



Wright-Dunbar Heritage News

Dayton's National Park Welcomes New Superintendent



Aviation Trail, Inc. President Marvin Christian (left) presents greetings from Dayton Mayor Rhine McLin that welcome Dean Alexander (right) as the new Superintendent of Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park.

Greetings! I am Dean Alexander the new Superintendent at Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park. I am really pleased to be here in Dayton, the home of the Wright brothers, Paul Laurence Dunbar, and other creative innovators. One of the charms of working for the National Park Service is that each new assignment is a learning experience that is similar to getting an advanced degree in the park's themes. Here at Dayton I get to learn about the Wright brothers and of Paul Dunbar which are quintessentially American stories. Both stories are rooted in rather humble beginnings in Dayton and each faces different challenges as they achieve fame in different ways. They are great opportunities to learn about the American experience.

I arrive at what could be a watershed period for the park. Concurrent with my beginning at the park, Congress was in the final steps of elaborate legislative procedures that passed a bill adding two new historic sites to the park, The Wright Company factory site (currently

the Delphi Home Avenue site) and Hawthorn Hill. These sites represent great opportunities and also great challenges. Hawthorn Hill will allow the park to expand our interpretation on the Wright family, the daily lives of the family, and how fame and national icon status affected them. The factory site is an unparalleled opportunity to interpret the aircraft manufacturing, a theme that is not interpreted in-depth at many of the World's aviation museums. The factory buildings are an opportunity to develop a specialized niche that would further distinguish Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park from other aviation heritage sites.

These new sites come with major challenges as well. The Wright Company factory site has a long history of industrial use and adapting the site for visitation by the public will be a major undertaking. Hawthorn Hill, while in great material shape, also has several challenging planning issues, most

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October 5th Anniversary Flies Again

ON OCTOBER 5TH, 2009 AT 9:30 AM, the 104th anniversary of practical flight will be celebrated at Huffman Prairie Flying Field, located on Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. The event will feature a flight by a replica *Wright Flyer III*.

Also on October 5th, hands-on educational activities from 11:30 am to 2:30 pm for grades 1 - 6. Call Karen Rosga at 937.225.7705 to register your class or child.

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104th Anniversary of Practical, Powered Flight

Come visit and relive the history of flight at Huffman Prairie Flying Field on October 5th, 2009 as the National Park Service celebrates the 104th Anniversary of Practical Flight. It was on this day in 1905 that Wilbur Wright took off from Huffman Prairie Flying Field and flew for more than 24 miles in just 39 minutes, proving to the world that their airplane could repeatedly take off, turn, land and stay in the air until the gas ran out – what aviation experts call “practical” flight. This flight was the longest of 1905 and was longer than all of the flights in the previous years combined. The Wright brothers’ Wright Flyer III had become, on that day, the world’s first practical airplane. Huffman Prairie Flying Field was also the site of the Wright School of Aviation, where Gen. “Hap” Arnold, the first and only five star General of the Air Force, and also the only person to be a five-star general in two armed services, was taught to fly by the Wright brothers.

One hundred and four years later, the significance of that culminating flight will be celebrated. The highlight of the celebration will take place on Monday, October 5, 2009, with a brief public ceremony starting at 9:30 am, which will include a flight of a replica 1905 Wright Flyer III by builder and licensed private pilot Mark Dusenberry. Mr. Dusenberry has spent the last eleven years retracing the steps of the Wright brothers by building a historically accurate



Wright Flyer III replica ready for October 5th flight. Photo courtesy of Greg Grizzell.

replica of the Wright 1905 Flyer. His four cylinder engine produces nearly 18 horsepower, just like the original Wright engine. Since the aircraft is on skids, not wheels, it requires the use of a small catapult to launch the aircraft, just like the Wright brothers. A large weight is pulled to the top of a tower and a cable is run from the weight through a pulley system which is connected to the front of the aircraft. When the restraining wire is released, the aircraft glides down the launch rail and into the air.

There will be a static display of aircraft adjacent to the flying field. Please call 937-425-0008 for more information.

All events will take place on Huffman Prairie Flying Field, which is accessible to the general public through Gate 16-A, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. The event is free and will be open to the general public.

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notably how to ensure that a National Park Service site can fit amiably into a residential neighborhood.

Also in the not too distant future several of the park’s assets could be listed as World Heritage Sites. World Heritage status is a great opportunity to raise worldwide visibility of Dayton’s central role in the invention of the airplane.

Dayton is alive with potential to connect the park’s stories to other historic themes in the community. The most obvious connection is through the National Aviation Heritage Area and their nine primary partners. The tie –ins

are not limited to aviation. There are potential connections to Dayton’s rich heritage in invention, science and technology, education, African-American history, and military history. I am looking forward to opportunities to join together to tell these stories, many of which have had Nationwide impact.

I am writing this article in my first full week at the park and I am finding as I try to fill Larry Blake’s shoes, that he had very big shoes! Not literally, but I am finding that Dayton’s National Park has a very intricate mosaic of sites and partners. Everyone I have met has been very welcoming. At times it seems like being adopted by a very large family.

Did you know,

Karen Rosga is the Education Coordinator for the park? And that school groups are more than welcome to visit and explore our facilities.

Did you also know,

that now is the time to call Karen Rosga about having your school group join in on the fun and all of the school activities slated for **October 5th, 2009?**

For more information about programs and what we have to offer, and to make a reservation, contact Karen at 937.225.7705 or karen_rosga@nps.gov

Come See NAHA Fly!!



The National Aviation Heritage Alliance has been invited to attend EAA AirVenture July 27 – August 2, 2009! EAA President Tom Poberezny has

graciously invited two of NAHA's partner organizations, Grimes Flying Laboratory and Wright B Flyer, Inc., to showcase their aircraft during the world's largest aviation celebration in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. Both of these aircraft will be featured not only on AeroShell Square, the central showcase location, but also as part of the flying exhibitions throughout the week.

The Grimes Flying Lab, a Beech C45H, was one of the airplanes used by Grimes Manufacturing Company of Urbana, Ohio, to test aviation lighting systems under actual flight conditions. Company founder Warren Grimes, known as the "Father of the Aircraft Lighting Industry," developed the lighting systems for the Ford Tri-Motor in 1925 and formed his company in 1933.

After incurring substantial damage, the airplane was acquired by Grimes in 1964 and turned into a flying laboratory to evaluate new aircraft lighting systems in all sorts of weather and visibility conditions. The aircraft suffered significant damage in a July 1986 accident. It was sold a year later and ferried to Red Stewart Airport in Waynesville, Ohio, where the engines were removed and the airframe was literally put out to pasture.

It sat dormant for more than 12 years before Honeywell, which had acquired Grimes from AlliedSignal Aerospace in 1999, purchased the neglected airframe in December 1999 and moved it to Grimes Field for restoration. In 2003 the Grimes Flying Lab Foundation was formed to do the restoration, and foundation volunteers contributed thousands of hours over the next five years. The airplane flew again on January 4, 2008, at Urbana Airport.

Wright B Flyer, Inc., is an all volunteer organization who dedicated themselves to building a look-a-like 1911 Wright B Flyer nearly 26 years ago, an airplane which has

been flying ever since. Two years ago, the organization decided to undertake the building of a new replica. This new aircraft is termed the "Silver Bird" because of the silver paint used on the chromoly framework.

The "Silver Bird" is designed to be taken apart and packed into a 40 foot sea-land shipping container ready to be transported anywhere in the world. The aircraft can be unpacked and ready to fly in about an hour.

Wilbur and Orville Wright invented the airplane in their west Dayton bicycle shop at the turn of the twentieth century and formed The Wright Company in 1909 to produce military and civilian airplanes. The "B" model was the first one they produced in quantity, with more than 100 built from 1910 on.

If you're planning on heading to EAA AirVenture, please come see NAHA fly! Stop in and visit us on AeroShell Square and check your daily programs for flight times!

www.visitNAHA.com

Homecoming Celebration



1909 Dayton Homecoming on Hawthorne Street. Courtesy of Wright State University, Special Collections and Archives.

At 9:00am on June 17, 1909 a city-wide celebration for the Wright brothers began with factory-whistles blowing and bells ringing. All businesses and schools closed to allow people to attend the multi-day celebration that included several parades, a public reception, a fireworks display and an awards ceremony. During the celebration, the Wright brothers received keys to the city of Dayton, and medals from Congress, the state of Ohio, and the city of Dayton.

In commemoration of this homecoming celebration, Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park and Wright-Dunbar Village are hosting a Homecoming Celebration on June 20, 2009.

For further information on this event, please call 937.225.7705 or check our website at www.nps.gov/daav.

Homecoming Celebration!

June 20, 2009

11:00am until 3:00pm

The festivities will take place at the Wright-Dunbar Interpretive Center (16 S. Williams Street) and surrounding neighborhood and will include:

- Kid's Activities
- Ice Cream Social
- Music
- Wright Flyer Simulator
- Ranger Talks
- Printing Demonstration
- Wright "B" Flyer flyover
- Neighborhood home tour (from 1:00-3:00pm, cost \$5.00)
- Book signing by Stephen Wright, great-grand nephew of the Wright brothers (from 12:00-2:00pm)

Amanda Wright Lane Honored With ATI Trailblazer Award



Amanda Wright Lane, great-grandniece of Wilbur and Orville Wright and trustee of the Wright Family Foundation, was the recipient of the 2009 Trailblazer award presented annually by Aviation Trail, Inc.

Her selection by the ATI Board of Trustees recognizes her dedication as an untitled ambassador for the Dayton area's early aviation heritage which began with her ancestors, the Wright brothers.

The award presentation took place Thursday, April 16, at the Presidential Banquet Center, 4548 Presidential Dr., Kettering, Ohio.

Mary Ann Johnson, aviation historian and author who received the Trailblazer Award in 2008, presented the award followed by representatives of several Miami Valley aviation groups who summarized Amanda's work for their organizations.

Amanda supports more than a dozen aviation groups or events--nationally and internationally--with an enthusiasm and dedication that enhances their prestige and mission and her reputation for unselfish volunteerism.

As a Wright family spokesperson she consults with researchers and academics who are working to understand the legacy of the Wright brothers, gives lectures on her family's

history, and works with state officials in both Ohio and North Carolina to raise awareness for the two national parks in the United States that tell the story of the Wright brothers.

One of the parks for which Amanda is a liaison, is the Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park. Amanda is especially interested in the park's work since the three of its four units are intimately connected with the Wright brothers and the invention of the airplane.

The Wright Family Foundation of The Dayton Foundation, which in several ways supports the preservation of aviation history related to the lives of the Wright brothers, is Amanda's vehicle for helping aviation groups financially. Since its inception in 1960 the foundation has donated approximately \$1.4 million to 12 aviation-related organizations.

In 2008 Amanda was asked to attend two sessions at the Ohio Statehouse, representing the National Aviation Heritage Alliance (NAHA), to help plan for a state aviation aerospace commission so that Ohio may be potentially known as the "aerospace state."

She is actively involved with Aviation Trail, Inc., and the National Aviation Hall of Fame, and currently serves on the boards of NAHA, Dayton History, Wright-Dunbar, Inc., Wright B, Inc., the Engineers Club of Dayton, the First Flight Foundation (in North Carolina) and is honorary chairman of both the Le Mans Sarthe Wright 2008 Centennial Committee, and Pau Wright Aviation--both in France.

Amanda traveled to Brazil in 2007 to lecture and meet the grandnephew of Alberto Santos-Dumont, who, like the Wright brothers, constructed early lighter-than-air and heavier-than-air powered flying machines during the early 1900's.

In 2005 Amanda was named one of Dayton's Top Ten Women and in 2008 received NAHA's Ivonette Wright Miller Award for volunteerism in the field of aviation and aerospace.

In 2008 the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics recognized her with their Public Service Award for "outstanding contributions to the aeronautics industry on national and international levels and for dedicated efforts to preserve aviation history through education and outreach."

Amanda graduated with a bachelor of science degree from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. As a volunteer she created three children's educational and social programs for community schools in Cincinnati, Ohio, where she resides with her husband Don. They have two children: a son, Brenden, a Stanford University graduate now employed in Palo Alto, Calif., and a daughter, Meredith, currently a doctorate student in physical therapy at Ohio State University.

The Trailblazer banquet and award ceremony commemorate Wilbur Wright's April birthday (April 16, 1867) and have been held annually by ATI since 1983. ATI is a non-profit organization which seeks to preserve and promote the Dayton area's unique aviation heritage.

For more information about ATI you can contact Marvin Christian, ATI president, at 937.275.5271, Helen Kavanaugh Jones at 937.434.9108 or visit their web site www.aviationtrailinc.org

If you would like to find out more about our park and partners, e-mail us at daav_info@nps.gov and we'll make sure you receive the latest news from **Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park.**

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LaVerne Sci Retires from Distinguished Career



LaVerne Sci and Wilma Blackmon receive awards from the National Park Service at the Dunbar House.

Upon arriving in Dayton, Ohio during the summer of 1972, LaVerne Sci's husband (active duty Air Force) declared: "This is the home of the United States Air Force Systems Command." LaVerne responded by saying:

"This is the home of Paul Laurence Dunbar." Relocating to Dayton from Great Falls, Montana had been an undertaking with two pre-kindergarten children.

LaVerne visited Dunbar's grave many times before she located his home in Dayton. Five years passed before she found his home and on that day she was unable to enter it. After much effort, she made contact with the caretaker and joined the volunteer group that often churned homemade ice cream on Saturdays and sold cones to the public as a fund raiser. She remembers churning and selling cones all day only to count a profit of \$15.00 at the end of each day. A family project for her small children, every spring, became the planting of flowers at the entrance of the Dunbar House. The caretaker of the Dunbar House asked her to assist with school groups so half of the students would not have to wait on the school bus. LaVerne was joyous to read poetry to the students on the lawn of the Dunbar House until they could enter the home.

In 1985, the Dunbar House, following a renovation and restoration, opened as a museum. Carolyn Lucky was the first site manager (1988) and additional staff was hired. After Carolyn Lucky left the position, LaVerne became the Site Manager on March 9, 1989. The years of building and expanding have continued to this present day, developing the historical site as the late Honorable C. J. McLin envisioned it would be. Today the historical site expands to five buildings on two acres of metropolitan property.

In addition to LaVerne, Mrs. Wilma Blackmon also retired this year. She has been monumental, for many years, in her devoted service to the Dunbar mission. As an interpreter (Customer Service Representative) of Paul Laurence Dunbar she focused on the task that needed to be accomplished and never was concerned about the hours it took to accomplish the task. Wilma also retired with 38 years of service from Wright Patterson Air Force Base.

Dayton History in Charge of Many Structures

The fall and winter months, with slower visitation than during warmer months, are a good time for an organization such as Dayton History to take care of its many historic structures. We have been busy lately at the *John W. Berry Sr.*, Wright Brothers Aviation Center at Carillon Historical Park making needed repairs, incorporating new exhibits within the center and performing conservation on the Wright Flyer III.

Earlier in 2008, we discovered that the roof in one area of the reproduction Wright Cycle Company building had begun to leak. Sixteen feet of copper gutters were replaced, and the roof and flashing were repaired. Additionally, the roof at the rear of Wright Hall had developed a leak due to damage done by animals to the roof membrane. Here, the rubber membrane roof was replaced with a new vinyl roof surface designed to be impenetrable to animals. While these leaks posed no danger to the artifacts housed within the complex, some damage had occurred to the plaster walls and ceiling in these two areas; the plaster was repaired and the spaces were

repainted. The gold leaf text on the rear, interior wall of Wright Hall was completely repainted and lettered in gold-leaf by Joel Booth, an Englewood sign painter.

We have made a few changes to the exhibits in the Aviation Center as well. A new artifact on exhibit in the Wilbur Wright wing is the Wright family Bible, which was added in the fall of 2008. The large, leather-bound Bible includes the names and birth dates of Milton and Susan Wright, as well as all seven of their children. The Bible was in Orville's library at the time of his death in 1948, and passed to Ivonette Wright Miller's possession. Mrs. Miller donated the Bible to the Montgomery County Historical Society in 1984, and the society placed the Bible on loan to the Kettering-Moraine Museum. With the closing of the Kettering-Moraine Museum this past fall, the time was ideal to incorporate this family piece into the exhibits. Additionally, a 1904 propeller that Wilbur used during his later European flights in 1908 and 1909 was relocated from the object theater into the main Wilbur Wright wing gallery to allow us to better interpret the



The Wright's birthday page from the family bible.

fact that the mathematical formula developed by the Wrights for propeller design is still the basis of propeller design today.

Finally, over a period of two days in December and January, the 104-year-old Wright

Flyer III was systematically examined and cleaned. Mary Oliver, Director of Collections and Gwen Haney, Community Collections Manager, spent many hours slowly and carefully vacuuming microscopic dust from all surfaces of the Flyer. We hope you will have an opportunity soon to visit Carillon Historical Park and experience these updates to the Wright Brothers Aviation Center.

2009 Speaker Series

Our Aviation Heritage Speakers Series continues its 2009 season with presentations from **Sarah Byrn Rickman** in July and then **Guy Johnstone** in October. This series is designed to offer the public a variety of knowledgeable speakers addressing topics related to aviation history through engaging discussion and firsthand accounts.

All of these talks are on Thursday, 7:00 pm at the Engineers Club, 110 East Monument Street, Dayton, Ohio.

These events are free and open to the public. Seating is on a first come, first served basis.

For more information about these talks and other future speakers coming to the Engineers Club, call Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park at 937.225.7705 or 937.425.0008.

Sarah Byrn Rickman
7:00 pm, July 16

A former reporter and columnist for *The Detroit News* and the editor of the *Centerville-Bellbrook Times*, Sarah Byrn Rickman is also a freelance writer and author of several books on women in the field of aviation, particularly those who served as WASPS, the Women's Auxiliary Squadron Ferry Pilots, during World War II. Ms. Rickman's presentation will focus on the valuable contributions the WASPs made toward the successful conclusion of that war.

Guy Johnstone
7:00 pm, October 22

Guy Johnstone, retired teacher and businessman, owns the *Kittyhawk*, Orville Wright's vacation boat used on Georgian Bay in Canada. When Johnstone decided to restore the boat he contacted Ivonette and Harold Miller, Orville's niece and her husband, and developed a lifelong friendship with them. Home movies of the Wright family in Canada will be shown during his presentation.

VIP Opportunities!

On Tuesday, January 20, 2009, several volunteers from Dayton History at Carillon Historical Park had the opportunity to take a "Behind the Scenes" tour of the Wright-Dunbar Interpretive Center and the Wright Cycle Company building. Park Rangers Gregg Smith and Julia Frasure provided in-depth information about the historic buildings as well as the creation of Dayton's national park. Field trips such as these show the active partnership between Dayton History and the National Park Service and enrich the interpretive skills of the volunteers. Dayton History has provided thorough training to more than 60 volunteers which contributed hundreds of hours to Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park's volunteer program in 2008. These hours indicate the hard work, training, and quality visitor experiences in the *John W. Berry, Sr.* Wright Brothers Aviation Center at Carillon Historical Park.

Volunteers continue to be vital in the success of National Park Service programs and services all over the country. At Dayton Aviation Heritage NHP, the need for Volunteers-in-Parks (VIPs) will continue to increase due to expanded visitor center



Volunteers from Dayton History at Carillon Park take a break for a photo op while visiting Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park.

hours, the wide variety of education and interpretive programs we offer, and the procurement of additional sites throughout the Dayton community. Currently, the park is seeking motivated applicants to assist with the festivities of the 104th Anniversary of Practical, Powered Flight celebration at the Huffman Prairie Flying Field on Monday, October 5, 2009. Duties would include assisting with parking, distributing park literature to visitors, answering questions, staffing an information desk on the flying field, and more! If you are interested in volunteering for this event or during other programs, feel free to call Mandy Murray at 937-225-7705 for more information.

2009 Bike-with-a-Ranger Rides

Come join us for a bicycle tour of historic Dayton with Bike-with-a-Ranger 2009. Sponsored by the National Park Service, this is a great way to explore Dayton's history and learn more about the Wright brothers. Choose from three bicycle programs offered this year.

Pre-registration is encouraged. You can also register at 8:30 am the day of the tour.

Tours may be cancelled due to inclement weather. Participants are required to bring their own bicycles and personal gear, including snacks and/or lunch. Helmets are required. For the latest information check our website at www.nps.gov/daav or call 937.425.0008.

Tour 1: Creative Dayton: Invention, Innovation, and Art in the Gem City
8:30 am - 12:30 pm (4 hours)
Sundays, May 17 and September 20
The Wright Cycle Company, 22 South Williams Street, Dayton Ohio 45402

Tour 2: The Gem City: Historic Homes & Sites of Dayton
8:30 am - 1:30 pm (5 hours)
Sundays, June 14, July 12, and August 9
The Wright Cycle Company, 22 South Williams Street, Dayton Ohio 45402

Tour 3: A Living Legacy: Huffman Prairie to Wright-Patterson AFB
8:30 am - 12:30 pm (4 hours)
Sundays, June 28, July 26, and August 23
Huffman Prairie Flying Field Interpretive Center 2380 Memorial Road
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio 45433

The National Parks: America's Best Idea Grant

The National Park Foundation announced in February that Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park was a recipient of a The National Parks: America's Best Idea grant. The focus of the grant, supported by the Evelyn and Walter Haas Jr. Fund, is to extend the reach of the important lessons offered in the upcoming documentary about national parks and to reach a new, ethnic minority, or traditionally underserved groups to inspire their future stewardship of our country's national parks.

For this grant, Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park is partnering with the YMCA of Greater Dayton. During the summer, Park Rangers will present programs on the National Park Service at each YMCA summer day camp. Each camper will also get an opportunity to visit one or more of the Dayton park sites. In addition, Dayton Aviation Heritage is working with Think TV, Greater Dayton Public Television, to host screenings of the mini-documentaries in conjunction with *The National Parks: America's Best Idea*.

Developed by Ken Burns and Dayton Duncan, *The National Parks: America's Best Idea*, offers the American people a way to connect to their national parks. The film reveals compelling stories of the parks, the Service, and the individuals who shaped them. Public television will air the six-part, twelve hour series *The National Parks: America's Best Idea* this fall. On making the series, Dayton Duncan stated: "When we set out ten years ago to make a PBS documentary on the history of the national parks, we were surprised at what we discovered. We knew that our journey would bring us to some of the most spectacular landscapes on earth and some of the most iconic places in American history. We knew that we might come across magnificent species of animals – bears and buffalo, wolves and trumpeter swans – that would have vanished forever without parks as their refuge. And we knew that, like you, we would be creating unforgettable memories that we could share with our families for generations to come."

"What surprised us were the remarkable stories of the people who made each park possible. We discovered people from every

conceivable background – rich and poor; famous and unknown; soldiers and scientists; natives and newcomers; idealists, artists, and entrepreneurs – who have been part of the national park idea from the very beginning. What they had in common was a passion to save some precious portion of the land they loved so that those of us who followed might have the same chance to fall in love with that place."

"When we set out ten years ago to make a PBS documentary on the history of the national parks, we were surprised at what we discovered."

On March 6, filmmakers Ken Burns and Dayton Duncan joined the ranks of Honorary National Park Rangers at an award ceremony at the Department of the Interior for their significant contributions to the National Park Service. This award is an especially appropriate recognition of their skills as "master interpreters," creating a documentary film on the national parks and the origin of the National Park Service that provides opportunities for Americans to reflect on the significance and value of their national parks.

Free Family Programs !!!

Life with the Wright Family

May 9, 2:00 - 3:00 pm
Fourteen-year-old Carrie Kayler went to work as a housekeeper for the Wright family in 1900, and worked for them for nearly 50 years. Join the adult "Carrie" to explore treasures of her memory chest and learn what it was like to live within this unusual family!

"It's in the Details:

Wil and Orv as Printers," Demonstration Program

June 19, 20, July 10, 11, August 7, 8
2:00 - 4:00 pm
Wil and Orv were first printers and it took a keen eye and attention to detail to get this job done "Wright." Watch a ranger demonstrate the tedious process of printing in 1890 in the room the Wright brothers used.

Art in the Park

July 11, 18, & 25, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
For a second summer, Dayton Aviation will team up with the K12 Gallery for free Art in the Park Saturday sessions. Children, enrolled in kindergarten through 6th grade, will have the opportunity to use their imagination, creativity, and talent while having FUN! Pre-registration is required. Call Judi Hart at 937.225.7705 or email judi_hart@nps.gov for more information and to obtain a registration form. Participants must be signed in by an adult on the day of the activity.

KIDS' PROGRAMS
Children must be accompanied by an adult at ALL programs.

Junior Ranger Days

Each program will complete one activity in the Junior Ranger booklet.

Who Am I?

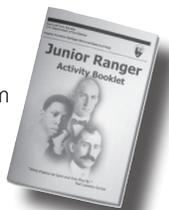
June 24 - 27, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
Junior Ranger participants will identify "Who" as they learn first-hand about the people who inspired the Wright brothers.

Not Just Another Cycle Shop

July 22-25, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
Aspiring Junior Rangers will learn about the many aspects of The Wright Cycle Company building and who inspired the brothers to invent the airplane.

Puzzling Out a Poem

August 12-15, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
Participants choose from a grab bag full of words to craft a poem as they complete a puzzle.





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Park Receives Grant for Cell Phone Audio Tour Program

Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park received a Challenge Cost Share Grant award of \$6,000 in support of its newly-created cell phone accessible audio tour for the unique aviation-related historic sites within the Dayton region.

This project combines the efforts of the National Park Service, with partner group Aviation Trail, Inc., to meet their missions to designate and interpret historic aviation sites.

Many of the resources and sites included in the heritage area and along the Aviation Trail are interesting and significant to the history of aviation, but are not open to the public or even identified.

The cell phone program will allow participants to simply dial 937-401-9985, enter a site-specific code, and listen to a short interpretive program for a site at no cost to

the participant other than use of their own cell phone. The stops may be called in any order and at any time of the day or night. This flexible, user-friendly program also allows participants to leave voice comments for park staff to review.

The grant will fund the fabrication of signage identifying the program and cell phone number at all participating sites, which will eventually number around forty; and the development and publication of a companion brochure, which will be available at the Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park interpretive centers, Dayton History at Carillon Park and other sites in the area.