



# 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.

**"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](http://www.AviationTrailInc.org)*

## Grimes Flying Lab Museum

**The Grimes Flying Lab Museum/Foundation 2026 season**



Events for the 2026 season:

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE for 2026 for the Grimes Flying Lab aircraft appearances ( subject to change)

March 7: Museum will be open during the RC Swap meet 830-?

March 28: Museum open for 2026 season 10-1pm

June 11-14: Vietnam event with traveling wall coming to area - more details to TBA

June 13-14: Dayton, Ohio Air Show - static display

July 3 : Grimes Field Fireworks Festival, Urbana Rotary Club Chicken Dinner, and the Rotary Community Fireworks Display.

July 11: Lorain , Ohio County airport

August 1: Mansfield, Ohio airport event

September 5: Waynesville Ohio airshow

September 6 Ring of Fire event over Indian Lake

September 11: Mechanicsburg High school flyover

September 12th - 19th: Champaign County Aviation Heritage Week

September 12th: Mid-Eastern Regional Fly-In and Car Show (Featured: Military Appreciation Day)

September 18th - 19th: Champaign County Balloon Festival- museum will be opening during event

September 19 : Darke county Ohio airport event

September 26: Zanesville , Ohio event

New merchandise will be arriving in March !!! Great new selection of items coming this year ! (watch for posts for more information)



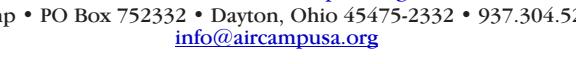
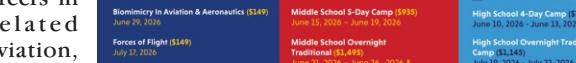
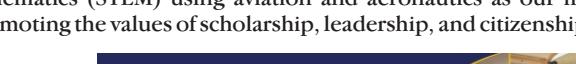
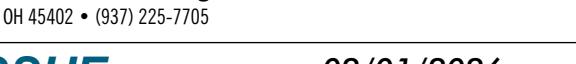
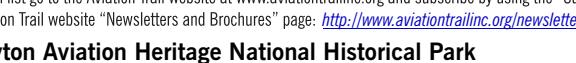
Grimes Flying Lab Foundation  
1636 N. Main St. Urbana, Ohio 43078  
<https://n8640e.wixsite.com/grimesflyinglab> or [www.facebook.com/GrimesFlyingLab](http://www.facebook.com/GrimesFlyingLab)

Grimes Flying Lab Foundation is a a 501(c)(3) organization.

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

**"The Flight Log" -**

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**Grimes Flying Lab is Site #14 on the Aviation Trail**



## Dayton History's Carillon Historical Park Event Dates for 2026

Carillon Historical Park, 1000 Carillon Blvd., Dayton, Ohio 45409



### SEE THE LINK BELOW

to see 2026 event schedule with links to individual events.

<https://www.aviationtrailinc.org/post/dayton-history-s-carillon-historical-park-event-dates-for-2026>

#### About Dayton History

Dayton History, a privately funded nonprofit organization, owns and operates Carillon Historical Park, Hawthorn Hill, and Patterson Homestead. Serving as Montgomery County's official historical organization, its mission is to inspire generations by connecting them with the unique people, places, and events that changed Dayton and the world. For more information, visit [daytonhistory.org](http://daytonhistory.org).



Carillon Historical Park  
1000 Carillon Blvd.  
Dayton Ohio 45409  
937-293-2841  
[daytonhistory.org](http://daytonhistory.org)

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



## Talk and Tour at Armstrong Air & Space Museum

John Glenn & Friendship 7, Thur., Feb. 18 & Sat., Feb. 21, 2026

### Talk & Tour

MONTHLY MUSEUM PROGRAM SERIES

Join Museum Historian Greg Brown in the STEM Inspiration Center for an in-depth look at one of America's most iconic spaceflights, the Friendship 7 mission. Learn how Ohio native John Glenn became the first American to orbit the Earth, the challenges he faced, and the lasting impact it had on NASA and the Space Race.

This program will take you behind the scenes of the mission that helped shape the future of American space exploration.

- Thur. Feb. 18, 2:00 - 4:00 pm
- Sat. Feb. 21, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm
- Sat. Feb. 21, 12:00 pm Guided Tour led by the Museum Historian
- Sat. Feb. 21, 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

No RSVP is required. General admission must be paid upon entry to attend the program and tour.

Questions contact: 419-738-8869; [programs@armstrongmuseum.org](mailto:programs@armstrongmuseum.org):

<https://www.armstrongmuseum.org/talkandtour>



Armstrong Air & Space Museum

Armstrong Air & Space Museum  
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Wapakoneta, OH 45895  
(419) 738-8811 or (800) 860-0142  
[www.armstrongmuseum.org](http://www.armstrongmuseum.org)

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



## Tri-State Warbirds February Events

### Super Soarin' Saturdays – All Hands On Deck

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



SATURDAY  
FEBRUARY 7, 2026  
11:00A.M. – 12:30P.M.

All Hands On Deck



[WWW.TSWM.ORG](http://WWW.TSWM.ORG)

Learn about aircraft carriers and catapult launching through engaging games and crafts. Experience a B-25 climb-in and learn about the Doolittle Raid. Super Soarin' Saturdays happens in the Kids Zone area between 11am – 12:30pm. Kids can take part in fun, educational activities! Super Soarin' Saturdays is included with museum admission and is always free to TSWM members. Parent participation is encouraged!

### Super Soarin' Saturdays – Engineer Day

February 21 @ 11:00 am - 12:30 pm



SATURDAY  
FEBRUARY 21, 2026  
11:00A.M. – 12:30P.M.

Engineer Day



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#### 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 DR, BATAVIA, OH 45103  
(513) 735-4500  
[https://www.tri-statewarbirdmuseum.org](http://www.tri-statewarbirdmuseum.org)

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



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# Joe Clark Innovation Lab

## at National Aviation Hall of Fame



Inspiring young learners to become the next generation of aerospace innovators became a strategic priority for the National Aviation Hall of Fame in 2019.

Since then, we have created an elementary school STEM curriculum that has reached over 6,000 classrooms, produced a video series featuring the stories of aerospace professionals, and built an immersive, multipurpose theater. The latest jewel in our crown is the Joe Clark Innovation Lab, a \$1.2 million, 1,600-square-foot hub for students, visitors, and aviation enthusiasts to delve into the world of aerospace.

The energy surrounding the Lab's opening has been electric—students, parents, teachers, community members, and media (link) have been eager to explore the learning and brainstorming spaces, as well as interact with aviation materials and technology tools. We're excited for the students and educators who will participate in our science programs and camps, and for everyone who will use the space for special events, meetings, birthday parties, and other small gatherings.



But the Lab is more than just a facility. It's a tribute to the innovative spirit of NAHF Enshrinee Joe Clark, who invented a wingtip device that enhances aircraft performance, saving billions of gallons of fuel and reducing aviation's carbon footprint. Clark set a new standard for what's possible in aerospace, and we believe that every student who enters the Lab will be inspired to do the same.

Joe Clark Innovation Lab  
Open Kids Labs  
Every Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday & Sunday 10 am–2 pm

Science Saturday:  
Third Saturday of the month, 1–3 pm

NOTE: Lab hours and days sometimes vary. Please check the calendar at

<https://nationalaviation.org/learning/students/>



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**The National Aviation Hall of Fame is Site #6 on the Aviation Trail**



# After Dark: Swing the Night Away™

## National Museum of the United States Air Force™

**Feb. 14, 2026, 6 to 10 pm**



**February 14**  
**6 - 10 pm**

Adults  
21+

**Make it a Valentine's Day to remember!**

Join us Saturday, February 14, from 6–10 p.m. for the return of our fan-favorite event, After Dark: Swing the Night Away, at the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force™:

Whether you're celebrating with a sweetheart, a group of friends, or just treating yourself to a great night out, Swing the Night Away is all about romance, rhythm, and vintage flair.

### Dance into the night

Try your hand (or should we say feet) at swing dancing on the dance floor. Back by popular demand in 2026 — enjoy live music from "Victory Canteen," A Tribute to the Glenn Miller Army Air Force Band, performed by the Tom Daugherty Orchestra. Expect toe-tapping tunes and timeless romance.

### A Valentine's date like no other

Explore themed aircraft and get a rare look at artifacts from the Museum's collection not normally on display, plus selections from Wright State University Libraries Special Collections & Archives. There will also be a caricature artist, games, and trivia with prizes throughout the evening.

### Sip, stroll, and celebrate

Enjoy food, cash bars, and cozy moments throughout the Museum. Kiss your Valentine under the wings of history or raise a glass with friends beside your favorite aircraft.

Tickets to Swing the Night Away are just \$45 per person and support the nonprofit Air Force Museum Foundation. Event is for adults only, ages 21+.

Celebrate Valentine's Day with music, history, and swing—we'll save you a spot on the dance floor.

### GET TICKETS:

<https://airforcemuseum.centeredgeonline.com/movie/buyticketswithdate/113>



The Air Force Museum Foundation, Inc.  
1100 Spaatz St.  
PO Box 33624  
Wright-Patterson AFB OH 45433  
<https://airforcemuseumfoundation.org>

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



## Lunch & Learn Lecture at Harmon Museum

### Lunch with President Abraham Lincoln February 18 | 11:30am

Join us for an afternoon that transcends time. We are honored to welcome renowned historic presenter John Cooper as he inhabits the character of our 16th President, Abraham Lincoln.

Lincoln's ties to the Miami Valley are deep; from his 1859 visit to Dayton, to his friendship with Lebanon's own Thomas Corwin, he viewed the region as the "garden spot of the world." Cooper will regale us with the wit, humility, and intellectual rigor that defined the Lincoln presidency.

Lincoln's presence reminds us of a time when leadership was measured by the "better angels of our nature" rather than the volume of one's grievances. Come witness a portrayal of an Executive who understood that the weight of the Union required a steady hand, a quiet mind, and faith in its people.



*I have faith in the people. They will not consent to disunion. The danger is, they are misled. Let them know the truth, and the country is safe.*  
Abraham Lincoln

#### MENU

Mixed Greens with Apples, Pecans, Mozzarella & House Vinaigrette  
Herb Stuffed Chicken with Gravy  
Wild Rice Pilaf  
Green Bean Almondine  
Warm Apple Cobbler  
Coffee, tea, Lemonade

Get Tickets: <https://ticketstripe.com/LunchFeb26>

COST: \$25 for WCHS members / \$30 for non-members.  
(Includes lunch, lecture & museum admission)  
Program without lunch \$5 for members / \$8 for non-members

Ticket sales close at midnight the Thursday night prior to the event. If you would like lunch, reservations MUST be made by this time. Tickets for the lecture ONLY option will be available up until the event or may be purchased at the door. There is a small fee associated with the sale of tickets online.

11:00am - Seating/Open Museum | 11:30am - Lunch Served | 12:00pm (noon) - Speaker



Harmon Museum & Armstrong Gallery of Flight  
Warren County Historical Society  
Address: 105 S. Broadway, Lebanon, OH 45036  
Phone: 513-932-1817  
<https://www.wchsmuseum.org/armstronggallery.html>  
<https://www.wchsmuseum.org/harmonmuseum.html>

For much more on the Armstrong Gallery of Flight see the blog page on the Harmon Museum website and scroll down to the post of 4/19/24:  
<https://www.wchsmuseum.org/blog>

**The Harmon Museum Armstrong Gallery of Flight is a site 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 2026.**

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](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**

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## Aviation Trail Gift Shop



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.



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.

