Wright Brothers Symposium

Following the Footsteps of the Wright Brothers: Their Sites and Stories

September 28, 2001

Wright State University, Dayton, Ohio

Ohio Humanities Council
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On December 17, 2003, the world will mark the 100th anniversary of powered flight. This achievement was truly a defining moment of the 20th Century.

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The Wright Brothers Symposium is designed to bring together scholars, students, enthusiasts, historians, and educators to discuss their research and share their insights into the actual sites of significance to Wilbur and Orville Wright and the invention of powered flight.

Symposium activities include:

September 27 - Opening reception at Carillon Historical Park.
September 28 - Opening plenary session with NASA Historian Roger Launius; concurrent sessions on a variety of topics related to the sites and stories of the Wright Brothers; lunchtime presentation by National Air and Space Museum Senior Curator Tom Crouch; and a reception in Special Collections and Archives in the Paul Laurence Dunbar Library, where attendees will view an exhibit of original materials from the Wright Brothers Collection and a full-size replica of the 1903 Flyer in the library atrium.

September 29 - Attendees can visit historic aviation sites in the Dayton area. A guided bus tour is available through pre-registration.

Registrations will be accepted through September 14, 2001.

Registration fees:
$10.00 Opening reception at Carillon Historical Park
$35.00 Symposium including lunch, breaks, concurrent sessions, and materials
$20.00 Guided bus tour of Dayton's aviation history sites

For conference information, call Karin Nevius at (937) 775-2686.
For registration information, call Damien Chaffin at (937) 775-5512.

Check the Symposium Web site for up-to-date information: www.libraries.wright.edu/special/symposium

The Wright Brothers Symposium is made possible through contributions from:

- American Institute of Aeronautics & Astronautics (AIAA)
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- Dayton Aviation Heritage Commission
- Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park
- Dayton/Montgomery County Public Libraries
- Inventing Flight
- The Ohio Humanities Council, a state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities
- Wright State University
- Wright State University Libraries

Schedule of Events

Thursday, September 27, 2001
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Opening Reception
Location: Carillon Historical Park

Friday, September 28, 2001
8:15 - 9:00 a.m.
Registration/Coffee and Donuts
9:00 - 10:00 a.m.
Plenary Address by Roger Launius, NASA Historian
10:00 - 10:15 a.m.
Break
10:15 - 11:45 a.m.
Concurrent Sessions A, B & C
11:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Lunch with a talk by Tom Crouch, Senior Curator, National Air and Space Museum
1:15 - 2:45 p.m.
Concurrent Sessions A & B
2:45 - 3:00 p.m.
Break
3:00 - 4:30 p.m.
Concurrent Sessions A & B
4:30 - 6:00 p.m.
Reception in Special Collections and Archives, Dunbar Library. Brief program at 5:00 p.m. with representatives from the Wright family.

Saturday, September 29, 2001
8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Guided bus tour of aviation history sites throughout Dayton. Includes lunch at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base Officer’s Club and visits to Carillon Historical Park, Wright Brothers Memorial, Huffman Prairie, and the Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park. Maps will be provided at the symposium for people who prefer to visit the aviation history sites on their own.

September - October 2001
Cooperative exhibit of Wright Brothers materials/artifacts
Location: Wright State University Student Union Gallery