



# 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.

News and Updates from "The Trail"

"The Flight Log" -

**AVIATION TRAIL MAIL**



## "Preserving the Past & Promoting the Future"

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**Aviation Trail Visitor Center • Wright-Dunbar Interpretive Center • Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park**

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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)

## Singing Sergeants

Live at the National Museum of the United States Air Force  
Wednesday, June 19, 2024 at 3 p.m



**Don't miss this special FREE performance by one of the premier U.S. Air Force ensembles:**

### The Singing Sergeants!

This concert is free and open to the public, but due to limited seating advanced ticketing is required. See <https://usafband.ticketleap.com/the-us-air-force-bands-singing-sergeants--live-at-the-national/> to request your tickets.

Join us June 19 at 3 p.m. in the Museum's Presidential Gallery for this rare performance as the Singing Sergeants kick off their Ohio/Michigan tour.

Ticket holders are encouraged to arrive early to leave plenty of time to walk back to the concert area in the Presidential Gallery.



**NATIONAL MUSEUM  
OF THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE™**

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

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



## Carillon Park Rail Festival

Saturday, June 22, & Sunday, June 23, 2024



**Hours of Event**  
Saturday, June 22, 2024  
9:30am-5:00pm

Sunday, June 23, 2024  
11:00am-4:00pm

Typically held each June, Carillon Historical Park's Rail Festival is a two-day family fun event featuring free miniature train rides, live steam engines, model train displays, historical displays, train merchandise, rail vendors, and much more.

Carillon Historical Park is home to B&O #1, John Quincy Adams (the oldest existing American-built locomotive), a Barney & Smith wooden parlor car, an Interurban, a train station, and more. Presented by the Carillon Park Rail & Steam Society, Rail Festival is a perfect complement to Carillon Historical Park's rail-themed artifacts, many of which are located in the James F. Dicke Family Transportation Center.

### Admission

\$14 per adult (18-59)  
\$12 per senior (60+)  
\$10 per child (3-17)  
Free to Children age 2 and under  
Free to Members



### Parking

FREE parking is available at Carillon Historical Park

For More Information: (937) 293-2841

Carillon Historical Park • Dayton History  
1000 Carillon Blvd. • Dayton, OH 45409  
<https://www.daytonhistory.org>

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



# Taking Flight Gala

## Tri-State Warbird Museum

Friday, June 7th, 2024 | 5-9pm

4021 BORMAN DRIVE, BATAVIA, OH 45103



BUSINESS CASUAL ATTIRE or MILITARY UNIFORM



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.

Taking Flight Gala

Cocktail Hour: 5pm-6pm

Aerial Demo: 6pm-7pm Dinner & Program: 7pm-9pm

Tickets: \$275

For tickets see: <https://www.tri-statewarbirdmuseum.org/event/taking-flight-gala-24/>



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



# Parachute Museum Theater

## Paratrooper's Point of View



# 13 in a series of videos featured on the Aviation Trail Parachute Museum Theater.

See what it looks like for a paratrooper to step into thin air over a drop zone in this footage of a recent jump in the Netherlands to commemorate the anniversary of WWII's Operation Market Garden.

Army Jumpmaster Staff Sgt. Paul O'Brien of the 82nd Airborne Division provides the footage. (Army / DVDs) [Military Times](#)

Presented by Military Times



Watch the video at

[https://youtu.be/ZVW1tSvPCp?](https://youtu.be/ZVW1tSvPCp?list=TLGGwOzKdyPvX-YyODA1MjAyNA&t=6)

[list=TLGGwOzKdyPvX-YyODA1MjAyNA&t=6](https://youtu.be/ZVW1tSvPCp?list=TLGGwOzKdyPvX-YyODA1MjAyNA&t=6)

See the Parachute Museum page at

<https://www.aviationtrailinc.org/parachute-museum-theater>

for access to more Parachute Museum Theater videos.



The Aviation Trail Parachute Museum  
16 South Williams Street  
Dayton, OH 45402  
(937) 225-7705

<https://www.aviationtrailinc.org/parachute-museum>

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



# National Aviation Hall of Fame

## Joe Clark Innovation Lab Now Open

We are thrilled to share that the Joe Clark Innovation Lab installation is complete and we are open for business. With summer just around the corner, we hope you will plan a stop at the National Aviation Hall of Fame and see our new space. We are incredibly grateful for the tremendous support we received to allow this project to happen. Join us in thanking the following: The State of Ohio, Kettering Fund, Berry Family Foundation, Bruce McCaw Family Foundation, Ohio's 529, and National Aviation Heritage Area.



And a huge thank you to all the individual supporters who donated their time, talent, or treasure to bring this project to completion! Our Heritage Hall and Education Center has new operating hours. Visit us daily 9am-5pm.

We will be open Memorial Day.

Plan a visit at <https://nationalaviation.org/about/plan-a-visit/>

About The National Aviation Hall of Fame- Formed through an Act of Congress in 1964, the National Aviation Hall of Fame (NAHF) is dedicated to honoring America's aerospace pioneers. Considered by many to be a true national treasure, the NAHF serves as the only Congressionally-chartered aviation hall of fame and works tirelessly to confidently promote the vision, innovation, skill, and courage of the national heroes who lent their genius to further our nation's aerospace legacy.

Founded and based in Dayton, OH, the NAHF is committed to informing the public of American aviation heroes, their accomplishments, and their impact on advances in aviation from Early Flight to Space Travel. The NAHF strives to create a distinctive educational resource that will inspire future generations to appreciate our nation's extraordinary aviation heritage and the men and women who created it.



National Aviation Hall of Fame  
1100 Spaatz St., Dayton, OH 45433  
(937) 256-0944  
[www.nationalaviation.org](http://www.nationalaviation.org)

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





# Butler County Warbirds

## June & July Events, 2024

• June 6th, 2024- We are participating in the Anniversary of D-Day on June 6th at the National Museum of the USAF. BCW crew will be attending as WWII reenactors and we will have several artifacts from our museum on display. Museum hours are 10-5.

• The Ohio Challenge Balloon Fest on July 19th and 20th at Smith Park in Middletown. We will be selling aircraft rides\* both days, starting at 5pm and 4pm respectively, until dusk. (See pricing below).

The Ohio Challenge offers hot air balloons, an evening balloon glow, tethered balloon rides, carnival, car show, aircraft rides, food trucks, fireworks and more!

\*Aircraft flights are weather permitting



## Plane Ride Pricing

### 1941 AERONCA L-3E

20 Min ride for 1 person  
Weight Limit 170 lbs

**\$89** / FLIGHT



### 1943 FAIRCHILD PT-19

20 Min ride for 1 person  
Weight Limit 260 lbs

**\$189** / FLIGHT

### CESSNA C-172

5-10 Min Hops  
2 Rider Min. 3 Rider Max.  
Weight Limit 450 lbs

**\$25** / PERSON



• Thunderfest Car Show in Middletown on July 27th from 11-4. Cruise In - Family Friendly Event. Cars, trucks, motorcycles (soft colors only), rat rods, dragsters, exotics, classics, even boats! BCW will be in attendance at the event with a static display, and will be doing a flyover at noon in our historic WWII aircraft. We are selling raffle tickets to win a flight in our 1943 PT-19, find us at the event to get your tickets!

• General news- Betty Stagg-Turner Memorial Scholarship. We are VERY close to meeting our \$10,000.00 goal to make the scholarship a permanent endowment with the Middletown Community Foundation. Any donation, no matter how small, can help to get us there! For more info on the scholarship, or to make a donation, see <https://www.bcwarbirds.com/scholarship-details.html>



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

# Aviation Trail Memberships & Donations

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



## Membership

- Join
- Renew
- Donate

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

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



### 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 2024.

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

### Dear friend of Aviation Trail:

We are asking you to consider becoming a member today, or to renew or upgrade your membership.

Since 1981 Aviation Trail has been promoting our region's phenomenal aviation heritage, and contributing to the preservation of it's history as well as developing new and exciting ideas and projects.

We continue to expand the Aviation Trail Parachute Museum collection (already noted by the Smithsonian Air & Space Museum as one of the largest, if not the largest private collections in the country). and hope to expand the museum to display more of the collection. We plan to renovate the Pekin Theater and Fish Market buildings, which are immediately adjacent to our Aviation Trail Visitor Center, to accommodate the expansion.

Your membership support is critical in assisting us with these projects and our promotion of the aviation heritage of our region. Memberships and donations can be processed on our website with credit card payments securely processed by PayPal. Mail in memberships and donations can also be made using the form downloadable from the website.

We remain committed to upholding our mission of aviation awareness, documentation and restoration in our region. We need your support to be more than "The Birthplace of Aviation," but also the premier locale in the country to experience aviation history and ongoing development.

Please help us keep the Dayton area in the forefront of the world's aviation history, leadership and preservation. Thank you for your past and present support.

**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 go directly to the **Join/Donate** page at: <https://www.aviationtrailinc.org/copy-of-membership-donations-reserv-1> or use the QR code shown at the top of this column.

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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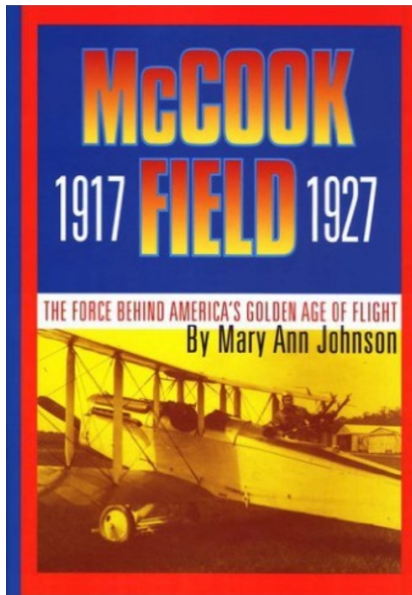
*Donations to Aviation Trail, Inc., a 501(c)3 organization, in partnership with the National Park Service to promote Aviation Heritage in the Dayton region, are fully tax deductible.*



# Aviation Trail Gift Shop

Now available on the Aviation Trail Gift Shop page:

*McCook Field 1917-1927 The Force Behind America's Golden Age of Flight* by the late Mary Ann Johnson covers the fascinating decade of Dayton's McCook Field and its extensive contributions to aviation technology.



Visit the Aviation Trail online gift shop!

Your purchase of Aviation Trail merchandise helps us to uphold our mission of promoting awareness of the Dayton area's aviation heritage, and supporting education, preservation and restoration of that heritage.

An assortment of Aviation Trail and Parachute Museum souvenir items is shown below:

Shirts



Collectable Art Prints



Caps



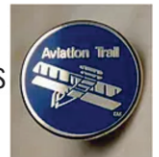
Tumblers

The author, who passed away in 2015 at the age of 93, was a founding member of Aviation Trail, Inc. which was formed in 1981 to promote Dayton's aviation heritage and continues to promote the various trail sites in the area that have unique and significant importance in this rich aviation heritage. This book is a definitive source of information on an historic site on the Aviation Trail.

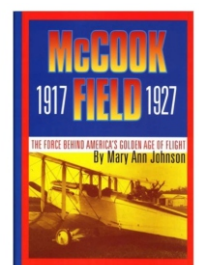
Magnets



Pins



Note Cards & Envelopes



McCook Field Book

See details on gift shop page.

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 click or scan the QR code.







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

Mr., Mrs., Miss, Ms. \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (W) \_\_\_\_\_ (C) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address (to receive online newsletter) \_\_\_\_\_

(Name to be used for recognition if different than above) \_\_\_\_\_

***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.

**Check enclosed. Make payable to: Aviation Trail, Inc.**

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

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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