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

Cookies with Santa at Butler County Warbirds

December 8, 2024 - 2:00 PM

Join us for our 4th annual Cookies with Santa! Have cookies and hot cocoa with Jolly Old ST NICK himself at the Butler County Warbirds Museum at the Middletown Regional Airport. Santa's Elves will be dropping in from their parachutes to anxiously await the arrival of Santa and the Mrs. in their red aircraft sleigh. Enjoy the cocoa and cookies while waiting for Santa and the Elves, and there will be a small gift for the kids after Santa arrives.



Sunday, Dec 8th at 2pm. 2351 Wedekind Dr, Middletown, OH 45042

This FREE COMMUNITY EVENT is open to everyone and is presented by Butler County Warbirds with the kind assistance of Middletown Regional Flight Training and Start Skydiving.

***Parachuting Elves and Santa flying in are weather permitting. Santa & the Mrs. will be in the hangar enjoying cookies and hot chocolate in the event of inclement weather.*

Butler County Warbirds is also a drop off point for

Toys for Tots

We have exciting news!

This holiday season, we are a drop off location for Toy for Tots! Bring your new, unwrapped toy and drop it in the collection box! Donation box is located at the museum(2351 Wedekind Dr) during regular operating hours (Sat & Sun 10-5). We can also take your donated items during the week at Middletown Regional Flight Training at 1701 Run Way, from 9-5 and we will see that they make it to the donation box at BCW.



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 Flying Machine

Noted film maker Allen Farst's feature film about the Wright Brothers



Allen Farst is an acclaimed American director, filmmaker in the Directors Guild of America [DGA] and Contour by Getty photographer whose most notable work is in film, action sports, music, documentary films, high-end commercials and intimate celebrity photography. One of his recent movies, Triangle Park, was a documentary film about the first-ever NFL football game played by the Dayton Triangles. The film had several several sell outs at theatres and even premiered at AMC Theatres in all 32 NFL cities the night before Thanksgiving 2023. It is due to be released on Amazon Prime at a later date. Funding for the new Wright Brothers film is still in progress and support is needed to bring it to fruition. See this link for background on the film and support opportunities: <https://www.flyingmachinemovie.com/>

Allen Farst on his planned feature film:

"In the thrilling skies where dreams take flight, our film on aviation isn't just a story—it's a heart-pounding journey through the clouds that demands your support! From the Wright brothers' audacious first flight to the daring feats of modern aviation heroes, everything starts with a beginning of spirit, innovation and courage. But this isn't just about planes—it's about the human spirit reaching new heights. Our film captures the awe-inspiring triumphs and heart-wrenching setbacks of the Wright brothers' who dared to chase the horizon. It's a celebration of passion, perseverance, and the relentless pursuit of the impossible. By supporting our film The Flying Machine, you're not just backing a project; you're joining a movement to honor the untold stories that shaped the skies we navigate today. Don't let these tales of bravery and ingenuity fade into obscurity—help us bring them to life on the silver screen for the first time and inspire generations to come!"

See the Aviation Trail blog post at <https://www.aviationtrailinc.org/post/the-flying-machine-1> for a video and to download a promotional file



Champaign Aviation Museum

December 2024 Events

Holiday in the Hangar

Saturday, December 14th

12:00pm - 2:00pmD

Come enjoy a free and festive family-friendly afternoon at the Museum with hot chocolate and cookies, kids crafts, live Christmas music by pianist Halee Reddick, and a special visit from Mr. and Mrs. Claus! and Mrs. Claus!



Free Lecture

Thursday, December 19th, 2024 at 11am

The Christmas Truce at the Western Front Champaign Aviation Museum

Presented by Bill Albers, CAM Volunteer & Historian

World War I, the so-called Great War, was only 5 months old and there were already many casualties on both sides. The first Christmas at the front lines of the 4-year war became a Christmas celebration of a size that had never taken place before and most likely will never happen again. Many believed it was a miracle that thousands of soldiers put down their weapons and stopped killing to celebrate Christmas



The lecture in the CAM Library will include the history of World War I and the events that led up to the Christmas Truce in 1914. Complimentary hot tea and cookies/biscuits will be served.

About our Speaker: Bill Albers was born in Amsterdam, the Netherlands (Holland) where he grew up as a child during a 5-year occupation by the Germans during WWII. At age 18 he enlisted in the Royal Dutch Air Force where he served as a jet aircraft mechanic. After his tour of duty was complete, Bill earned a Bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from HTS Amsterdam. In 1965 he came to America as an Engineering intern, studying advanced manufacturing techniques for 18 months at Monarch Machine Tool in Sidney, Ohio. After completing his internship, Bill accepted a position with Sperry Rand and moved to Montreal, Canada. He returned to the US in 1972 and became a US citizen five years later. Bill retired in 2008 and he volunteers at the Champaign

Aviation Museum where he contributes to the construction of a B-17 Bomber. He also volunteers at the WACO Aviation Museum as a coordinator of Lectures.



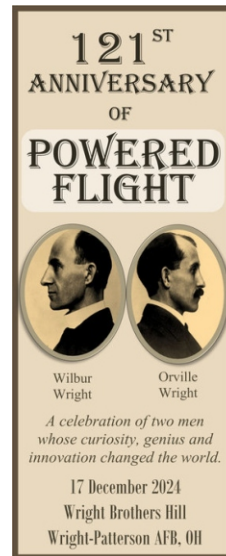
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Champaign Aviation Museum is Site # 13 on the Aviation Trail



WPAFB First Flight Ceremony & Fly-Over at Wright Brothers Memorial

In Celebration of the 121st Anniversary of Flight



On Tuesday, December 17, 2024 a First Flight Ceremony will be held at the Wright Brothers Memorial, 2380 Memorial Road, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio 45433. The memorial is next to the Huffman Prairie Flying Field Interpretive Center, part of the Dayton Aviation Heritage National Park. The 88th Air Base Wing at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base holds an annual celebration of the anniversary of the Wright brothers' first powered flight, which occurred on December 17, 1903. **The program will begin at 10:05 AM culminating with a fly-over by an Air Force C-17 at 10:35 AM.** The complete program with background on the Memorial, a time schedule and list of speakers can be downloaded by going to the Aviation Trail blog post at: <https://www.aviationtrailinc.org/post/wpafb-first-flight-ceremony-fly-over-at-wright-brothers-memorial>



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The Wright Brothers Memorial is Site # 3a on The Aviation Trail



Parachute Museum Announcement

Aviation Trail Parachute Museum Expansion Project

Check out the latest "news drop" on Aviation Trail plans to expand the parachute museum! Use the **link below** to go to the **Parachute Museum Expansion Project** page and learn more about this plan.

<https://www.aviationtrailinc.org/parachutemuseumexpansionproject>

A vivid description of the scope of the plan can be heard on a **preview podcast** on that page. Be sure to listen in.



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



Dinner with Santa at Carillon Park

December 8 & 21 @ 11:00 am - 12:30 pm

Enjoy the Wright brothers' 1903 holiday homecoming feast. The seasonal buffet features roast turkey, mashed potatoes, roasted squash, Christmas spice cake, and more.

During your meal, Santa will visit each table for photos with your party. After you have finished eating, continue your magical evening with included admission to A Carillon Christmas, with an exclusive diner-only entrance, bypassing the admission line.



Capture magical moments with Santa in a cozy setting, perfect for family photos. While children revel in holiday cheer, the whole family will savor this unique, historical feast. Don't miss this unforgettable holiday experience!

Members: Adults \$65 | Children (3-17) \$55
Non-Members: Adults \$85 | Children (3-17) \$75
Children 2 and under: FREE

Order Tickets at

<https://shop.daytonhistory.org/SelectEvent.aspx?eventid=1000113>



Carillon Historical Park
1000 Carillon Blvd.
Dayton Ohio 45409
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Carillon Historical Park is Site #4 on the Aviation Trail



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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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Aviation Trail, Inc. to Celebrate First Flight Anniversary

Save the Date, December 17, 2024

Aviation Trail, Inc. is sponsoring a special open house, hosted by Heavier Than Air Brewing Company to celebrate the 121st Anniversary of powered flight.

On December 17, 1903, at Kill Devil Hills, North Carolina, Orville and Wilbur Wright achieved a monumental milestone in human history: the first powered flight of a heavier-than-air aircraft. After years of meticulous research in their bicycle shops in Dayton, Ohio and experimentation with gliders on the North Carolina Outer Banks, the brothers had produced the Wright Flyer, a biplane powered by a 12-horsepower engine of their own design. Orville was the first to take flight on that brisk morning, with winds gusting over 20 miles per hour, soaring for a mere 12 seconds and covering 120 feet. This brief ascent marked the dawn of a new era in aviation, proving that controlled, sustained flight was indeed possible. The Wright brothers completed three additional flights that day, with Wilbur achieving the longest distance of 852 feet in 59 seconds. This day laid the foundation for future advancements in aviation, transforming humanity's relationship with the skies. The Wright Flyer would never fly again after being damaged by strong winds shortly after its final flight, but its legacy as



The celebration event will be held from 4 pm to 9 pm on December 17 at Heavier Than Air Brewery, 497 Miamisburg Centerville Rd, Dayton, OH 45459 (in Normandy Square Shopping Center). It will be an aviation themed meet & greet for aviation enthusiasts, friends of flight & guests. Snacks will be provided, and there will be a cash bar. There is no cover charge, but donations are welcome.



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(937) 433-1500

Go to the Aviation Trail Blog post for a link to download a printable flyer for the event: _____



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

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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.

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