



# 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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## July 2024 ISSUE

07/01/2024

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 Events

### Season update, July through October

Schedule for The Grimes Flying Lab Museum  
July - October months with hours of 10am- 1pm  
(open only on Saturdays / call for special appointments)

Here is the updated event list that the Grimes Flying Lab Beech 18 will be attending : (weather permitting /subject to change)



**July 4th** - Bryan , Ohio Pancake Fly In

**July 6th**- Grimes Field Family Day (11-dusk - actives , food trucks ) - aircraft will fly before fireworks at dusk (**see below**)

**July 13/14**- Barnstorming carnival event at Springfield , Ohio airport (**See below**)

**August 17-18**- Props and Pistons Festival Akron , Ohio

(August 17- MERFI is at Grimes Field - the museum will be open /aircraft will **not** be there )

August 24- Hops in the Hangar 4-9pm at Bulter County Warbird Museum (not officially confirmed yet)

**Labor Day weekend:**

August 31- Waynesville , Ohio

September 1- Ring of Fire event at Indian Lake

September 21- Bucyrus , Ohio Fly In

September 28- Zanesville , Ohio EAA Chapter Event

October - TBD Urbana High School Military Appreciation Night Flyover

## Grimes Flying Field Fireworks Festival

**Saturday, July 6, 2024 from 11 am until sunset:**

The Grimes Flying Lab Museum will be open.

The aircraft will fly at dusk (weather permitting)



Don't forget to mark your calendars for the airport's first-ever Fireworks Festival at Grimes Field! Saturday, July 6th from 11am until sunset.

Lots of food and craft vendors, plus fun kids' activities to keep the little ones busy!

Bring a lawn chair and await the fireworks following the festival!

Live music by Victorious KayBirds. Free admission to band at 6pm.

Fireworks provided by Rotary Club of Urbana, Ohio.

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## Grimes Flying Lab at Springfield-Beckley Airport Barnstorming Carnival

**The Grimes Flying Lab Beech 18 will be attending the event on Saturday, July 13 ( weather permitting )**

**Barnstorming Carnival is both Saturday July 13 and Sunday July 14, 2024, with the Cruise In on Sunday only.**

At Springfield-Beckley Airport, 1251W. Blee Rd., Springfield, Ohio 45502. <https://www.barnstormingcarnival.com>

The Grimes Flying Lab Beech 18 will be attending the event on Saturday, July 13 (weather permitting ).



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

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

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



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# Tri-State Warbird Museum

July Events, 2024

## Tri-State Warbird Museum Open Cockpit Day

July 6, 2024 @ 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Our Open Cockpit Day gives you the chance to get up close and personal with some of our amazing aircraft!



- THE PARASOL
- TWEETY THE T-6

July 6, 2024  
1-3 p.m.

COME, IMAGINE,  
AND DISCOVER WITH US!



www.tswm.org

Kids will have the unique opportunity to sit in the cockpits of our T-6 and Parasol. Don't miss this amazing chance to climb behind the stick and get a view of history!

The open cockpit experience is INCLUDED with admission and is free to members. Open Cockpit days makes for great photo opportunities.

Saturday General Admission/tickets:

<https://www.tri-statewarbirdmuseum.org/event/saturday-general-admission-78/>



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



## Butler County Warbirds - Events

July Events, 2024

### BCW at Ohio Challenge Balloon Fest

July 19 & 20, 2024 at Smith Park in Middletown



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 5 p.m. and 4 p.m. 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

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## 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



## BCW at Middletown Thunderfest Car Show

July 27, 2024 from 11-4

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!

July 27, 2024 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Location:

Central Avenue & Broad Street (1045 Central Ave.) Middletown, OH 45044

More event info at:

<https://www.downtownmiddletown.org/thunderfest>

and

<https://cityofmiddletown.org/Calendar.aspx?EID=1766>



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





# The Wapakoneta Summer Moon Festival Community Event

**Armstrong Air & Space Museum**  
**Tuesday, July 16, 2024 to Sunday, July 21, 2024**



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 Tuesday and Thursday 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.

Public Outdoor Tour: On Wednesday and Friday from 12:00-12:30, a member of the museum staff will be giving a 30-minute tour of the museum's grounds. The tour will cover the aircrafts and mockups on site and history of the building itself.

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

**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, 10:00 pm to 5:00 pm, found on the museum's south 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 Aviation Trail 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! Available Saturday and Sunday from 10:00 pm to 5:00 pm.

**Astronaut Mix & Mingle:** Located at the Armstrong Museum on Saturday, July 20th at 6:00 pm, purchase a ticket and have the opportunity to mingle with former NASA astronaut Carl Walz!

For a full event schedule and to purchase tickets see: <https://www.armstrongmuseum.org/events>.

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



Armstrong Air & Space Museum  
 500 Apollo Dr.  
 Wapakoneta, OH 45895  
[www.armstrongmuseum.org](http://www.armstrongmuseum.org)

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

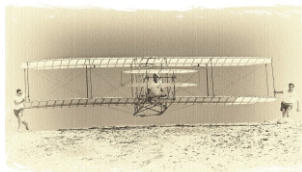


## Save the Date

**Monday, August 19, 2024**

**Celebrate National Aviation Day with Aviation Trail**

National Aviation Day is a United States national observation that celebrates the development of aviation. The holiday was established in 1939 by President Franklin Roosevelt by presidential proclamation. August 19 is the birthday of both Orville Wright (1871) and his sister Katherine Wright (1874). Part of Aviation Trail's mission is to promote Dayton's unique contributions to aviation over the years, so we hope you will join us in this celebration.



Aviation Trail, Inc. is planning a special open house, to be hosted by **Heavier than Air Brewing Company** at 497 Miamisburg Centerville Rd, Dayton, OH 45459 (Normandy Square Shopping Center) • (937)433-1500 <https://heavierthanairbrewing.com>



The open house is planned as an aviation theme meet & greet for aviation enthusiasts, friends of flight, & guests, from 5 pm to 9 pm. Brewery tours and food will be provided and for drinks there will be a cash bar.

More details to come later in the next newsletter and on the Aviation Trail website

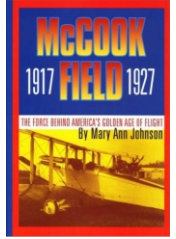


# Aviation Trail Gift Shop

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.

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.



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

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.



## 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.

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.

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.

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

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