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

After Dark: Bombers and Brews
National Museum of the United States Air Force
November 7, 2026

The Air Force Museum Foundation will host its adults-only After Dark: Bombers & Brews event Saturday, Nov. 7, 2026, at the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force.

Guests can explore select aircraft, view artifacts from the Museum's collection and Wright State University archives, and enjoy live music, trivia, a caricature artist, heavy hors d'oeuvres and beverages available from participating breweries and cash bars.



The event is open to guests ages 21 and older. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., and the event runs from 6–10 p.m. Full information and tickets can be found at the Foundation's website.

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.

AIR FORCE MUSEUM FOUNDATION

National Museum of the U.S. Force • 1100 Spaatz St • Wright-Patterson AFB, OH 45433
www.nationalmuseum.af.mil

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

Champaign Aviation Museum
Free Lecture - Saturday, November 14th, 2026 at 11:00am

Founding of Civil Air Patrol and the Hunt for German U-Boats along America's Coast



Join us in the CAM library with presenter, Captain Jared Del Orfano, as he outlines the history of Civil Air Patrol (CAP) during World War II with newly-added archival content. CAP, founded under the Office of Civilian Defense just 6 days before the attack on Pearl Harbor, played a key role in the US home front effort and is the only WWII-era Civil Defense component still in existence today. The presentation will cover the key factors that contributed toward the formation of CAP and the organization's many duties during the war.

Special attention will be paid toward CAP's coastal defense mission, where civilian pilots flew their personal aircraft in armed patrol missions miles off the coast of the U.S. in search of German submarines. The presentation will conclude with a short discussion on CAP's post-war legacy and its designation as the official Auxiliary of the US Air Force. A display of original and reproduction uniforms and equipment will be included in the presentation.

This free event will be held in the CAM Library.

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

Tri-State Warbird Museum

Celebrating Veterans Day
November 7, 2026 @ 10:30 am - 12:30 pm





• **10:30A Coffee with Kilroy**
Coffee with Kilroy is our FREE veterans appreciation event!
Coffee and Donuts sponsored by Dunkin' Donuts is free for Veterans!

Veterans in attendance will be entered in a raffle to win a ride in our P-51 and B-25!

11:00A – 12:30P Kidz Zone Open

12:00P Winners Announced for the Flight Demo
5 veterans will win a ride weather depending – Must be present to win. Rides are not transferable and you must be 18 & older to participate.

SATURDAY GENERAL ADMISSION:
https://www.tri-statewarbirdmuseum.org/event/saturday-general-admission-189/

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION:
https://www.tri-statewarbirdmuseum.org/support/membership/

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Tri-State Warbird Museum
4021 BORMAN DR, BATAVIA, OH 45103
(513) 735-4500
https://www.tri-statewarbirdmuseum.org

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

WACO Aviation Lecture Series

November 19, 2026 - WACO Air Museum, Troy, Ohio

Wing-Riding and Airshow Flying
FAA Charlie Taylor Master Mechanic Award Recognition
Speakers: Bob & Pat Wagner
Pilots & Former Airshow Performers

Troy, Ohio — The WACO Education Center & Air Museum will welcome Bob and Patty Wagner on Thursday, November 19, for Wing-Riding & Air Show Flying, part of the 2026–2027 WACO Aviation Lecture Series.



For more than three decades, the Wagners thrilled audiences across North America as one of the longest-running wing-riding acts in aviation history. They flew in all 50 states and performed their wing-riding act in 47 states, as well as throughout Canada and internationally in Venezuela. Their signature act, A Girl on the Wing, became a celebrated fixture on the airshow circuit. When they retired in 2003, they were recognized at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh as the world's longest-running wing-riding duo.



Bob Wagner soloed at age 16 and soon purchased his first aircraft, a WACO Cabin biplane, beginning a lifelong dedication to classic aviation. By the 1960s, he was flying airshows in a WACO YMF-5 and competing in the inaugural Reno Air Races, where he placed fourth in Unlimited Aerobatics and received the Rolly Cole Memorial Trophy as the most outstanding young aerobatic pilot. His career has included aerobatics, flight instruction, aircraft maintenance, flight examiner, and serving as a consultant and test pilot for WACO Classic Aircraft Corporation.

Patty Wagner has been a licensed pilot for more than five decades. She soloed in 1966, earned her private pilot certificate in 1968 and commercial certificate in 1971, and also flew commercially as a ferry pilot. As the wing rider in the Wagners' act, she performed before millions of spectators while helping preserve the Golden Age tradition of wing riding. She received the FAA Master Pilot Award in 2019.

The Wagners have also played an important role in preserving aviation heritage in Troy. They were instrumental in the development of historic WACO Field and the WACO Air Museum. Patty serves on the museum's Board of Directors and volunteers in the WACO Education Center, while Bob has served on the museum's Board and volunteered to fly rides in "Sunny," a vintage-style WACO YMF-4 biplane. Their contributions to aviation history and preservation have earned them numerous honors, including induction into the Biplane Hall of Fame in 1992.

The November 19 program will offer audiences an opportunity to hear Bob and Patty share stories from their remarkable careers in wing riding, air shows, classic aircraft, and aviation history.

More on the Wagners:
https://www.aviationtrailinc.org/post/girl-on-the-wing

https://www.aviationtrailinc.org/post/three-area-pilots-receive-wright-brothers-master-pilot-award

All aviation lectures are free and open to the public.
Each are scheduled to last one hour, beginning at 7:00pm, with questions to follow.
The lecture is held in the Willis Wing of the WACO Air Museum.
1865 South County Road 25A, Troy, Ohio
Doors open at 6:30pm
Donations to the WACO Air Museum are gratefully accepted.
All lectures are sponsored in part by Collins Aerospace.

WACO Air Museum & Learning Center
1865 S. County Rd. 25A
Troy, OH 45373
937-335-9226
www.wacoairmuseum.org

WACO Air Museum & Learning Center is Site #11 on the Aviation Trail

Explore Series at Armstrong Air & Space Museum

November 7th, 2026 - Cradle of Astronauts



NAME: Explore! Series
START DATE: 1st Saturday of each month • TIME: 11:00 – 4:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Armstrong Air & Space Museum • ADDRESS: 500 Apollo Dr, Wapakoneta, OH
COST: No additional cost with admission

November 7th Cradle of Astronauts:

Celebrate Ohio's remarkable legacy as the birthplace of some of our nation's most iconic space explorers with a 90-minute guided tour. From Neil Armstrong's historic first steps on the Moon to John Glenn's groundbreaking orbit of Earth, this tour highlights the achievements and enduring impact of these Ohio-born pioneers. Tours will take place at 11AM, 1PM and 3PM. No RSVP required. Guests must pay general admission at entrance to join the tour and activity. Space is limited to 30 people.

Armstrong Air & Space Museum
500 Apollo Drive
Wapakoneta, OH 45895
(419) 738-8811 or (800) 860-0142
www.armstrongmuseum

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

Plane Talks

Saturday, November 7, 2026
National Museum of the United States Air Force™



Aviation history enthusiasts have a special opportunity to hear firsthand stories and expert insights as the National Museum of the United States Air Force™ hosts the latest installment of its popular Plane Talk series.

The museum's "Plane Talks" bring aircraft, missions, and historical milestones to life through presentations led by veterans, subject matter experts, authors, or museum curators. Visitors can learn about the technology, personal sacrifices, and pivotal moments behind the historic aircraft on display in the museum's massive galleries.

Event Highlights & Visitor Info

Interactive Presentation: A deep dive into aviation history, aircraft engineering, and aircrew experiences, followed by audience Q&A.

Explore the Galleries: Plan extra time before or after the presentation to explore 19 acres of indoor exhibits, featuring over 360 aerospace vehicles and missiles—including the Memphis Belle®, the B-2 stealth bomber, and Air Force One presidential aircraft.

Museum Hours: Open daily from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Contact: (937) 255-3286

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www.nationalmuseum.af.mil

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Parachute Museum Potvin Donation Update

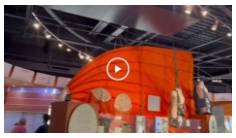
Research physicist and parachute expert, Dr. Jean Potvin delivers additional items to the collection



Dr. Potvin has been a major donor to the Aviation Trail Parachute Museum, beginning with a visit in 2021 when he drove in from St. Louis University with several crates full of parachute related materials. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the possibility of collaboration between Dr. Potvin and the Parachute Museum, allowing some of his parachutes and ejection seats to stored and displayed at the museum. One of his goals is to make his items more easily available for public view. Since that meeting he has brought various other related materials, including a large assortment of ejection seats. This latest trip of Oct. 23, 2026 included an ejection seat canopy panel from an A-2D Skyshark. The addition of these items helps provide the basis of planned expansion of the Parachute Museum. See an description of the expansion plans in this link: https://www.aviationtrailinc.org/parachutemuseumexpansionproject.

See the link below for a VIDEO report on this recent donation:

https://www.aviationtrailinc.org/post/parachute-museum-potvin-donation-update



Previous posts on the collection can be seen in these links:

https://www.aviationtrailinc.org/post/special-guest-at-the-parachute-museum

https://www.aviationtrailinc.org/post/parachute-museum-news

The Aviation Trail Parachute Museum
16 South Williams Street
Dayton, OH 45402
https://www.aviationtrailinc.org/parachute-museum

The Aviation Trail Parachute Museum is Site #1b on the Aviation Trail

Ringing in the Holidays

A Carillon Christmas Preview Party - Nov. 21, 2026



The 31st annual Ringing in the Holidays, Carillon Historical Park's beloved holiday fundraiser, returns Saturday, Nov. 21, 2026, from 5:30–9 p.m.

Last year, Ringing in the Holidays was expanded, moving much of the event outdoors with exclusive experiences.

This year, the new tradition continues, while also bringing back beloved elements of the former event.

Guests will enjoy ample indoor seating, festive food, drinks, and music inside the park, while unique outdoor entertainment — including ice-sculpting, a handbell choir, flaming cressets, and bell wagon concerts by carillonneur Alan Bowman — offers a one-of-a-kind way to experience the open-air museum after dark.



Please join us for the 31st annual Ringing in the Holidays — an exclusive fundraiser and the preview party for A Carillon Christmas, the park's month-long holiday celebration.

TICKETS TO RINGING IN THE HOLIDAYS:
https://shop.daytonhistory.org/Events.aspx

Much of this event is outdoors, so please dress for the weather.

Carillon Historical Park
Saturday, Nov. 21, 2026, 5:30–9 p.m.
Members: $75 • Non-Members: $85
• Jingle Bell Patrons: $300
Tickets: daytonhistory.org • 937-293-2841

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Carillon Historical Park is Site #4 on the Aviation Trail

Aviation Trail Membership Reminder



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 2026.**

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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:
https://www.aviationtrailinc.org/_files/ugd/0d9eb3_1581e164a6934f32a3fdff534cb190c8.pdf

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Aviation Trail Gift Shop



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Gift items include: T-Shirts, Tumblers, Caps, Lapel Pins, Magnets, Art Prints, Note Cards, & McCook Field Book.

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