

WRIGHT LANDINGS



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Special points of interest:

- NEW WB-X Status
- Hangar News
- Death of Past President
- NEW Stamp—National Aviation Tourism Passport “Wilbear”
- Have you seen the NEW I-75 Brown Museum Sign?
- WB Hangar 2018 Events “It was a busy year!”

New WB-X Status

The new Wright “B” Flyer has been in design and construction for the past 4 years. A dedicated group of experienced WBF volunteers have completed the build of most all the major components of the aircraft including the tubular steel structures, wooden ribs and fabric covering. The wing structures were built to our design by the enthusiastic members of the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) Chapter 5 of Middlefield, OH. Numerous local businesses have been generous enough to provide some donated services



or reduced prices to help with the manufacturing of parts.

The biplane wing, center section structure, tail boom, stabilizer, rudder, ailerons, pilot platform, and landing gear are all completed. The avionics and electrical systems have been built and are installed. The brand new Lycoming IO-390 engine has been run and broken in and is also ready to be installed.

Tasks in progress remaining to be completed include installation of the fuel tanks, fuel lines, brake hydraulic lines, flight control linkages and pilot seats. After the final assembly and checkout, ground tests will be conducted including: thrust runs, control surface checks, weight and balance measurements, and test instrumentation checks.

Now, our biggest challenges are completing details and staying on schedule for final assembly in January.

Wright “B” Hangar News

Another flying season has come to an end. It has been a successful year. The “Brown Bird” flew 285 HAMs. (Honorary Aviation Membership).

A large THANK YOU to the crew of the Wright “B” flyer for their tireless efforts over the last year in keeping the plane in the air.

A big THANKS to Volunteers Kim Cherry, Don Adams & Steve Donaldson. 110 Add-on packages

were sold this season to new HAM members during their orientation flights. The t-shirt add-on package was updated to include a photo of the member seated in the Wright “B” Flyer at the time of the flight, a flash drive with a promotional video of the Wright “B” Flyer, Inc., a link to a GoPro video of the flight, and a picture T-shirt.

Past President Phil Beaudoin Passed Away.

It is with regret that we inform you that former Wright "B" Flyer and Board of Trustees Chairman Phil Beaudoin passed away over the weekend of November 10-12. Phil had been living in the St. George, Utah area since leaving the leadership position of the Wright "B" Flyer, Inc. The family requests that donations go to "Southern Utah Veterans Home", 160 N. 200 E, Ivins, Utah 84738.



New National Park Service & Wilbear Teady Bear Program have been combined!

The U S National Parks Service is now in cooperation with the National Aviation Heritage Area (NAHA), one of 49 national heritage areas in the United States. (NAHA) which include Dayton History, Ohio History Connection, Aviation Trail, Inc., the Wright Family Foundation, and the Wright-Patterson Air Force Base.



The **NEW** heritage area stamp with Wright "B" Flyer on it can be used in the **NEW** Aviation Trail passport (8 stamps = the Wilbear Wright aviator teddy bear) and the Blue National Heritage Areas Passport..

Please purchase our "LEADER in FLIGHT" LICENSE PLATES!



Have you seen the New Interstate 75 Brown Wright Brothers Signage?

The National Aviation Heritage Area has placed new "Brown-colored" museum signs at the I-75 Austin Blvd exits. Brown-colored road signs are used for tourist information.

Hours of Operation

Tuesday	Thursday	Saturday
9:00 am to 2:30 pm		



- ◆ How Can I Help??? **Become a Volunteer !!!**
- ◆ Is it time to **Renew your membership**??? Levels of support:
Aviator Membership—\$25/year Honorary Avaiator—\$100/year Life Membeship \$200
- ◆ Consider a **Membership Gift Card !!!**

Join now and support the Wright "B" Flyer

“Valentine Flyer” — a Near Replica of the Wright “B” Flyer — Displayed at San Antonio’s 300th Anniversary

Fort Sam Houston MILITARY APPRECIATION DAY May 2018.

Wright “B” Flyer, INC sent the “Valentine Flyer,” a full-scale, near-replica of the Wright Model B Flyer, named for its builder, to the Army’s Fort Sam Houston post in San Antonio, TX. Wright “B” Flyer volunteers Bill Jamison, Jim La Salvia, Linda Madaffer, Nick Statzer and Jerry Troidl assembled and displayed the flyer on the historic post’s parade field for three days. Thousands viewed the flyer, which was positioned next to an F-16, and was a great example of the progression of the first military plane to current flight. This was the Wright “B” Flyer’s second excursion to San Antonio. The first display was March 2010. It was the 100th anniversary of the first solo military flight made by Army Lt. (later Maj. Gen.) Benjamin Foulois. March 2, 1910, Foulois taught himself to fly at Fort Sam Houston by corresponding frequently with the Wright Brothers. The Valentine aircraft will be stored in a container for the winter at the Dayton-Wright Brothers Airport.

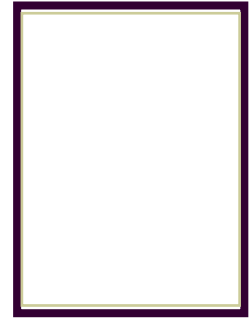
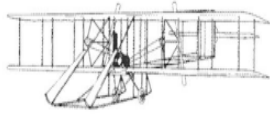


Summer & Fall 2018 Happenings at Wright “B” Flyer

When	Location	Event	
May 3-8	San Antonio, TX	300th Anniversary-Military Appreciation Day	
May 3	Dayton, OH	Convention Center Breakfast	Awards Breakfast
May 19	National Museum of the Air Force	Memphis Bell Dedication	
June 23	Miamisburg, OH	Bicentennial Parade	1/2 Scale & Model T
June 23	Dayton, OH	Vectren Dayton Air Show	Valentine Flyer
June 30	Hangar	Nippon TV Camera Crew	
July 4	Centerville, OH	Centerville Americana Parade	1/2 Scale & Model T
Aug 10	Dayton-Wright	Runway Fest	
Sep 3	Kettering, OH	Holiday at Home	1/2 Scale & Model T
Sep 4	Kettering, OH	Stingley Elementary Presentation	
Sep 13	National Museum of the Air Force	NAHA Meeting	Communicator’s Council
Sep 19	Dayton, OH	Chamber of Commerce Exhibit	
Sep 22	Hangar	Adam’s Wealth Management	
Sep 27	Hangar	TTI Event	80+ Attendance, 15 HAMS
Sep 29	Hangar	Pilot Training 1971-2005 Reunion	100+ Attendance, 18 HAM
Oct 9	Hangar	Annual Membership Dinner	80+ Attendance
Oct 30	Hangar	DLM Hangar Event	12 Attendance
Oct 31	UD	Bat Bateman Presentation	
Nov 8	National Museum of the Air Force	National Aviation Hall of Fame	

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2018 Pilots

Rich Stepler:	Chief Pilot
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Speakers Available for Presentations

George Forest	Rick Gladon	Rich Stepler
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