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

### Wright Brothers Pinnacles Hiking Trail

*City of Moraine Development of Historic Pinnacles site:*

The City of Moraine held a ribbon cutting ceremony on Saturday, September 21st to open the new 1.1-mile Wright Brothers Pinnacles Historical Hiking Trail. The Pinnacles is a ridge and cliff overlooking the Miami River and is the site in the late 1890's where the Wright Brothers



would watch the flight of large birds on the cliff updrafts. Wilbur Wright obtained his wing warping or roll theory for his future heavier than air airplane wings by watching the birds here. Many photos taken by the Wright Brothers at the Pinnacles are also reproduced on signs. Sketches of trees and wildflowers drawn by Orville Wright and poet Paul Lawrence Dunbar while hiking the Pinnacles with their high school botany class adorn another sign. Other historical signs from the 1890's are installed along the trail.

The ceremony was hosted by Moraine Parks & Recreation Director Brent Shane. Mayor Teri Murphy stated that the new hiking trail joins several other Wright Brothers related sites in Moraine such as the Dayton Wright Airplane Company that in 1917 developed and built America's first bomber - the DeHavilland DH-4; and the Wright Seaplane Base, one of the world's first seaplane bases where Orville Wright conducted over 100 flights between 1912 and 1914. City Councilman Dave Miller spoke on the Wright Brothers historical presence at the Pinnacles, of fossils found along the trail and of a Native American mound and artifacts found at the Pinnacles in 1968.



Brent Shane thanked Mr. Miller for his hard work on the trail as well as other clubs, organizations, volunteers and city staff who contributed in some way to either the maintenance and development of the trail, creating or installing the signage, doing historical research or proving the funding.

The hiking trail has two trailhead entrances. The South Trailhead is off of the Main Street Bike Trail about .4 miles from Wax Park. The North Trailhead is off of the Pinnacle Road Bike Trail, .4 miles from Deer Meadow Park. "People can enjoy the outdoor recreation benefits of this new hiking trail, stated Miller. "and be educated about the rich Wright Brothers history that took place here". See more photos at: <https://www.aviationtrailinc.org/post/wright-brothers-pinnacles-hiking-trail>

**For a Wright Bros Hiking Trail flyer with a map and parking information see this link:**

<https://www.ci.moraine.oh.us/pdf/Parks%20&%20Rec/Wright%20Bros%20Hiking%20Trail%20Flyer.pdf>

*The Pinnacles is a Site on the Aviation Trail*



### Patterson Homestead Open House

*Presented by Dayton History - Nov. 2, 2024:*

**November 2, 2024**

Join Dayton History for an open house at the Patterson Homestead. Learn about the Patterson family and how they influenced the Dayton region! For more information, please call 937-293-2841 ext. 127 or e-mail [education1@daytonhistory.org](mailto:education1@daytonhistory.org).

**PATTERSON HOMESTEAD OPEN HOUSE**  
Saturday, November 2, 2024 | 12:00pm - 4:30pm

Location: Patterson Homestead,  
1815 Brown St., Dayton, Ohio 45409  
Price: \$5.00 - Non Members  
FREE - Members



Tickets at

<https://shop.daytonhistory.org/EventPurchase.aspx?dateselected=11/2/2024>

(For other times, call 937-293-2841 ext. 127 to arrange special tours. Two week advance notice required).

<https://www.daytonhistory.org/visit/dayton-history-sites/patterson-homestead/>

*Constructed in three major components between 1816-1850, this legendary home raised three generations of Pattersons, including legendary industrialist John H. Patterson who founded his National Cash Register enterprise on the family's land—roughly a half-mile northwest of Patterson Homestead.*

*Originally the home of Revolutionary War soldier and Lexington, Kentucky, and Cincinnati, Ohio, founder, Colonel Robert Patterson, this Federal-style historic house museum tells the story of Dayton's influential Patterson family. Colonel Patterson first settled here in 1804, and upon his death in 1827, Rubicon Farm (the name of his land) covered 2,038 acres.*

*In 1953, John H. Patterson's nephew Jefferson Patterson donated Patterson Homestead to the City of Dayton—its six period rooms showcased 18th and 19th century antiques and Patterson family artifacts. Over time, more family-related artifacts have been added to the collection, and an exhibit gallery was included to tell NCR's groundbreaking story.*



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**



# Wright Brothers Aeroboat Replica

## City of Moraine Commemoration of the Wright Seaplane Base

City of Moraine Press Release:

The City of Moraine completed the final pieces of a mini-park area across from 3315 Main Street in Moraine that contains a 1/4 replica of the Wright Model G Aeroboat soaring atop a flagpole. Through funding by the Wright Seaplane Base Inc. Organization and the City of Moraine, historical signage, park benches and a concrete pad was installed by the Moraine Street Division and the Moraine Building Maintenance Department. An additional appreciation plaque is mounted on a large rock donated by Stony Hollow Landfill. The signage tells the story of the Model G and of Orville Wright's over 100 aeroboat flights between 1912 and 1914 along the Miami River in Moraine and West Carrollton.



### Notes:

- This new mini-park does NOT replace the seaplane site or the marker down along the river. There is still a Wright Seaplane Base State of Ohio Historical Marker at the Miami & Erie Canal Park in West Carrollton along the Miami River with the original seaplane base site just across the river from the historical marker. It is just off I-75, exit 47.
- Parking for the new Model G replica mini-park is not available on Main Street but there are two parking options. Parking Option #1, people can park along Elter Drive since the mini-park is basically at the corner of Elter Drive and Main Street. Parking Option #2, people can park at the First Freedom Baptist Church parking lot at 3315 Main Street and walk across Main Street to the mini-park.
- FYI - If you leave the mini-park and walk 50 yards along the Main Street sidewalk (on the north side of Main Street) up onto the Main Street Bridge (which flows over the Miami River), we have a City of Moraine Historical Marker recognizing the Wright Seaplane Base along the northwest sidewalk/entrance to the bridge (see the photo in the lower right corner below).

For additional background and photos on the Seaplane Base see these links from the Aviation Trail website:

<https://www.aviationtrailinc.org/additional-trail-sites>

<https://www.aviationtrailinc.org/post/seaplanes-in-ohio>



Wright Seaplane Base, Inc.  
Moraine Air Park  
3800 Clearview Rd.  
Moraine, OH. 45439-1120  
<http://www.wrightseaplanebaseinc.org>

## Wright Seaplane Base is a Site on the Aviation Trail



# After Dark: Bombers & Brews

Saturday, Nov. 2, 2024 from 6-10 pm at NMUSAF



Join us Saturday, Nov. 2 for the return of our fan-favorite event, After Dark: Bombers & Brews! The event takes place from 6-10 pm at the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force™. Party with live music by local band, Flashback, a 5-piece classic rock/dance band playing all your favorites from the 60s through today. Get a head start on No-Shave November and compete in a Mustache Contest inspired by Brig Gen Robin Olds. Did you know that Dayton played a key role for code breakers during World War II? Learn all about it with Group Captain (Retired) Andrew Lloyd, RAF. Plus, enjoy aircraft look-ins and open aircraft, a caricature artist, heavy hors d'oeuvres, a beverage from one of our cash bars, and much more! **Event is for adults only (ages 21 +).**

Tickets are just \$40 per person. Remember, your ticket purchase benefits the nonprofit Air Force Museum Foundation, which provides funding for the Museum's special exhibits and events, restorations and experience enhancements, educational programs and so much more. <https://airforcemuseumfoundation.org/events/#upcoming-events>

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



<https://airforcemuseumfoundation.org/>

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



# Plane Talks in Honor of Veterans Day

Saturday, November 9, 2024 at NMUSAF, 10:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.



Honor the service and sacrifice of our nation's service members with a special edition of "Plane Talks" in honor of Veterans Day on Saturday, Nov. 9 from 10:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Visitors are invited to listen and interact with subject matter experts located throughout the museum's galleries as they speak about their unique experiences serving our nation's Air Force, and learn more about the artifacts and aircraft located in the

museum. Plane Talks occurs a few times a year, bringing to life the development and service history of the aircraft and exhibits on display at the museum. Various subject matter experts will be stationed in the galleries near the aircraft or exhibit that relates to their expertise. Experts include veterans, active duty, former pilots, crew members, engineers, navigators, and more.

Plane Talks programs often occur in conjunction with the anniversary of a significant Air Force or military event. <https://www.nationalmuseum.af.mil/Upcoming/Events/All>

Plane Talks occur from 10:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted.



National Museum of the U.S. Force | 1100 Spaatz St, Wright-Patterson AFB, OH 45433 [www.nationalmuseum.af.mil](http://www.nationalmuseum.af.mil)

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# Tri-State Warbird Museum

## November 2024 Events

### Super Soarin' Saturdays – High Flyin' Fun November 2 @ 11:00 am - 12:30 pm

Come for more than just the airplanes! High Flyin' Fun includes learning about flying creatures and machines, all while creating amazing crafts and taking a turn with flying devices.



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.

See ticket information here: <https://www.tri-statewarbirdmuseum.org/event/saturday-general-admission-95/>

### Coffee with Kilroy

#### November 9 @ 11:00 am - 11:30 am



Coffee with Kilroy is our FREE veterans appreciation event! If you are a veteran, please join us in celebration of service. Veterans in attendance will be entered in a raffle to win a ride in our P-51 and T-6!

(Registration Coming Soon - check <https://www.tri-statewarbirdmuseum.org/event/coffee-with-kilroy-2024/>)

### Celebrating Veterans Day November 9 @ 11:00 am - 12:30 pm



Join us as we celebrate Veterans!  
11:00A Coffee with Kilroy  
Coffee and Donuts sponsored by Dunkin' Donuts is free for Veterans!  
11:00A – 12:30P Kidz Zone Open  
12:00P T-6 & P-51 Flight Demo  
2 veterans will win a ride \*weather depending

Purchase General Admission Tickets at: <https://www.tri-statewarbirdmuseum.org/event/saturday-general-admission-96/>

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### Fly Higher With Engines: How Do They Run? November 13 @ 2:15 pm - 3:15 pm

Fly Higher is a new workshop program aimed at providing students with an interactive and hands-on learning experience that motivates students to discover more. Nov. 13, 2:15PM – 3:15PM  
<https://www.tri-statewarbirdmuseum.org/event/fly-higher-with-engines-how-do-they-run/>



*Program and Event Cancellations & Refund Policy (for all of the above Tri-State events)*

*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>

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



### Ring in the Holidays & a Carillon Christmas

#### Holiday Events at Carillon Historical Park

### Ring in the Holidays - Sunday, November 24 ❄️ 5:30 pm - 9:00 pm



Join us on a NEW night for Ringing in the Holidays at Carillon Historical Park, Dayton's premier holiday celebration! This elegant evening will feature the festive sounds of the Kim Kelly Orchestra, filling the air with holiday classics and jazz standards.

Savor delectable hors d'oeuvres while enjoying open bars and our signature cocktail, specially crafted for the event. Don't forget to capture a magical moment with Santa Claus and admire exclusive items from our treasured collection brought out for this event only, showcasing the rich history of Dayton. Ride the Carillon Park Railroad and browse our silent auction, offering unique experiences and gifts, perfect for holiday surprises.

Don't miss this chance to celebrate the season in style, surrounded by the beauty of Carillon Park's historic setting. It's an unforgettable evening filled with music, cheer, and the spirit of giving! Tickets are limited, so reserve yours today! Members: \$85 ❄️ Non-Members: \$95  
Tickets at: <https://shop.daytonhistory.org/Events.aspx?display=events>

<https://www.daytonhistory.org/events/special-events/ringing-in-the-holidays/>

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## A Carillon Christmas November 26 ❄️ December 30\*



A Carillon Christmas transforms Carillon Historical Park into a winter wonderland of sparkle, magic, and holiday cheer. Towering 200 feet, the breathtaking Carillon Tree of Light—Ohio's largest musical tree of light—is not only the centerpiece of A Carillon Christmas but also an undeniable symbol of Christmas in the Miami Valley.

Featuring the Gem City Letterpress, the Tailor of Gloucester Puppet Shows, Christmas stories, pictures with Santa (through the 23rd), two completely different and fun railroad experiences: The Carillon Park Railroad and Midnight Express small-scale train rides, gingerbread and chestnuts over an open fire, festive treats, holiday shopping, and much more!

Members receive FREE admission. Renew your membership today!

Tickets at: <https://shop.daytonhistory.org/Events.aspx?display=ga>

\*Closed Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve, and Christmas Day

<https://www.daytonhistory.org/events/special-events/a-carillon-christmas/>



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## Armstrong Museum Holiday Lights

Friday November 29, 2024 - January 01, 2025



### THE HOLIDAY LIGHTS & GRAND ILLUMINATION

Friday November 29, 2024 - January 01, 2025

For over ten years now, the Armstrong Air & Space Museum has been inaugurating the holiday season by illuminating their grounds with a vast array of festive and colorful lights known as the Holiday Lights Display. The overall exhibition contains a multitude of aviation and space-themed displays made from tens of thousands of vibrant LED bulbs, with prominent works including a twenty-foot-tall Saturn V rocket and a giant Apollo-era astronaut saluting the American flag.

The Display officially kicks-on at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, November 29th, when the lights are turned on for the first time during the "Grand Illumination" event. The museum itself will be open as part of the event for guests to shop or visit from 10:00 am to 8:00 pm.

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The lights will be on for guests to enjoy from dusk until dawn every night until the end of the year. Holiday lights will be spread periodically throughout the museum grounds to allow guests to social distance if they so choose.

The light display will once again be part of the Ohio Holiday Lights Trail, a compilation of the state's most impressive light displays curated by Ohio. Find It Here., the state's tourism division. This year's holiday

lights trail features dozens of amazing locations and attractions across the Buckeye State.

Guests are asked to refrain from touching lights, sculptures, or cords. If you take any pictures of the lights throughout the holiday season please post them using #AASMLights. Donations will be accepted on-site and online via our donation tab listed above! The guestbook can also be found onsite or on our website below this page! Please leave your comments and let us know what you think!

The Holiday Lights Display is weather permitting. The store and restrooms are not regularly open, and there is no food or beverage available.



Armstrong Air & Space Museum  
500 Apollo Dr.  
Wapakoneta, OH 45895  
<https://www.armstrongmuseum.org>

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



## 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**.

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



## Memberships & Donations

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

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



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)

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## Yes! I want to support Aviation Trail, Inc.

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***All levels of Aviation Trail memberships, except for Life Membership, are annual and are subject to renewal, at the desired level, by each January.***

### 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.

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**Mail to Aviation Trail, Inc. / PO Box 633 / Wright Brothers Station / Dayton, OH 45409**

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

See the **JOIN/DONATE** menu item on the Aviation Trail website to join, renew, or donate:

<https://www.aviationtrailinc.org/>. Or click the membership logo or use the QR code on the right >



### Membership

- Join
- Renew
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