

Winter Newsletter

January, 2024



OUR LOCATION "KMGY"

The Dayton Wright Brothers Airport was originally called Montgomery County Airport, and later updated to Dayton General Airport South and then on December 18, 1995 the name was permanently changed to honor the Wright Brothers and is now called "Dayton Wright Brothers Airport."

Hours of Operation

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

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



So that the White Bird can be transported by ground to various events including the legendary Oshkosh Airshow in July, this winter a special dolly is being engineered and constructed to move the partially disassembled White Bird into a standard rail container.

The White Bird was specially engineered to be capable of disassembly and reassembly in about 3 hours. The interest in White Bird events is growing across the country and the all-volunteer staff at the Museum has worked very hard to accommodate as many events as possible.



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Hope to see you soon!

MAJOR WHITE BIRD ACTIVITIES

- Winter 2022-2023
 - Developed methods to remove fuselage/empennage.
 - Developed method to fold blinkers and pilot platform.
 - The aircraft was designed using CAD to do this: fit into standard shipping container to ship worldwide and reassemble in ~4 hours.
- Spring/Summer 2023
 - Continued hops and pattern flights to assess CG location vs. stick/throttle/stabilator positions, best takeoff and landing.
 - slow speed flight using wing tufts.
 - Completed 40 hr. test program for FAA experimental category certification.
 - Short cross-country flight.
 - Centerville Americana Parade with half-scale and Model T participation.
 - Pattern guest flight with Tom Scott, YouTuber. 1.1M views so far
 - Dayton Airshow for White Bird first public flights. Flew there Thursday, performed Saturday and Sunday, flew home Tuesday.
 - On static display when not flying. Many thanks to Sinclair Aviation program for hangar space and support.
 - First Flight Wheels and Wings. Fly overs and static display from our hangar.
 - Kettering Holiday at Homes. Flyover during parade and half-scale walk in the parade.
 - Carillon Park Concours. Flyover at noon on Sunday
 - Hawthorn Hill Flyover at the Wright Brothers Oakwood Residence.
- Summer/Fall 2023
 - Warbird Flyng Showcase. Flyover and landing at Clermont County Airport.
 - Huffman Prairie flyovers with celebrities and landing at WPAFB.



**Want to know
how to 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 the free "Wilbear Wright" aviator teddy bear. Pick up a folder at any Dayton Ohio Aviation Trail sites.

**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.



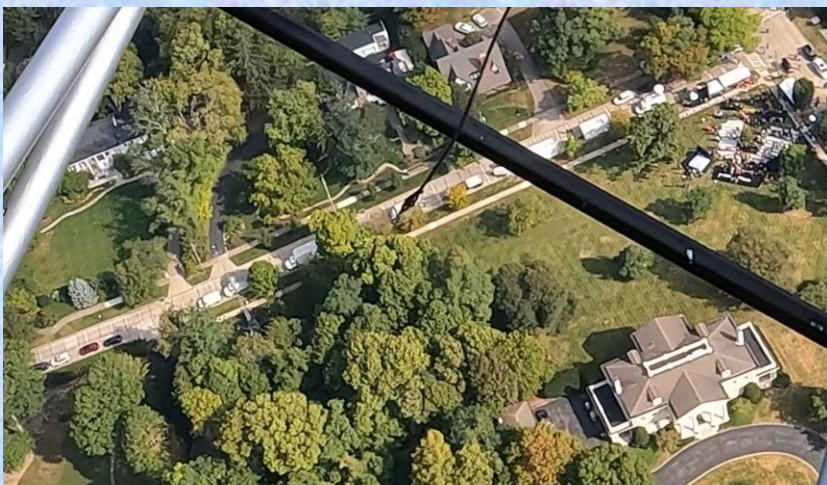
SOME PHOTOS TO ENJOY



**WPAFB COLONEL MEEKER
PREPARING FOR HIS FLIGHT OVER
HUFFMAN PRAIRIE**



**CARILLON PARK CONCOURS CAR
SHOW - WHITE BIRD FLYOVER WITH
OUR MODEL "T" ON DISPLAY**



WHITE BIRD FLYOVER AT HAWTHORNE HILLS

**SEE IT?
THE WRIGHT
BROTHERS
OAKWOOD ESTATE AT
HAWTHORNE HILLS**



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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