



# 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.*

**News and Updates from "The Trail"**

"The Flight Log" -

**AVIATION TRAIL MAIL**

**PRINT VERSION:** this file is a print version of the e-mail newsletter that is sent out on a free subscription basis. To get on the e-mail subscription list go to the Aviation Trail website at [www.aviationtrailinc.org](http://www.aviationtrailinc.org) and subscribe by using the "Subscribe Now" button on the footer of each page. This version is more suited for printing hard copies than the e-mail version and is available on the Aviation Trail website "Newsletters and Brochures" page: <http://www.aviationtrailinc.org/newsletters>.



**Above: Aviation Trail Visitor Center • Wright-Dunbar Interpretive Center • Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park**  
Corner of W. Third & S. Williams Sts., • 16 S. Williams St., Dayton, OH 45402 • (937) 225-7705

Print Version

**November 2019 ISSUE**

11/25/2019

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

## 116th Anniversary of Powered Flight Celebration

**Join Aviation Trail in a Celebration of the 116th Anniversary of Powered Flight Engineers Club of Dayton - 110 East Monument Ave. Dayton, OH 45402**  
**Dinner at 6:30 PM**

**"Aviation in the Roaring 20's" by Brigadier General Paul R. Cooper (USAF ret)**

As described by General Cooper: "Following the tremendous efforts of the Wright Brothers to create the first successful aircraft, many other inventors followed their lead. The sky was seen as the new frontier. In World War I the airplane was recognized as not just a toy, but with many practicable uses. In the 1920s, aviation made rapid strides as the public became air minded. New companies were formed to manufacture aircraft and fly air mail and people. Barnstormers and Hollywood films highlighted the public's fascination with flying. Aircraft evolved from the open cockpit, fabric covered bi-wing aircraft to the passenger aircraft that we are familiar with today. The Roaring 20's was an exciting time in the evolution of aviation".



**Brigadier General Paul R. Cooper** retired in 2002 as commander of the Air Force Reserve's 445th Airlift Wing, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. He completed almost 35 years of military service with the United States Air Force and the Air Force Reserve. He is past President of the University of Dayton's senior Life Long Learning Institute and moderates courses in history and airpower. He currently serves on the Board of Trustees of the Air Force Museum Foundation and conducts frequent tours as a docent. He has held a variety of key staff positions including chief of staff at two numbered air forces and has commanded three different air bases. Recalled to active duty during Operation Desert Storm, he commanded a C-130 unit that deployed to the Middle East for six months. He was later selected to return to extended active duty in 1996 after the Dayton Peace Accords to command Tuzla NATO Air Base in Bosnia. He is a command pilot with over 12,000 flying hours in jet aircraft. His numerous decorations include: the Air Force Distinguished Service Medal, 3 Legions of Merit, the Bronze Star, and 3 Air Medals.

*(more event details in next column...)*

### The evening's program

**6:00 p.m. Reception**

**6:30 p.m. Wright Brother's Family 1903 Christmas Dinner**  
*Sliced roasted turkey with sage stuffing, or Vegetarian mashed potatoes with turkey gravy, cranberry sauce green beans, German cole slaw, mixed nuts, raisins*  
**Spice cake**  
**Assorted rolls and beverages**

**7:30 p.m. Our speaker:**  
**Brigadier General Paul Cooper (USAF Ret.)**

### Ticket Prices:

Aviation Trail member and family: \$65.00 per person

**Non-Members: \$75.00 per person**

*To order event tickets see the Membership-Donation-Reservations page on the Aviation Trail website:*

<https://www.aviationtrailinc.org/membership-donations-reservations-orders>. A mail-in order form for tickets can also be downloaded from that page.

**(Reservation deadline is Friday, December 13)**

*You may also become a member, renew your membership, or make a donation on that page. Transactions are secured by PayPal. A mail-in order form for memberships/donations appears on page 3 of this newsletters.*

See the Aviation Trail Website for more event information and updates:  
<https://www.aviationtrailinc.org/december-17-2019-event>



## Aviation Trail Awards Advisor Emeritus Status to Retiring Board Member

### Longtime Board Trustee Helen Jones Honored at a Luncheon on November 6

Aviation Trail, Inc. celebrated the retirement of a long time member of the ATI Board of Trustees. Helen Jones contributed twenty years of diligent service and support to the efforts of ATI to preserve Dayton's aviation heritage. Helen has spent the last fifty years involved with aviation, having worked at WPAFB for thirty years prior to joining the board at ATI. She has been especially instrumental in organizing events, writing for the newsletter and other ATI publications, plus assisting others in these activities. As an Advisor Emeritus Helen will continue to keep in touch and offer her valuable assistance to Aviation Trail.



Above: Aviation Trail president Marvin Christian presented Helen Jones with a plaque designating Advisor Emeritus status.



Below: Additional gifts included a crystal vase and her very own "Wilbear Wright" teddy bear.



The event was held at a luncheon at Dayton History's newly remodeled Culps Cafeteria.

## Membership Message

### Membership Message from Aviation Trail Board of Directors

Dear friend of Aviation Trail, Inc.,

We are asking you to consider becoming a member today, or renew or upgrade your membership as ATI approaches its 38<sup>th</sup> year of promoting (and bragging about) our area's aviation history.

As the new year approaches, Aviation Trail is moving forward with new and exciting ideas and projects. We have added new trail sites, updated the brochure and are in a beginning phase of turning our newly acquired, empty property adjacent to the Aviation Trail Visitor Center into an aviation learning center for young and old.

The new trail sites were added last year and include two that are reminiscent of older days of flying and one with the very latest aeronautical technology. Read about these sites in the Aviation Trail, Inc. brochure.

- Tri- State Warbird Museum in Batavia, Ohio.
- Butler County Warbirds, Inc. in Middletown, Ohio.
- Sinclair Community College National UAS(Unmanned Aerial Systems) Training and Certification Center.

The Aviation Trail site brochure includes the "Wilbear Wright" passport feature. The ever popular Wilbear program has distributed over 11,000 free diminutive teddy bears since its inception.

Significantly, we've begun the design process for our recently acquired Pekin Theater and Fish Market buildings adjacent to our Aviation Trail Visitor Center, and we look forward to announcing plans for filling that 15,000 square feet of space with educational and entertaining exhibits.

Your membership support is critical in assisting us with these projects and our promotion of aviation history in our region. A copy of the new ATI brochure can be downloaded from the website, and membership/donation information is also available on the website. Visit our website, [www.aviationtrailinc.org](http://www.aviationtrailinc.org). and keep up to date with events and progress on the new properties.

We remain committed to upholding our mission of aviation awareness, education, preservation 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 the Birthplace of Aviation."

Please help us keep the Dayton area in the forefront of the world's aviation history, leadership and preservation. And, mark your calendar for Tuesday, Dec. 17, for a special evening for the 116th First Flight Celebration featuring a program on "Aviation in the Roaring 20's". Check the website for information.

Thank you for your past and present support.

Sincerely,

The Board of Trustees, Aviation Trail, Inc.

See the Membership-Donation-Reservations page on the Aviation Trail website: <https://www.aviationtrailinc.org/membership-donations-reservations-orders> to join, renew, or to make donations online. Transactions are secured by PayPal. See page 3 of this newsletter for a mail-in order form for memberships & donations.







# 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.*

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

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

Mr., Mrs., Miss, Ms. \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

### 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.

**Online credit card payments may be made from our website at [www.aviationtrailinc.org](http://www.aviationtrailinc.org).**

**Select the "Memberships -Donations-Reservations button from the top menu. Secure payments are made through PayPal.**

*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, Inc. / PO Box 633 // Wright Brothers Branch / Dayton, OH 45409 / [www.aviationtrailinc.org](http://www.aviationtrailinc.org)