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

Dayton's National Park to celebrate centennial of Air Races

Commemorating the 100th anniversary of the International Air Races
Oct. 5, 2024

NPS News Release Date: September 20, 2024
Contact: Kathleen Walters, 937-225-7705

DAYTON, Ohio — Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park will host an event at the Huffman Prairie to commemorate the International Air Races and aviation history in Dayton.



Aeromarine NBS-1 in flight during the 1924 Air Races
United States Air Force

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the 1924 International Air Races held in Dayton, Ohio. The 1920s saw a rapid growth in aviation; airplanes had become faster, more reliable, and more agile than ever before. The Air Races were a showcase of all the latest advances in airplane design in both the military and civilian realms with nine different competitions that took place over three days. The Pulitzer Trophy race was the final and most prominent race. As a First Lieutenant, Harry Mills won the 1924 Pulitzer Trophy with an average speed of 216.72 mph.

Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park will be commemorating the centennial of the 1924 International Air Races on October 5, 2024, with an event at the Huffman Prairie. The public is invited to come together to build a toy building brick mosaic honoring the centennial. There will be two build sessions that day and each participant will assist with building a segment of the larger mosaic. The morning build session will begin at 9:00 a.m. and the afternoon session will begin at 1:00 p.m. As the pieces come together, they will reveal a recreation of the 1924 Slipstream Monthly aviation magazine cover which advertised the Air Races.

Once complete, this mosaic will be displayed in the Wright-Dunbar Interpretive Center, serving as a reminder of the historic air races and the importance of building a future together.

... Air Race Centennial story continued from the previous

In the Dayton region, the invention of the airplane led to a legacy of continued aviation development that established the United States as a world leader in military, commercial aircraft, and space vehicles. The park is the gateway to the story of aviation from the Wright brothers to early technological advances featured at the Air Races to the current innovation at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base.

Dayton Aviation Heritage NHP is partnering with Brixilated for this event, whose mission is to harness the power of play to change the world. Building together encourages creativity, communication, and empathy; skills that encourage a healthy community. Join us to learn more about the 1924 International Air Races, aviation history in Dayton, and to build a unique mosaic together.

The build event will be located near the historic Huffman Prairie along Hebble Creek Rd. on Wright-Patterson Air Force Base on Saturday, October 5, 2024. This event is free, but space is limited so reservations are required.

Please email Jacquelyn Strey at jacquelyn@brixilated.com to reserve your spot.

Visit this National Park Service link for a great article about the 1924 races (with photos):

<https://www.nps.gov/articles/000/the-pulitzer-trophy-and-national-air-races-at-wilbur-wright-field.htm>

Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park preserves and interprets the history and legacies of the Wright Brothers and Paul Laurence Dunbar. Learn more about these extraordinary men and the story of the park when you explore www.nps.gov/daav or find us on social media at [facebook.com/DaytonAviationNPS](https://www.facebook.com/DaytonAviationNPS), and [@DaytonAviationNHP](https://www.instagram.com/DaytonAviationNHP) on Instagram.

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Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park
16 S. Williams St.
Dayton, OH 45402
937-225-7705



The Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park includes Sites #1, #2, and #3 on the Aviation Trail



Patterson Homestead Open House

Presented by Dayton History
October 5, 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.

PATTERSON HOMESTEAD OPEN HOUSE
Saturday, October 05, 2024 | 12:00pm - 5:00pm
Location: Patterson Homestead, 1815 Brown St., Dayton, Ohio 45409
Price: \$5.00 - Non Members FREE - Members
Other 2024 open house dates: November 2
(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/>

PURCHASE TICKETS at:
<https://shop.daytonhistory.org/SelectEvent.aspx?eventid=1000078>

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

Carillon Historical Park is Site #4 on the Aviation Trail



Girls in Aviation Day

A Women in Aviation International Event



October 12, 2024

at The National Museum of the United States Air Force™

In partnership with the [National Aviation Hall of Fame](#), the [Women in Aviation's Huffman Prairie chapter](#) will host a Girls in Aviation Day that will be sure to impress!

Designed for girls ages 8-17, Girls in Aviation Day is a FREE event to interest girls and young women to get into aviation. Not everyone has to be a pilot - there are careers through engineering, mechanics/maintenance, logistics, human resources, accounting, air traffic control, dispatchers, hospitality, drones, marketing, management, and so many more!

Sat, October 12, 2024 10:00 AM - 02:00 PM EDT
National Museum of the US Air Force, 1100 Spaatz St. Wright-Patterson AFB, OH 45433,

Use this link to order tickets:
<https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/360d63c4-04f4-4c6f-b60a-78e63cc69dc0>

National Aviation Hall of Fame | 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



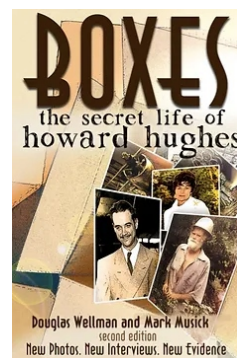
Free Lecture at Champaign Aviation Museum

Thursday, October 17th, 2024 at 11am

"Boxes: The Secret Life of Howard Hughes"

Presented by Major General Mark Musick (Ret.)

Join us in the CAM Library to learn the history-changing story detailing how Howard Hughes spent the last 25 years of his life, in seclusion, with the women he loved. Fabulous wealth, a government-provided alternate identity, an employment of body doubles, media confusion, and a loving wife to preserve the secrets. The mystery is now known! Throughout the mysterious later years of Howard Hughes' life, he was described as a 90-pound pitiful man with long fingernails and declared mentally incompetent at his passing in 1976. Was this the disgusting end of Howard Hughes' life? No, it was not! The person who died in 1976 was a stand-in for Hughes.



Howard hid for another 25 years with the support of the government and a woman he loved and trusted. "Boxes: The Secret Life of Howard Hughes," describes why Howard wanted to escape and how it was achieved until his actual death in 2001. The story is told by his wife, Eva McLelland, who kept his secret until his passing, at which time she was ready to reveal the truth. Eva chose to tell Mark Musick, co-author of "Boxes: The Secret Life of Howard Hughes" a true story of intrigue and mystery that re-writes history.



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



Scale Model Show at Tri-State Warbirds

Cincinnati Scale Modelers
October 19, 2024 @ 9:00 am - 4:00 pm



The Cincinnati Scale Modelers will be holding their annual model show and contest Saturday, October 19th at the Tri-State Warbird Museum. There will be over 50 tables of vendors selling plastic model kits, supplies, books, and aviation/military related items. The show will also showcase a completed model contest with 100's of entries. A special admission price for the day gives visitors full access to the museum, vendors, and contest area. Come on out to see professionally finished plastic models as well as shop an amazing variety of model kits and supplies!

Order Tickets at:

<https://www.tri-statewarbirdmuseum.org/event/saturday-general-admission-93/>



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



100 Things to See in the Night Sky

Saturday, October 19, 2024
Armstrong Air & Space Museum, 6:00pm to 7:00 pm



Armstrong Air & Space Museum

Author and Astronomer Dean Regas Presentation

Want to know the name of that star? How do you find constellations like Orion, Gemini, and Taurus? When can you see the planets? Based on his popular book, astronomer Dean Regas will show you the basic tips and tricks to identifying stars, constellations, planets, and more in the night sky. You'll soon be on your way to finding 100 Things in the Night Sky. Great for all ages. Following his presentation the Armstrong Air & Space Museum will host a skyview event on its north lawn (7:30PM-11:00PM). This skyview event is weather permitting and if cancelled we will post information about this. Guests are encouraged to bring their own telescopes if they wish to view the night sky. The museum will have their telescopes and educators present to answer questions and discuss telescope basics. Astronomer Dean Regas will join us for the skyview as well. Event Contact: Chris Moynihan; 419-738-8869; programs@armstrongmuseum.org

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

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



Troops & Treats at National Museum of the United States Air Force™

October 26, 2024 - 10 am to 3 pm

Ghosts and goblins of all ages will not want to miss this exciting day of trick-or-treating in the Museum.

Come dressed in your favorite costume and be prepared for a day of free activities. Event details are subject to change. Follow us here and on our social media for updates:

<https://www.nationalmuseum.af.mil/Upcoming/Events/>
<https://www.facebook.com/AFmuseum>



This event is made possible through generous support by the Air Force Museum Foundation (Federal Endorsement Not Implied).



The National Museum of the U.S. Air Force
1100 Spaatz Street
Wright-Patterson AFB OH 45433
<https://www.nationalmuseum.af.mil>
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



Hangar Halloween at Tri-State Warbird Museum

October 26, 2024 @ 11:00 am - 12:30 pm



Bring the whole family to Hangar Halloween! Come dressed in your costume for some fun family activities!

• Candy • Crafts • Games • Cockpit Climb-In

Order Tickets at:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/hangar-halloween-2024-tickets-995463707747>

Membership Info at:

<https://www.tri-statewarbirdmuseum.org/support/membership/>

Frequently Asked Questions at:

<https://www.tri-statewarbirdmuseum.org/learn/kids/hangar-halloween-faqs/>



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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



The Candy Bomber at Butler County Warbirds

October 27th, 2024, 2-4pm

Butler County Warbirds Presents...



The Candy Bomber

Third annual Candy Bomber Event at Butler County Warbirds on October 27th, 2pm, at 2351 Wedekind Drive, Middletown, OH 45042. Stop by and learn about the history of the famous Berlin Candy Bomber. We will be dropping parachutes of candy from our most recently restored aircraft, our '41 Aeronca L-3E.

This is a FREE, family friendly event. Get festive and wear your Halloween costumes while you learn a little about history!

*Candy drop is weather permitting. Event will take place regardless of weather with festivities & candy for the kids in our hangar.



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

The Butler County Warbird Museum is Site #16 on the Aviation Trail

Boo on the Moon at Armstrong

Tuesday, October 29, 2024 - 5:00 - 7:00pm
Armstrong Air & Space Museum Community Event

Grab your costumes and candy bags, the Armstrong Museum will be hosting "Boo! On the Moon" Halloween event on Tuesday, October 29, from 5:00 - 7:00 PM. Experience the museum in a whole new way with our space galleries adorned with a wide array of ghastly props and eerie decor. As our younger visitors walk through the galleries, staff members will be stationed in areas passing out candy and treats.



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

National Aviation Hall of Fame 2024 Enshrinement

Ceremony Held on September 14

This year's 60th Annual Enshrinement Ceremony was a night to remember as we honored aviation legends who have transformed the industry and inspired generations. From groundbreaking pioneers to modern innovators, we celebrated the remarkable achievements of Don Bateman, Col. Frederick Gregory, Katherine Johnson, Dr. Peggy Chabrian, Joe Sutter, and the visionary minds behind Garmin, Gary Burrell and Dr. Min Kao.

View Photo Gallery at <https://knack.pic-time.com/-nationalaviationhalloffame/gallery>

View Enshrinement Video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aJMoV9SD0rQ>

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(937) 256-0944 • www.nationalaviation.org



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

Parachute Museum at WACO Fly-In

Aviation Trail Display on Sept. 21

The Aviation Trail Parachute Museum had a display of parachutes and an ejection seat at the 31st Annual WACO Fly-In on Saturday, September 21. The three day family event drew an impressive audience over the weekend in perfect weather. Scores of beautiful WACO aircraft flew in for display and flying demonstrations, with entertainment, food trucks, and many activities for kids. Scores of attendees stopped at the Parachute Museum area to try on parachutes, and learn more about the museum.



See more photos from the event on the Aviation Trail website Parachute Museum page: <https://www.aviationtrailinc.org/parachute-museum>

WACO Air Museum & Learning Center is Site #11 on the Aviation Trail
The Trail Paracute Museum is Site #1b 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.

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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

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_____ \$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)

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Please apply my donation to:

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



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