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NEWSLETTER

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Condition Inspection

DID YOU KNOW?

- Work on the Silver Bird continues with thrust tests expected to be conducted toward the end of January.
- Our Model T aficionado, Frank Goepferich, is training new drivers for the Model T's and is now showing his students how to overhaul a Model T engine. **Get out the Lava soap!**
- The Dayton Wright Brothers Airport was originally called Montgomery County Airport, later updated to Dayton General Airport South and then on December 18, 1995 the name was permanently changed to honor the Wright Brothers.
- Archivist, Linda Madaffer, is back after recovering from hip surgery.
- The site of the "Wright Seaplane Base" is located on the bend of the Great Miami River in West Carrollton.

Anyone who visits the Museum now or until early next spring will notice that the Wright B has been partially disassembled. **Why?**

Unlike factory-built aircraft requiring an annual inspection, the Wright B is required by the FAA to undergo a condition inspection each year to assure that the Brown Bird is "airworthy." Bob Aley, who is a certified airframe and powerplant mechanic with FAA inspection authorization will thoroughly inspect the work done by our crew on the airframe and he will conduct all the required engine checks. Following completion of his inspection, Bob will enter a certification similar to the one below in the Wright B's logbook:

"I certify that this aircraft has been inspected on (insert date) in accordance with the scope and detail of appendix D to part 43 and found to be in a condition for safe operation."

The Wright Brothers' Museum participates in many annual activities. See the listing below of all the events for the past year.

2019 Calendar of Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name of Event</u>	<u>Our Activity</u>
Jan 14	Dayton – Christian Home School Network	Tour Hangar
Feb 20	Beavercreek – Grand Opening Harbor Chase	Display
Feb 21	PSU, Inc.	Tour Hangar
May 9	34 th TFS Reunion (F-105's)	Tour Hangar/HAM
May 11	International Symposium of Aviation Psychology	Tour Hangar
May 23	Randolph AFB OPT - 70E Reunion	Tour Hangar
May 29-31	Aviation Writers Summit	Tour Hangar
June 21	Dayton - Vectren Air Show	Parade
Jun 22-23	Dayton - Vectren Air Show	Display
Jul 4	Centerville – Americana Celebration	Parade
Jul 4	Beavercreek – 4 th of July	Parade
July 14	Wapakoneta – Armstrong 50 th Anniversary	Parade
Jul 19-21	Armstrong Museum 50 th Anniversary Celebration	Display
Jul 19	Airline International Convention	Tour Hangar
Jul 21	Youth Aviation Event	Tour Hangar
Sept 14	D.A.R. Meeting	Tour Hangar/HAM
Sept 19-21	2019 UPT Class Reunion	Tour Hangar/HAM
Sept 21	Adams Wealth Management	Tour Hangar/HAM
Oct 4	USA Patriots Amputee Softball Team Welcome	Dinner, Tour Hangar/HAM
Oct 5	WSU Festival of Flight Wright State Nutter Center	Display
Oct 17	Wright B Flyer Annual Meeting	Dinner, Meeting, Speaker
Oct 23	Tom Walter Group	Tour Hangar
Nov 14	Golden Gate Co-Op Home School	Tour Hangar



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, mass mail newsletters.

Learn, contribute, and have fun with great people.

The Member's Annual Meeting - October 17, 2019

All those attending the annual member's meeting were treated to a very special evening. There were ample beverages, an outstanding dinner catered by Bullwinkle's and desserts galore. Rich Stepler called the annual meeting to order and following the requisite reports, Walt Hoy was honored as he retired from the board after 19 years. A brick in his honor is being placed outside.



Bill Jamison, Kim Cherry, and Al Leland



Members inspect the Silver Bird

Keynote Speaker, Christine Negroni, provided a thought-provoking presentation regarding mysterious air disasters and the role lack of oxygen or hypoxia may have played in these accidents. Following the meeting, Christine stayed for a while to sign her book, *"The Crash Detectives,"* for those members wanting to own a personalized copy. Unsigned copies are now available for purchase at the Museum.

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!



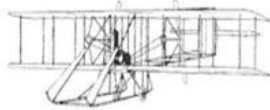
Hours of Operation

Tuesday
Thursday
Saturday
9AM-2:30PM



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Wright "B" Flyer



It's getting cold outside so the Brown Bird is down for the winter and undergoing the yearly required "Condition Inspection". See article above. But spring is coming so plan now for your Honorary Aviator Membership Flight.



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