

# Fall Newsletter

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## THE LEAVES ARE BEGINNING TO CHANGE COLOR

*And time for your visit to the  
Wright B Flyer Museum.*

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## WRIGHT BIPLANES HEADLINED ST. LOUIS AIR SHOW OF 1910

Wright Model B biplanes starred at the historic Kinloch Field air show at St. Louis in October 1910, which is possibly time of the top photograph by Russell Froelich, pilot photographer. Orville and Wilbur Wright, aeroplane pioneers and manufacturers, did not attend the St. Louis meet. But they sent five Model B biplanes and pilots, including daredevils Walter Brookins and Arch Hoxsey. The latter pilot took President Theodore Roosevelt for a biplane ride over Kinloch Field, as the two sat and waved on lower wing, thrilling thousands below and making world news in stories and photographs from St. Louis.

## Hours of Operation

Tuesday,  
Thursday, Saturday  
9:00 am – 12:30pm

**Retired? Need something  
to do? See page 4!**

# Major White Bird Activities for 2025

## • Spring/Summer/Fall 2025

- 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party in the Hangar
- Eagle Riders Motorcycle Group Museum Visit and Tour
- All Day Indian Wedding Party at the Museum
- Celebration of Life for Pilot Gary Warlaumont
- AFWERX Commander Retirement Ceremony
- **Dayton Airshow with the Valentine on Display**
- GE Beavercreek Anniversary with the 1/2 Scale on Display
- Kettering Holiday at Homes Parade with the 1/2 Scale
- Hall of Fame Inductees Event
- USAF Marathon with 1/2 Scale on Display
- Valentine on Display at the Honors Flight Celebration at WPAFB
- Valentine on Display at the Pulitzer Electric Air Race at Springfield Ohio



**Want to  
learn how  
receive this  
Wilbear  
Wright  
bear?**

While touring the Dayton, Ohio Aviation Trail, receive a stamp at the one required site; The Wright-Dunbar Interpretive Center, plus a minimum of seven of the remaining sites to qualify for a free "Wilbear Wright" aviation teddy bear. Pick up a folder at any Dayton Ohio Aviation Trail site.

**BE SURE TO VISIT  
THE GIFT SHOP  
WHILE AT THE  
MUSEUM. TEE  
SHIRTS, POLO  
SHIRTS,  
SWEATSHIRTS,  
BALL CAPS, BOOKS,  
AND LOTS OF  
GREAT WRIGHT  
BROTHERS  
MEMORABILIA.**

### **Don't forget:**

Displaying the "Leader in Flight" license on your car proclaims your pride in Dayton's Heritage as the true birthplace of flight! And it means \$15 more to the Wright "B" Museum and a tax deduction for you!



We are an all-volunteer Museum and welcome all donations to help us continue to celebrate the accomplishments of the Wright Brothers.

Just use the QR Code on the right.







## ANNUAL MEETING WRIGHT "B" FLYER INC.



Chairman Jim Papa Opens the Meeting



President Don Adams



Our Guests Tom Valentine and Jeff Byard



Tom Valentine making his Presentation about the Development of the Valentine Flyer

Forty eight members and guests attended our annual meeting and were treated to tasty hors d'oeuvres supplied by Mission BBQ. Following the election of the trustees, Chairman Jim Papa provided a Whitebird update. Jim then introduced volunteer Tony Bonser, who in turn introduced our guest speaker, Tom Valentine. Tom provided an in-depth discussion of all the hurdles leading to the successful construction of the Valentine Flyer.



Tom and Jeff on a flight into Memory Airspace







## Jerry, Mark and Tony

We need a caption for this photograph. What are they seeing? Do they seem confused? Simply enter your submission by return email. We will publish the winning caption in the Winter Newsletter.





Want to be Part of Dayton Aviation History? You can be!

## We need interested volunteers!

- \* Mechanically inclined? Help work on the Wright B.
- \* Love People? Greet guests visiting the Museum.
- \*\*Retail Experience? Work in the gift shop.**
- \* Computer Skills? Help manage website, archive images and mass mail newsletters.

**Learn, Contribute and Have Fun with Great People!**

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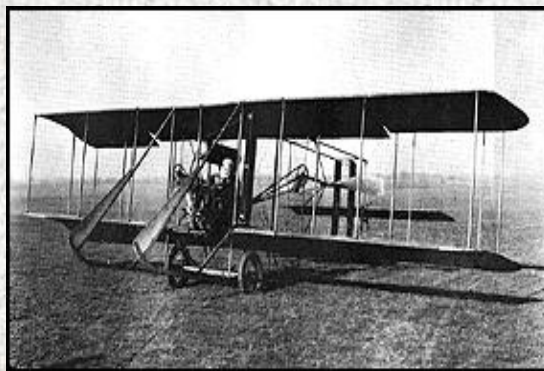
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