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This "Flight Log" highlights some of the stories and events featured on the Aviation Trail website: AviationTrailInc.org

Aviation Trail Celebration

Aviation Trail Inc. hosted a celebration of the 116th Anniversary of Powered Flight on Tuesday evening, December 17 at the Engineers Club of Dayton.



The event featured Brigadier General Paul Cooper (retired) presenting the topic of "Aviation in the Roaring 20's".

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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 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. See more on General Cooper on the Event Page at: <https://www.aviationtrailinc.org/december-17-2019-event>



Brigadier General Paul Cooper (Ret)

Aviation Trail President Marvin Christian welcomed guests to the event, followed by Aviation Trail Secretary Nancy Horlacher, who spoke about some of the Wright family history on this day. Aviation Trail trustee Col. Roger McClure gave a toast to those serving in our military. After the introduction of General Cooper, dinner was served. Guests enjoyed an excellent meal representing a Wright brother's family 1903 Christmas dinner, with turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce, green beans, German cole slaw, mixed nuts, raisins, and spice cake. After dinner, General Cooper gave his presentation which was full of fascinating historical information and background on aviation in the 1920's, accompanied by slides and videos. Besides photos and stories on some well known events and aircraft, there were several rare photos of lesser known aircraft. After the presentation President Marvin Christian presented General Cooper with a photograph of the 1910 Wright B Flyer. It was a very impressive program, and the guests were treated to quite an education on the aviation history of the era. Aviation Trail thanks General Cooper, and all of the guests who attended in support of Aviation Trail.



ATI President Marvin Christian



ATI Secretary Nancy Horlacher



Colonel Roger McClure (Ret)



In Memoriam



Aviation Trail mourns the death of Board member Angelina Popovich who passed away on December 10, 2019. Aviation Trail President Marvin Christian offers the following tribute:

"This month we lost a long-time Aviation Trail Board of Trustees member. Angie Popovich had served on our Board for almost twenty years before passing. She kept us abreast of activities of the West Third Street Priority Board having been the voice of neighborhood for many years. Never bashful, Angie was outspoken and her

comments usually were right to the point. She had a sense of history and the importance of keeping the Wright-Dunbar area's contribution to aviation a part of a young person's education. We will miss the lady".

See a slideshow of more photos from the event, and more on the topic of "Aviation in the Roaring 20's" on the Event Page on the Aviation Trail website: <https://www.aviationtrailinc.org/december-17-2019-event>

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Dear friend of Aviation Trail, Inc.,

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

With the new year, 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 that were added most recently 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 "Wiltbear Wright" passport feature. The ever popular Wiltbear 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. 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."

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 membership renewal orders for 2020. Membership renewals can be ordered online from the Aviation Trail website Membership/Donation/Reservations page: <https://www.aviationtrailinc.org/membership-donations-reservations-orders>. Donations are also helpful at any time.

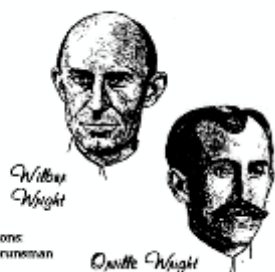
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Thank you for your past and present support.

Sincerely,

The Board of Trustees, Aviation Trail, Inc.



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