

# Fall Newsletter

October 2024



## IT IS FALL ALREADY!

*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!**

## Our Oshkosh Experience

by Tom Rose

The pride of our museum, the White Bird, made its first trip away from home in our shipping container this summer. After extensive work developing storage methods by Dave Barrington and Jerry Troidl and the ground crew, our shipping container (complete with new vinyl graphics) was picked up on July 18<sup>th</sup> for shipment by truck to Oshkosh AirVenture 24. At Oshkosh, the members of Jerry Troidl's crew included Bill Jamison, Mark Culbertson, John Brugger and Carl Harlacher were able to remove and reassemble the White Bird in six hours. [See the photos on pages 3 and 4.](#)

Oshkosh had 700,000 visitors from eighty countries and 10,000 aircraft flew into Oshkosh making it the world's busiest airport for the week. Your Wright B Flyer look-a-like was placed on static display in the Homebuilders Hangar. We had a large TV to run continuous flight videos as part of our display. Our eleven dedicated volunteers greeted a few thousand visitors, and we enjoyed telling our story and passing out information about NAHA and the Wright B Flyer. White Bird pilots Jeff Stands and Hank Griffiths also made a 45-minute presentation at an EAA forum. Additionally, Chief Pilot Rich Stepler spoke with FAA officials to coordinate our efforts to secure an exception to allow runway hops to resume.

Thanks to all our volunteers who participated in this extensive undertaking that made our attendance at AirVenture 24 so successful, and our sincere appreciation is extended to the National Aviation Heritage Area (NAHA) for their enthusiastic support.

# Wright B Flyer Museum Activities for 2024

- Spring/Summer/Fall 2024
  - White Bird runway hops and pattern flights to assess cylinder head temperatures, electric trim function and the effects of aileron drooping.
  - Civil Air Patrol Renaming Ceremony in Hangar.
  - Wright B Flyer Museum Annual Meeting in Hangar.
  - America 250 Ohio Trails and Tales (Air and Space Trail) Kickoff Event.
  - AOPA White Bird Photo Shoot with Flight and Runway Hops.
  - Dayton Airshow for White Bird Static Display.
  - Centerville Americana Parade with Half-Scale and Model T participation.
  - **EAA AirVenture at Oshkosh for Static Display.**
  - NAHA Photo Day with White Bird Runway Hops.
  - Kettering Holiday at Homes Parade White Bird Flyover.
  - Concours D'Elegance White Bird Flyover and the Model T Static Display at the Carillon Historical Park.
  - Half-Scale to National Parks for Air Force Marathon.
  - Dayton Christian High School with White Bird Flyover.
  - White Bird Flyover and Half-Scale in the Heritage of Flight Festival Parade.
  - White Bird Flyover at 97<sup>th</sup> Wright Field Anniversary Celebration.
  - ***And More to Come Next Year!***



**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,  
SWEATSHIRTS,  
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.





The White Bird Enroute to Oshkosh



Unload the White Bird



White Bird is Out



Out of the Container and Assembled



Entering the Home Builders Hangar



Static Display



The Oshkosh Crew; Left to Right, Jerry Troidl, Jeff Stands, Hank Griffiths, Carl Horlacher, Tom Walters, Rich Stepler, Tom Rose, Bill Jamison, Steve Donaldson, Mark Culbertson (not shown: John Brugger)

# MORE OSHKOSH PHOTOS



White Bird Pilots Jeff Stands and Hank Griffiths make a Wright "B" Flyer presentation at the EAA Vintage Forums



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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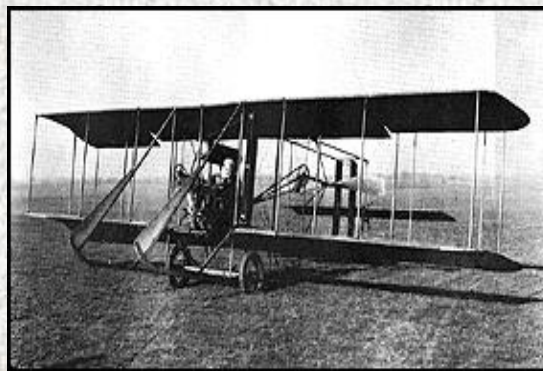
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