird Flying Showcase**  
September 18 @ 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm



The Warbird Flying Showcase is a Festival of Warbirds! Please bring your own chairs to this event. It will take place on the back ramp and lawn behind the Museum. Food trucks and beverages will be available for purchase!

- Free with a Gala ticket
- Stand alone ticket \$50
- Member discount 10%

The Taking Flight Gala is an event that draws the attention of corporate and philanthropic leaders across the Tri-State area. Guests are invited to cocktails in the museum's Hangar 1 and an aerial demo of WWII aircraft before enjoying a delicious three-course dinner in Hangar 2. As TSMW's largest fundraiser, the Gala raises money each year to benefit the Museum's general operating fund and support the restoration and ongoing maintenance of WWII aircraft.

For details & pricing contact the museum at (513) 735-4500

TRI-STATE WARBIRD MUSEUM  
4021 BORMAN DR, BATAVIA, OH 45103  
WEDNESDAYS: 4-7 | SATURDAYS: 10-3  
ADMISSION: \$12 | \$7 students / veterans  
[www.tri-statewarbirdmuseum.org](http://www.tri-statewarbirdmuseum.org)  
CALL: (513) 735-4500

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



# Festival of Flight

Aviation Trail Parachute Museum to Participate in  
Festival of Flight  
Saturday September 25, 2021 - Wright State University



An event more than 100 years in the making, the inaugural Festival of Flight is a celebration of the innovative and world-changing aviation heritage of Dayton and the Miami Valley region.

Representatives from the Aviation Trail Parachute Museum will be joining the live entertainment, fun aviation-related educational experiences. The 2021 Festival of Flight will be held in Lot 1 on Wright State University's Dayton campus just in front of the student union ([CLICK HERE](#) for map).

Join us on Saturday, September 25, on the grounds of Wright State University for a day full of live entertainment, fun aviation-related educational experiences, and creative local innovations. Grab food from some of the area's most popular food trucks, dance to favorite local bands, and bring the family to explore the Kids Zone.

Aviation Trail and the Parachute Museum will be raising parachutes and celebrating the 102nd Anniversary of the first freefall. Try on a parachute (no jumping allowed). Plenty of thrills! Safe for all ages.  
<https://www.aviationtrailinc.org/parachute-museum>



For updates, and more on the Festival of Flight see <https://festivalofflight.org/>



# WACO Fly-In 2021



• RIDES • EXHIBITS • "PARADE OF WACOS" • RC DEMOS • CANDY DROP • BANQUET • SILENT AUCTION •

All Day / Every Day	Fri Sep 17	Sat Sep 18	Sun Sep 19
<b>WACO Rides</b>	8:00 Plane rides all day	Plane rides all day	Car Show (TBA)
<b>Museum</b>	9:00 Flag Raising	Flag Raising	Plane rides all day
<b>Displays &amp; Exhibits</b>	10:00 Aircraft Arrivals	Kid's Activities 10-2	Kid's Activities 10-2
<b>Photo Ops</b>	11:00		Dayton Ultralights 11-2
<b>Kids Activities</b>	12:00 (View Aircraft, talk to pilots)	Paper Rockets	Paper Rockets
	2:00 (all day)	Parade of WACOs	Care Flight
	3:00	RC demo - Candy Drop	
	4:00	Rides End	
	5:00 Field Closed	Field Closed	Field Closed
	6:00	Fly-In Banquet	

Kids Activities: Pedal Planes, Plane Train, Whirlycopters and paper rockets!

### Admission:

Adults: Daily \$6.00, Weekend Pass \$10.00 • Students: Daily \$3.00, Weekend Pass \$6.00  
Child (under 4) free

**Historic WACO Airfield and Museum**  
1865 S County Rd 25A ☆ Troy Ohio 45373  
937 335-9226 ☆ [www.wacoairmuseum.org](http://www.wacoairmuseum.org)

General Aviation fly-ins welcome, admitted free!  
Airport Designator: 1WF, CTAF 122.9  
A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL AVIATION HERITAGE AREA

WACO Fly-In 2021

When: September 17-19 9 am - 5 pm

Where: WACO Air Museum, Troy OH

Come and help us celebrate the Golden Age of Aviation. We are expecting 50 – 75 vintage aircraft to visit our field, planes designed in the 30's to just before WWII! The WACO Air is holding its 25th annual Fly-in to honor that period. The Fly In will be open September 18-20 from 9 – 5 daily. Bi-plane rides. Children's activities on Saturday. RC Demonstrations, Ultra-Light aircraft and a visit from Care Flight. Food trucks allow you to spend the day.

Support has been provided by Ohio Humanities, the National Endowment for the Humanities, and the federal CARES Act of 2020. WACO Air Museum is located at 1865 S. County Rd. 25A in Troy. Call 937-335-9226 for more information.

[CLICK HERE](#) to download the Flyer for the event.

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

Historic WACO Airfield and Museum is Site #11 on the Aviation Trail



## "Dr. Drone" Featured on Podcast

Sinclair College's National Unmanned Aerial Systems Training & Certification Center



"A Greater Dayton with Dan Edwards" is an Arts & Culture podcast that features conversations with Dayton's unsung, hometown heroes who inform, inspire and entertain.

The July 28, 2021 podcast is *An Uplifting Conversation with Dr Drone*, Sinclair's Dr. Andrew D. Shepherd. (Dr. Shepherd is in the center of the above photo).

It's a look into the future of Unmanned Aerial Systems led by Dr. Andrew D. Shepherd, Executive Director and Chief Scientist at Sinclair College. They discuss the financial impact UAS training and testing is having in driving our economy into future and how the Dayton region is quickly becoming known all over the world as the Silicon Valley for UAS technologies. (Duration:00:30:40)

<https://tunein.com/podcasts/Arts--Culture-Podcasts/A-Greater-Dayton-with-Dan-Edwards-p1229608/>



Located on the Sinclair College Dayton Campus in Building 13, the Sinclair National UAS Training and Certification Center and Aviation

Technology facilities lead the nation in Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) and traditional aviation training and education, applied research and development, consulting, and STEM outreach.

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<https://uas.sinclair.edu>

*The Sinclair National UAS Training and Certification Center is Site #17 on the Aviation Trail*



## 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.



## 14th Annual Dayton Concours d'Elegance

Sunday, September 19, 2021



The cars of the Roaring Twenties will be featured at the 14th Dayton Concours d'Elegance at Carillon Park on Sunday, September 19, 2021. In addition, Dayton's own drag racing legend and Motorsports Hall of Fame of American inductee "Ohio George" Montgomery will be the grand marshal. Montgomery will be on hand all day to greet guests and share his numerous drag racing stories. One of his famed Mustang gassers is scheduled to be on display.

Presented by AAA, the Concours is limited to 175 antique & classic automobiles and motorcycles, all displayed on the grounds of Carillon Historical Park. A few of the classics already confirmed include: a 1929 Duesenberg "J" Bohman & Schwartz Sedan, 1909 Packard Model 3 Runabout, 1928 Auburn 8-115 Speedster, 1957 Rolls-Royce Silver Cloud 1 Drophead, 1937 Humber Pullman Limousine, and a 1933 Pierce-Arrow 1236 Club Brougham.

The weekend kicks off on Saturday morning September 18 with a special edition of Dayton Cars and Coffee, held in front of the Carillon Brewing Co. It is free and open to all cars and motorcycles. Saturday evening will feature the Preview Party celebrating the Roarin' Twenties. The reservation-only party will preview some of the Concours automobiles and will feature a silent auction, entertainment, food stations, and a variety of bars serving adult beverages. The Art Pavilion will be open on Saturday evening and all day Sunday. David Snyder of Milford is the featured artist who will be joined by other nationally recognized automotive artists. Advance reservations and tickets for the Preview Party and Concours are now available [online](#) and at Carillon Park. Ticket prices are \$95 per person, \$85 for Dayton History members.

The Concours will be held from 10:30 am to 4:00 pm on Sunday. Cars and motorcycles will be judged for awards in 17 classes. In addition, a number of specialty awards are presented including the R. H. Grant Best of Show, Col. Edward Deeds Judge's Choice, Charles F. Kettering People's Choice, Jeffrey Siler Spirit Award, and The Hagerty Youth Judging Award. A Concours for hand-built model cars will be held in the Dicke Transportation Center. It also features a reunion of Fisher Body Craftsman's Guild modelers exhibiting their hand-built models from the 1950s and 1960s that embrace automotive design creativity.

Live entertainment and a variety of local food and beverages will be featured throughout the day. All exhibits at the park will be open. The parade of class-winning cars, motorcycles, and major award winners will be presented at 3:00 pm.

General admission is \$25 at the door, or \$20 in advance, \$10 for children (ages 3-17), children under age 3 and members of Dayton History are free. Proceeds from the Concours go directly to Carillon Park, a private non-profit organization established to preserve, share, and celebrate our region's history. The Park's 65-acre campus is home to over 30 historic structures and cares for over three million artifacts. In addition to Carillon Historical Park, the following sites rest under Dayton History's care: Carillon Brewing Co., Hawthorn Hill, Patterson Homestead, the Old Court House, the Mound Cold War Discovery Center, Memorial Hall, and the Archive Center.

For more information regarding the Concours, go online to [www.daytonconcours.com](http://www.daytonconcours.com) or call Dayton history at 937-293-2841.

Concours d'Elegance | [daytonconcours.com](http://daytonconcours.com) | 937-293-2841 | Carillon Historical Park | [daytonhistory.org](http://daytonhistory.org)

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



# NAHA 2021 Awards

## Congratulations to the recipients of the Wick Wright Award, the PROPS Award, and the Ivonette Wright Miller Award



The National Aviation Heritage Area annual meeting for 2021 was held at the Wright B Flyer hangar on August 10. Included on the agenda was the announcement of three annual NAHA awards. The awards were presented by NAHA Chair Ted Prasse, assisted by NAHA Executive Director Mackensie Wittmer, and Director of Marketing and Communications Elizabeth Connor. The award presentations are shown below.

### The Wick Wright Award:

The Wick Wright Award honors an individual or organization for outstanding support of a National Aviation Heritage Area partner or the Alliance as a whole.

This year's Wick Wright Award winner is the [Schiewetz Foundation](#).

The Schiewetz Foundation was nominated for the Wick Wright Award for their support rendered to Air Camp, Inc. In 2018, the foundation stepped into the role of lead donor for the Teachers Air Camp, a program specifically designed to expand Air Camp's national reach. The foundation recognized and embraced the Teachers Air Camp premise to provide educators with the Air Camp experience and tools needed to deliver curriculum content in their classrooms across the United States. Originally created in 2015, the Teachers Air Camp has grown over the last six years.



In 2021, Teachers Air Camps served teachers from 27 states plus Puerto Rico impacting 75-150 students per teacher. This support impacts several Heritage Area partners as Teachers Air Camp visits Heritage Area sites during the camp experience.

### The PROPS Award:

The PROPS Award goes to a National Aviation Heritage Area partner for outstanding support of one or more other National Aviation Heritage Area partners.

This year's PROPS Award goes to [Aviation Trail Inc.](#)

This nomination was submitted by Susan Richardson who acknowledged the many ways Aviation Trail, Inc is a critical partner for the National Aviation Heritage Alliance (NAHA). Their Wilbear Program has encouraged thousands of young children to explore many NAHA partners' sites, with the promise to be rewarded with the much-appreciated stuffed Wilbear teddy bear. It has been a hugely successful program and has increased visitors to our heritage sites, many of whom may not have otherwise visited. Beyond their Wilbear Program, Aviation Trail publishes a newsletter, which includes timely reports of many partners' status throughout the COVID pandemic. In addition, they include interesting aviation heritage stories and promote partner events. It is available on their website to the public and provides outstanding support to Heritage Area organizations. The PROPS Award goes to a National Aviation Heritage Area partner for outstanding support of one or more other National Aviation Heritage Area partners.



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### The Ivonette Wright Miller Award:

The Ivonette Wright Miller Award recognizes a lifetime volunteer in the service of aviation heritage. It is named for the niece of Wilbur and Orville Wright.

This year's recipient is [Nancy Horlacher](#). Nancy was nominated by Alex Heckman of Carillon Historical Park.

During her remarkable, 44-year career at the Dayton Metro Library, Nancy Horlacher established herself as one of the most sought-after sources for researchers of Dayton's unparalleled aviation history. Authors David McCullough, Mark Bernstein, Howard DuFour, Ann Honious, and Fred Fisk, among others, credited her expertise and support in their efforts to provide fresh insight into Dayton's most famous story.

Yet, it is Nancy's contributions as a community volunteer during the past 40 years that truly make her a worthy candidate for the Ivonette Wright Miller Award.

Nancy has volunteered thousands of hours of her time during the past several decades in the service of Aviation Trail Inc. As a Board member, officer, and a vocal champion of ATI, Nancy has done it all. She has recorded and distributed meeting minutes, edited newsletters, sent untold numbers of emails, proofread manuscripts, checked in guests at banquets and fundraisers, and, through it all, she has never stopped thinking of ways to share our aviation history.

Similarly, Nancy has been a driving force behind the Dayton Region Walk of Fame since its inception 25 years ago. She has served as judge, advisor, and as a de facto content expert. She has conducted original research on inductees and has developed programs specifically about the women included in the Walk. Nancy champions the Wright-Dunbar Historic District and is a cheerleader for Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park.

Nancy volunteered in the 1980s and 90s as a founding member of the Wright Brothers Research Committee. In the 2000s, she played a central role in the success of the Wright Brothers Symposiums at WSU. Her contributions in the service of our aviation heritage have been far reaching and continue to this day. Many past winners of the Ivonette Wright Miller Award have worked side by side with Nancy. Adding her to this prestigious list would be a fitting tribute for someone who has served so passionately on behalf of aviation heritage.



The National Aviation Heritage Alliance (NAHA) is a private, not-for-profit corporation designated by Congress as the management entity of the National Aviation Heritage Area.



For more about NAHA, and links to the NAHA partners, see <https://visitnaha.com>

## Please Support Aviation Trail

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 support is critical in helping us maintain that mission. Please visit the Aviation Trail [Membership/Donation](#) page for the opportunity to provide support. Also please check out the [Aviation Trail Gift Shop](#) to purchase Aviation Trail and Parachute Museum gifts and merchandise. Thanks for your support!

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(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:

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**Wilbear Fund\*\***

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\*\* Donations will be designated to promote and preserve the "Wilbear Wright" teddy bear program that promotes the Aviation Trail and its partner sites.

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