

Wright "B" Flyer, Inc. WRIGHT LANDINGS



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Moving On

Fellow Wright B Flyer members, this is our first newsletter since the tragic event last July that took the lives of our close colleagues and volunteer pilots Mitch Cary and Don Gum. Following that very sad event, the other volunteers and the Board of Trustees have all agreed to continue with the organization's responsibilities because we know that both Mitch and Don will have wanted that. In addition we have pledged to construct a Memorial Garden in front of the Wright B Flyer Hangar and Museum dedicated to Mitch and Don. In that regard, we are well advanced in our preparations and intend to start excavation work as weather permits. We will keep you informed as work progresses and as to when a Dedication is planned.

Yellow-Bird Project

Work is proceeding well with the fabric recover project on the 1911 Wright B Flyer (Yellow Bird) Airplane that is normally housed at the Huffman Prairie flying field. During the summer months WBF Inc. and the National Park Service are involved in a cooperative program using this airplane in presentations about the Wright Brothers



flights at the Huffman flying field. Part of the fabric recovering operation took place last winter during which time the tail assembly and blinkers were finished. It will probably take

about 6 to 8 months to complete the center and outer wings which will take the project through the end of the summer before the airplane is again ready for display purposes.

Wright Family and Friends

Members of the Wright Family together with some friends visited the Wright B Hangar and took



orientation rides on the Brown Bird. Pictured left to right in the picture are: Dean Mosher, Megan Mosher, Amanda Wright Lane, pilot Don

Stroud, Margaret Steeper Edwards Brown, Robert Brown, Cindy Elwyn Edwards, and Brett Taylor.

Membership Dinner

Save the date! The annual Membership Dinner Meeting will be held in the Wright B Flyer, Inc Hangar (Museum) on October 25, 2012 at 6:00 pm. The speaker will be determined at a later date.

Leader in Flight License Plate



Vehicles registered in Ohio may display the "Leader in Flight" specialty license plate. This plate costs an additional \$25 per year and returns \$15 to Wright B flyer. This

represents a significant revenue source for the organization. Information is available on the website and is enclosed.

Newsletter Delivery Change

This may be the last printed/mailed newsletter. Future newsletters will be sent by email. So, please send your email address to: wbflyer@dayton.net.

Websites & Facebook Updates

The Wright B Flyer website and the Facebook site have been updated and we have a new volunteer webmaster, Brian Frock. We encourage all members to view the website at wright-b-flyer.org and to continue to follow us on Facebook at facebook.com/WrightBFlyer. Pictures and a video of the Memorial Garden construction have been posted on our Facebook site.

Volunteers Needed

Wright B Flyer is run by volunteers; we do not have paid staff. We are always in need of more volunteers of all capabilities. If you desire to volunteer, or know of someone who would like to volunteer, please call Bill Simpson at 937-885-2327 or complete the Volunteer Application on our website, www.wright-b-flyer.org.

Brown-Bird Status

The annual condition inspection of the Brown Bird has been completed. Fuel management



instrumentation has been added as we have modifications to insure continued flight safety and longevity. This

aircraft has been flying since 1982 and has over 3500 flights. Our volunteer maintenance crew, headed up by crew chiefs Syl Kerstanski and Joe Tyler, continues to keep the aircraft in excellent flying condition. Our Honorary Aviator and Life Members receive a free orientation ride in the Brown Bird.

Two Gift Shops

Thanks to the diligent work of Phil Chandler, we now have a new on-line gift shop with items for everyone that are not regularly stocked in our hangar gift shop. We invite you to browse the on-line gift shop at www.companycasuals/wright-b-flyer/start.jsp.

Our museum gift shop in the hangar at the Wright Brothers Airport (also stocked with items for all ages)



has some new items. So please stop by the hangar and pick up items that you need for birthdays, etc. and, of course, for yourself.

Model T Staff Car



Just like the Brown Bird, our Staff Car underwent its annual condition inspection. Our Model T volunteer expert, Frank Goepferich, went through the car

from bumper to bumper. The "T" will be carrying visitors to watch the Brown Bird orientation rides here at the Dayton Wright Brothers Airport and will drive in parades during the year.

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