

Spring Newsletter

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IT IS SPRINGTIME!

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

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Hours of Operation

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

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



The White Bird first flew in the fall of 2021. During the 2022 flying season, the aircraft was tested for high-speed taxi (acceleration and braking performance), runway hops (takeoff and landing performance and optimal pilot settings), and it finally left the runway to perform local pattern flights. The 2023 flying season was a busy one: the Dayton Airshow, parade and car show flyovers, cross-country flight to Batavia Ohio, and flights to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base and the historical Huffman Prairie, where the Wright Brothers learned to fly. The wings of our new aircraft were built to our specifications by the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) Chapter 5 of Middlefield, Ohio. In addition, numerous businesses have been generous enough to provide donated or reduced-price services, supplies, or parts to help with the completion of our aircraft.



Major White Bird Activities Planned for 2024

- Spring/Summer/Fall 2024
 - Hops and pattern flights to assess cylinder head temperatures, electric trim function and the affect of aileron drooping on angle of attack.
 - Civil Air Patrol Renaming Ceremony.
 - Warren County Food Truck Fly-in.
 - Cirrus Owners and Pilots' Association Fly-in.
 - Wright B Flyer Museum Annual Meeting.
 - America 250 Ohio Trails and Tales (Air and Space Trail) Kickoff Event.
 - Centerville Americana Parade with half-scale and Model T participation.
 - Dayton Airshow for White Bird public flight demonstrations.
 - EAA AirVenture – Oshkosh.
 - Kettering Holiday at Homes Parade.
 - Hall of Fame Inductees Event.
 - Hops and Props Event with Craft Breweries and Food Trucks.
 - Heritage of Flight Festival.
 - And More to Come!



**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, SWEAT
SHIRTS, 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!



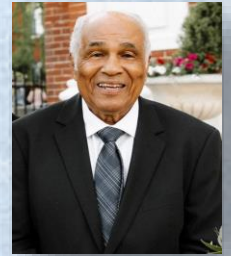
We are an all-volunteer Museum and welcome all donations to help us continue to celebrate the accomplishments of the Wright Brothers.

Just use the QR Code on the right.



JOSEPH EMMIT TYLER, Jr., U S Air Force (retired)

We were saddened by the passing of our friend Joe Tyler, age 90 on March 7, 2024. He served honorably in Korea and Vietnam and his commendations include the Korean Service Medal, the United Nations Service Medal, the Air Force Commendation Medal and the Vietnam Service Medal w/ 1 Bronze Service Star. After his Air Force retirement, Joe volunteered with the Wright B Flyer organization building replicas of the original Wright B Flyer and he accompanied the aircraft to various air shows. His dedication to the Wright B organization and his friendship with the many volunteers will be missed. Joe never knew a stranger.



Our Annual Meeting

The meeting was held Thursday April 25, 2024. As a result of the pandemic this is the first meeting we have had in several years. From left to right below are President Don Adams who brought the meeting to order, Chairman Jim Papa conducted the election of the Board of Trustees, Steve Donaldson, Events Coordinator, detailed the proposed forthcoming 2024 events and Pilot Jeff Stands was the Keynote Speaker and presented interesting slides and details regarding the Whitebird performance testing and flight data.





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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Wright B Flyer Executive Committee

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The Wright B Pilots

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