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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

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

Grimes Flying Lab

Upcoming Events - July to Sept. 2023



Grimes Flying Lab Beech 18 Appearances:

July 4th- Urbana Fourth of July celebration (aircraft will fly at dusk) - Weather permitting

July 10- Mechanicsburg, Ohio Summer Celebration parade - aircraft will fly to start parade - Weather permitting

July 22-33 - Dayton, Ohio Air Show at Dayton International Airport - Static display

August 11-12 - Thunder over Michigan Air Show in Ypsilanti, Michigan

August 19- Mid Eastern Regional Fly-In at Grimes Field - Aircraft will fly around noon -weather permitting

Grimes Flying Lab Museum Celebration -

125th Warren G Grimes Birthday

90th Anniversary of Grimes Manufacturing Company

80th Anniversary of Grimes Field dedication to the City of Urbana

September 2- Waynesville, Ohio Airport - Aircraft will fly - Weather permitting

September 3- Ring of Fire Event and Indian Lake, Ohio - Aircraft will fly - Weather permitting

September 17- WACO 100th Anniversary Fly Over- Troy, Ohio - Weather permitting

September 23- Zanesville, Ohio EAA Chapter 12 event - Weather permitting

Other events at Grimes Field:
September 23- Vietnam Fly in event
September - Vietnam traveling wall



Grimes Flying Lab Foundation
1636 N. Main St. Urbana, Ohio 43078
<https://n8640e.wixsite.com/grimesflyinglab>
or www.facebook.com/GrimesFlyingLab
Grimes Flying Lab Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization.

Grimes Flying Lab is Site #14 on the Aviation Trail

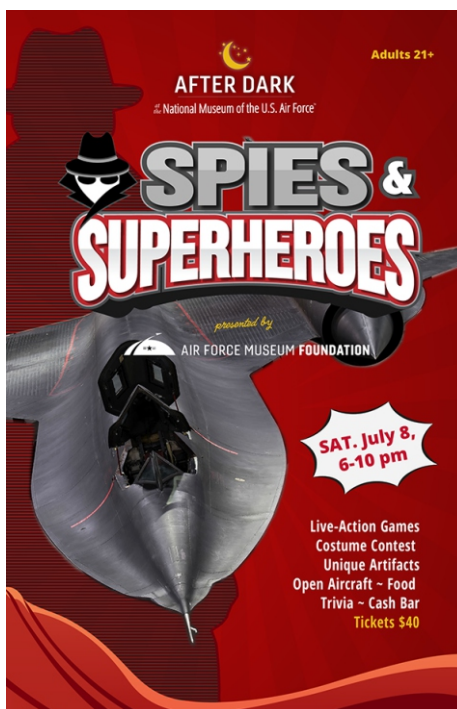


Spies & Superheroes

National Museum of the U.S. Air Force™ After Dark
Saturday, July 8, 2023, 6 to 10 PM

Virtue and intrigue await!

Join us for an adults-only evening of virtue and intrigue at the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force™, complete with fun, food, and one-of-a-kind experiences. Take advantage of the extremely rare opportunity to sit in the SR-71 cockpit! *



* We will be randomly selecting a few lucky individuals to have the extraordinary opportunity to sit in the SR-71 cockpit. Other attendees will have a chance to look into the cockpit (not usually accessible to the public) and marvel at the incredible engineering and history behind this iconic aircraft.

Enjoy an adult beverage while you view a fascinating exhibit of unique artifacts from the Museum's collection specially curated for this event. Dress as your favorite spy or superhero and compete in the costume contest hosted by Andy Farmer. Experience the excitement and suspense of our live-action games. Test your spy and superhero knowledge in trivia to win fabulous prizes.

Step back to a time when puzzles reigned supreme. Food will be provided, as well

as a cash bar. Get your tickets now for this adults-only, 21+ event!

<https://afmuseum.com/events/after-dark-events>



<https://www.afmuseum.com>

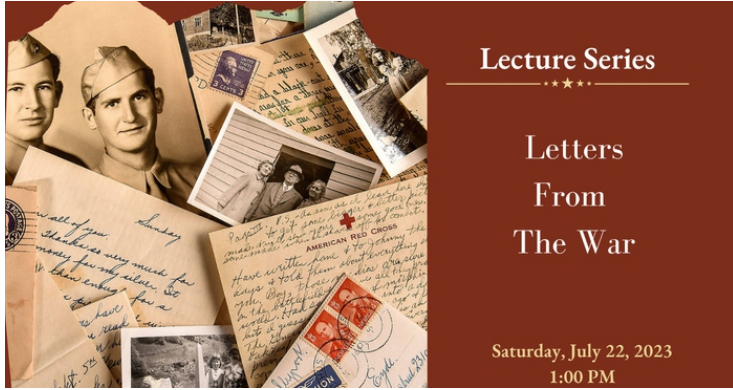
Air Force Museum Events
Air Force Museum Foundation
WPAFB, OH 45433

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



Tri-State Warbird Museum

Lecture Series – Letters from the War
July 22, 2023 @ 1pm - 2pm



Lecture Series

Letters
From
The War

Saturday, July 22, 2023
1:00 PM

The next segment in our Lecture Series is "Letters from the War". Elaine Balsley shares the life and letters of her Uncle Billy, SSgt. William James McQuoid, Jr., a tail gunner on a B-17 Flying Fortress in World War II. Presenter: Elaine Balsley.

See more Tri-State Warbird Museum events at:
<https://www.tri-statewarbirdmuseum.org/events/>



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

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



Butler County Warbirds at Ohio Challenge Middletown

Friday July 21 & Saturday July 22, 2023
Ohio Challenge Middletown

BCW will be at The Ohio Challenge Middletown on Friday, July 21 & Saturday, July 22, selling aircraft ride experiences! We will have our 1943 PT-19 and our Grumman aircraft available from 4pm til dusk each night. Location is Smith Park in Middletown, right next to the airport. Enter the following address into your GPS; 2301 Wedekind Dr, Middletown, OH 45042



Fairchild PT-19

Grumman AA-5

Details: 20 minute aircraft ride 1943 PT-19 \$189- Single rider 1972 Grumman AA-5 \$99-Up to 3 people with combined maximum total weight of 435lbs
Cash/CC*/Check *3% CC Processing Fee
For more information about The Ohio Challenge Middletown event (<https://ohiochallenge.com>).



Butler County Warbirds
Middletown Regional Airport (KMWO)
2351 Wedekind Drive
Middletown, OH 45042
(513) 702-3062
<http://www.bcwarbirds.com>

Butler County Warbirds is Site #16 on the Aviation Trail



Armstrong Air & Space Museum

The Wapakoneta Summer Moon Festival
Community Event

Wed, 07/19/2023 - 10:00 - Sun, 07/23/2023 - 17:00



EVENTS:

Costumed Astronaut Photograph Opportunities: Periodically throughout the day on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, a costumed astronaut will be walking around the galleries for individuals and families to take pictures with.

Gemini VIII "Capsule Chat:" On Friday from 12:00-12:30, a member of the museum staff will be giving a 30 minute in-depth talk at the Gemini VIII capsule, discussing the exciting details of Neil Armstrong's first space mission.

Inflatable Rides: Kids can put their skills to the test in our free inflatable rides located on the museum's south lawn from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm on Saturday and Sunday.

Education Tent: Our STEM education tent will have fun, science-based, activities for kids to test out.

Lima Astronomical Society: The Lima Astronomical Society will be set up on the museum's north lawn and will have fun star map and telescope activities, along with educating guests on their services and events in the community. The astronomical society will be available only on Saturday and Sunday.

Wright Stuff Rocketeers: Truly a fan favorite, this group of rocket builders will be giving periodic rocket demonstrations throughout the day. Be the group's countdown clock as they lift-off your rocket! The rocketeers will be available only on Saturday and Sunday and will be found on the museum's southwest lawn.

Lunar Rover Demonstrations: Check out the museum's drivable lunar rover replica! Learn about the complexity of driving a vehicle on the lunar surface and explore the interesting history of the museum's replica, perhaps even catch a driving demo too! The rover will be available only for Saturday and Sunday located on the museum's southwest lawn.

Kona Ice Truck: Cool off from the mid-July heat with a tasty frozen snack from the Kona Ice truck! The vehicle will be parked in the middle of the museum's southwest lawn and will be available for treats on Saturday and Sunday.

Parachute Museum: Visit with the Parachute Museum booth as they sit on the North Lawn and show off some of their amazing items and share the impressive history of JUMPING OUT OF PLANES!

Astronaut Gala: Located at the Armstrong Museum on Saturday, July 22nd at 7:00 pm, purchase a ticket and have the opportunity to mingle with a former NASA astronaut! Link to purchase tickets:
<https://www.armstrongmuseum.org/form/astronaut-gala>

Also during the events on Saturday and Sunday, a first-aid tent in case any guests need medical attention.

FOR THE SUMMER MOON FESTIVAL WEBSITE, SEE:
<https://summermoonfestival.com>



Armstrong Air & Space Museum
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



Dayton Air Show

JULY 22-23, 2023
DAYTON INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

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DAYTON AIR SHOW

PRESENTED BY Kroger

The U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds will be welcomed to the 2023 CenterPoint Energy Dayton Air Show Presented by Kroger July 22-23 at Dayton International Airport. The Thunderbirds will headline a jaw dropping lineup of performers and aircraft ground displays right here in the birthplace of aviation. The air show features food and fun for fans of all ages. Seating is limited and typically sells out well in advance of the event.



For more information see the Dayton Air Show website at <https://daytonairshow.com>



Aviation Trail Highlighted in Ohio Magazine

June 2023 Issue Features Places to Visit in Dayton

Ohio

magazine.com

Aviation Trail is listed among various Dayton area attractions in an article appearing on the Ohio Magazine website and in their print publication under the "Visit Dayton for History, Music and Outdoor Fun" story written by Macy Kile. The section featuring Aviation Trail includes information on the Aviation Trail Parachute Museum, WACO Air Museum, and the National Museum of the United States Air Force.

See the Ohio Magazine website story at: <https://www.ohiomagazine.com/travel/cities/article/explore-history-music-and-outdoor-fun-in-dayton>



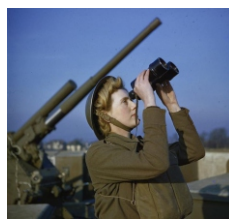
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The Aviation Trail Visitor Center is Site #1a on the Aviation Trail



Champaign Aviation Museum

Calendar of Events, 2023



July 3: B-25 Champaign Gal Static Display at Anderson, Indiana

July 21 - 23: B-25 Champaign Gal Rides at Dayton Air Show

August 10 - 12: B-25 Champaign Gal Rides at Marysville Balloon Festival

August 19 - 20: B-25 Champaign Gal Rides at Butler Co. (HAO) + Cincinnati Warbirds

August 26: B-25 Champaign Gal Rides at Grimes Field/ Champaign Aviation Museum

August 26: Air Evacuation Demonstration by the 801st 1st Medical Group Living Historians

September 16: B-25 Champaign Gal Static Display at Bucyrus

September 17: B-25 Champaign Gal Fly-Over at WACO 100th Anniversary

September 22 - 24: B-25 Champaign Gal Rides at Madison, Indiana (IMS)

October 14 | 11am: 9th Annual Remembrance Day Ceremony

(More information at: <https://www.champaignaviationmuseum.org/remembranceday>)

Reserve B-25 seats at: <https://champaign-aviation-museum.square.site>

Aviator and Top Brass CAM Members get a discount on their B-25 Champaign Gal ride purchase! Contact Jessica at 937-652-4710 for more info and to redeem your discount!



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



Woodland Cemetery & Arboretum

Upcoming Tours & Events



Woodland Historical Tour

Enjoy a stroll through one of the oldest rural cemeteries in the United States. Visit the final resting place of the Wright Brothers, Paul Laurence Dunbar, Erma Bombeck and many other famous Daytonians. Check the events calendar for scheduled dates and register online to save your spot. Meet at the Eichelberger Plaza located at the main gate. Please contact the office at 937-228-3221 or email info@woodlandcemetery.org for more information. Reservations required and weather permitting.

More Tours

See <https://woodlandcemetery.org/tours-and-events/> for descriptions of additional Woodland tours with date listings.

A calendar of the tour events is at <https://woodlandcemetery.org/events/>



Woodland Cemetery and Arboretum
118 Woodland Avenue
Dayton, Ohio 45409
www.woodlandcemetery.org

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



The National Aviation Hall of Fame Names President & CEO

DAYTON, OH, June 5, 2023 — The National Aviation Hall of Fame (NAHF) is delighted to announce the appointment of **Aimee Maruyama** as its President & CEO. Ms. Maruyama emerged as the top candidate after a competitive and inclusive national search conducted by the NAHF's Board of Trustees and facilitated by Korn Ferry, a leading global executive research and recruitment firm. She will assume her new role on June 5, 2023.

"As an organization that has grown into a vital force over the span of 60 years, the NAHF is dedicated to honoring our rich aviation heritage while inspiring and educating the next generation of aerospace pioneers," Maruyama said. "I am humbled and privileged to lead the NAHF, especially during a period of unprecedented evolution and growth in the aerospace industry. The NAHF's unwavering commitment to honoring the bravery, determination, and innovative spirit of our nation's aerospace legends and disseminating their remarkable stories is truly admirable. I am excited to strengthen our support and propel our organization to unprecedented levels of success."



Maruyama brings extensive non-profit experience to the role. She has served as a consultant to the NAHF on programs, strategy, and development since 2019 and has been leading the organization in an interim capacity since December 2022. With over 18 years of involvement in nonprofit strategy development, management, philanthropy, marketing & communications, and event planning, Maruyama has contributed significantly to the growth and success of numerous organizations, including The Contemporary Dayton, Glen Helen, Wittenberg University, and The University of Dayton.

In collaboration with the former CEO, Maruyama co-founded the NAHF's educational initiative, Discovering Flight. The standards-aligned aviation and aerospace curriculum for pre-K through 6th grade will reach more than 6,000 classrooms (and 180,000 students) by the end of 2023. She has also played a pivotal role in the ongoing transformation of the NAHF's Heritage Hall and Education Center.

"The board is confident that Maruyama's diverse skill set and extensive experience will continue to advance the NAHF's 60-year legacy of honoring our nation's aviation and aerospace greatness while inspiring and nurturing the aerospace workforce of tomorrow," said Jim Cooling, Chair of the NAHF's Board of Directors. "Maruyama's extensive involvement with nonprofit organizations and educational institutions has provided her with firsthand knowledge of the incredible opportunities we have to expand the NAHF's impact and reach. Additionally, her deep understanding of nonprofit operations and finance, coupled with her awareness of the challenges and possibilities in building a thriving organization for future generations, will make her a tremendous advocate for both our Enshrinees and our educational mission." Cooling added, "We eagerly look forward to the positive contributions Maruyama will make to our organization."



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1100 Spaatz St., Dayton, OH 45433
(937) 256-0944
www.nationalaviation.org

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

Aviation Trail Memberships & Donations



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 2023.

Aviation Trail Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

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. Thanks for your support! Memberships and donations can be made on-line through secure payment on PayPal, or a Membership/Donor form can be downloaded from the Membership Page for mailing.

See the **JOIN/DONATE** menu item on the Aviation Trail website to join, renew, or donate: <https://www.aviationtrailinc.org/>

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



Aviation Trail Gift Shop

See the **GIFT SHOP** menu item on the Aviation Trail website at: <https://www.aviationtrailinc.org/> or **CLICK HERE.**



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.





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E-mail Address (to receive online newsletter) _____

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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.

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Members and donors receive an online subscription to the Aviation Trail newsletter, *Flight Log*, and advance invitations to Aviation Trail events and programs.

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