



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.

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"The Flight Log" -

AVIATION TRAIL MAIL



"Preserving the Past & Promoting the Future"

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

Open Cockpit Days at Tri-State Warbird Museum

June 7 @ 11:00 am - 12:30 pm



Come, imagine and discover with us!

Our Open Cockpit Day gives you the chance to get up close and personal with some of our amazing aircraft!

Kids will have the unique opportunity to sit in the cockpits of our T-6 and Parasol. Don't miss this amazing chance to climb behind the stick and get a view of history!

The open cockpit experience is INCLUDED with admission and is free to members.

Open Cockpit days makes for great photo opportunities.

Event Pricing: Adults \$12 Students \$7

Frequently Asked Questions

<https://www.tri-statewarbirdmuseum.org/learn/kids/open-cockpit-days-faqs/>

Program and Event Cancellations & Refund Policy

We regret that we cannot grant refunds for program and event registrations. If we must cancel a program or an event due to low enrollment, you will be given the option to move your registration to another program/event or receive a full refund. We reserve the right to cancel programs and events due to low enrollment or extreme weather. Registrants will be notified via email 24 hours prior if a program or event is cancelled.



Tri-State Warbird Museum

4021 Borman Drive

Batavia, OH 45103

(513) 735-4500

<https://www.tri-statewarbirdmuseum.org>

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

Talk & Tour Armstrong Air & Space Museum

James Webb Telescope History and Craft June 19, 2025

Thursday, June 19 2:00 – 4:00pm

Location: Armstrong Air & Space Museum

500 Apollo Dr, Wapakoneta, OH 45895, USA

COST: Complimentary with that day's admission



Discover the history the James Webb Telescope has made. Using Origami participants will see one of the challenges with putting a telescope into space. This program is a children's program. An adult must accompany children during this program and tour. Join the Museum Educator in the STEM Inspiration Center to learn about the the history of the James Webb Telescope and complete and Origami craft seeing first hand how NASA uses Art, Math, and Science as one. Following the presentation take a guided tour with the museum educator. Presentation starts at 2:00PM tour follows at 3:00PM. No RSVP required guests must pay general admission at entrance to join the tour and talk. Questions contact: 419-738-8869; programs@armstrongmuseum.org

ABOUT TALK & TOUR:

The Armstrong Air & Space Museum's Talk & Tour program offers visitors a unique opportunity to explore the wonders of aviation and spaceflight through an engaging two-part experience. Each session begins with a presentation by a knowledgeable staff member, delving into fascinating space topics. Following the talk, guests embark on a guided tour of the museum, where they can see artifacts up close and gain deeper insights into the exhibits. This immersive program provides an enriching experience for space enthusiasts of all ages.



Armstrong Air & Space Museum

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500 Apollo Drive

Wapakoneta, OH 45895

(419) 738-8811 or (800) 860-0142

<https://www.armstrongmuseum.org>

Armstrong Air & Space Museum is Site #12 on the Aviation Trail



B-25 Champaign Gal Rides

**Saturday, June 14, 2025 at
Champaign Aviation Museum
Grimes Field - Urbana, Ohio**



B-25 rides begin at 10:00am. Additional ride times will become available as each flight fills.

The North American B-25 Mitchell was an American twin-engine medium bomber manufactured by North American Aviation. Allied air forces flew it in every theater of World War II, and it was used by many other air forces after the war, seeing service across four decades.

- Built in 1944 by North American, our B-25J served with the USAAF for 13 years. It was used as a trainer, transport and personnel transport. In 1957 it was transferred to the famous "airplane boneyard" at Davis-Monthan AFB where it was stored until ~1959 when it was bought by a private company and fought fires in Canada and the USA. It continued to be used as an airtanker until the late 1980's when it was restored to its wartime specifications.

- In 2008 the Champaign Aviation Museum acquired the aircraft and has been flying and meticulously maintaining it ever since. We regularly fly the B-25 to airshows, events, warbird ride experiences, and for flyovers.

For prices, flight times, and to make reservations see this link:

<https://champaign-aviation-museum.square.site>

Hear the roar of twin radial engines, feel the thrill of soaring like a WWII bomber crew, explore the aircraft nose to tail, and enjoy the flight experience of a lifetime!



Champaign Aviation Museum
1652 N. Main St., Urbana, OH 43078
937-652-4710
ChampaignAviationMuseum.org

Champaign Aviation Museum is Site #13 on the Aviation Trail



Taking Flight Gala at Tri-State Warbird Museum

June 13 @ 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm



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 the Museum'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.

Please contact Denise Eldridge for Gala ticket information.

<https://www.tri-statewarbirdmuseum.org/event/taking-flight-gala-25/>



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Woodland Historic Cemetery & Arboretum

Spring & Summer 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.



Woodland offers a multitude of fascinating tours such as:

- Sports Legends Tour
- Woodland Historical Tour
- History, Mystery, Mayhem & Murder
- Cemetery Symbols Tour
- Woof Walk
- Street Names of Dayton Tour

For a full list and links to sign up see <https://woodlandcemetery.org/events/list/>



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/>

Woodland Cemetery and Arboretum
118 Woodland Avenue
Dayton, Ohio 45409
937-228-3221
www.woodlandcemetery.org



Woodland Cemetery and Arboretum is Site #8 on the Aviation Trail



In Memoriam

Passing of Aviation Trail Board Member Russ Maas



Aviation Trail mourns the recent death of esteemed board member Russ Maas, August 30, 1942 — April 28, 2025. Russ was a successful real estate broker and provided valued input to the Aviation Trail board in its endeavors. He also helped in preparation of Aviation Trail's planned updating of a "Field Guide to Flight" book and was a frequent volunteer on board projects. He will be fondly remembered for the enthusiasm and good humor that he brought to board meetings.

His obituary, with a photo and arrangements, can be viewed at:

<https://www.routson.com/obituaries/ellis-maas>

Russ will be missed by all, and Aviation Trail offers its condolences to Russ's family.



WDIC/Aviation Trail Visitor Center Hosts NATO Visitors



Aviation Trail, Inc. and the Aviation Trail Parachute Museum assisted in hosting visitors from the [NATO Parliamentary Assembly](#) in Dayton from May 22 to May 26, 2025. The NATO Parliamentary Assembly's Spring

Session marked the first U.S. hosting of the event in over two decades and commemorated the 30th anniversary of the Dayton Peace Accords, which ended the Bosnian War. NATO personnel and families were invited to visit and participate in regional activities highlighting Dayton's historical and cultural significance.

The Wright-Dunbar Interpretive Center/Aviation Trail Visitor Center at the Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park was one of the featured sites for these visits. Program highlights at the site included tours of the Wright Cycle Company, the Wright Brothers' Print Shop, the Aviation Trail Parachute Museum, and other exhibits, plus a music performance provided by the University of Dayton. The Sinclair National UAS Training and Certification Center (site #17 on the Aviation Trail) was also represented at the event.



Watch for follow-up information in the next newsletter.



Wright-Dunbar Interpretive Center & Aviation Trail Visitor Center
16 S. Williams St.
Dayton, Ohio 45402
<https://www.aviationtrailinc.org/visitorcenter>

The WDIC/Aviation Trail Visitor Center is site #1a on the Aviation Trail



Aviation Trail Membership Reminder



Membership

- Join
- Renew
- Donate

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

Membership Reminder:

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 **memberships and renewal orders for 2025**.

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.

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 over 15,000 free, "Wilbear Wright"® teddy bears since the program began, and we are extending the program through July 1, 2025.

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) with major donations of 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. Please visit our website at www.aviationtrailinc.org to keep up to date with events sponsored by ATI and our partners throughout our region.

Online credit card payments may be made from our website. Secure payments are made through PayPal.

To join, renew, or donate to Aviation Trail see the **JOIN/DONATE** menu item on the Aviation Trail website at <https://www.aviationtrailinc.org> or use **this QR code**.



To print a *mail-in* membership/donation form use this link:
file:///E:/Documents/ATI/Membership/membership%20print%20form_c.pdf

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

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 Gift Shop



See the **GIFT SHOP** menu item on the ATI website at: <https://www.aviationtrailinc.org/> or click or scan the QR code.



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Collectable Art Prints



Caps



Tumblers

Magnets



Pins



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.