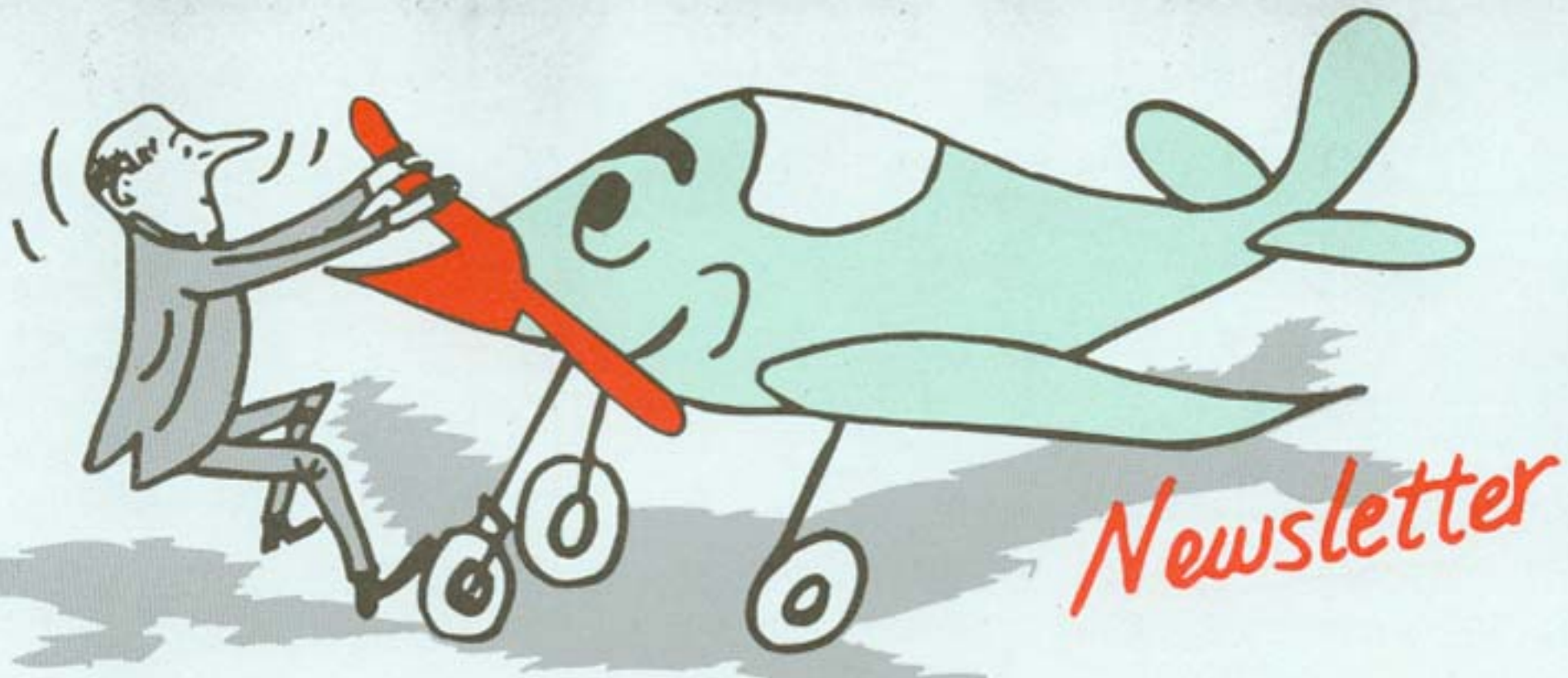


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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Easter Greetings to all of you! "Life is beautiful" says Robert Benigni. How true! Renewed by the grace of Lent and Easter, along with spring showing its face, it is very beautiful.

Now that the schedule of Lent and Holy Week is completed I hope you will find more time to take to the sky. I had an interesting flight into Maryville, Mo on March 22. I and two fellow priests were going back to our Alma Mater - Conception Abbey, Conception, Mo for the renewal/rededication of their Basilica. The weather was marginal. In northeast Kansas ceilings were just under 5,000, with light precip occasionally. Farther east we flew between 2 layers of clouds, the bottom mostly broken. I hadn't filed IFR because of icing.

About 35 NM west of Maryville the clouds closed and it was solid. So I descended hoping I could go under them. Not a chance, much too

low, especially in an unfamiliar area. So I climbed, up to 5,000, circling and called Center requesting IFR clearance into Maryville. Being on the south fringe of the Minneapolis Center coverage communications were broken. Finally some kind soul in another plane relayed all transmissions. Center gave me clearance - but all the time I was thinking I probably would have to do the approach at St Joe because the one at Maryville takes one down only to 900 ft. It being my lucky day, or maybe my guardian angel interceding, I broke out about 8 nm into an area with a ceiling of more than 5000 and Maryville in sight. I thanked Center and the pilot who did the relaying, canceled IFR, landed. There was about 3 inches of snow on the ground and we had taken on some ice.

The Benedictine monks had a fine celebration. Saw some of our members from Iowa there - Dave Hogan and Jack Paisley.

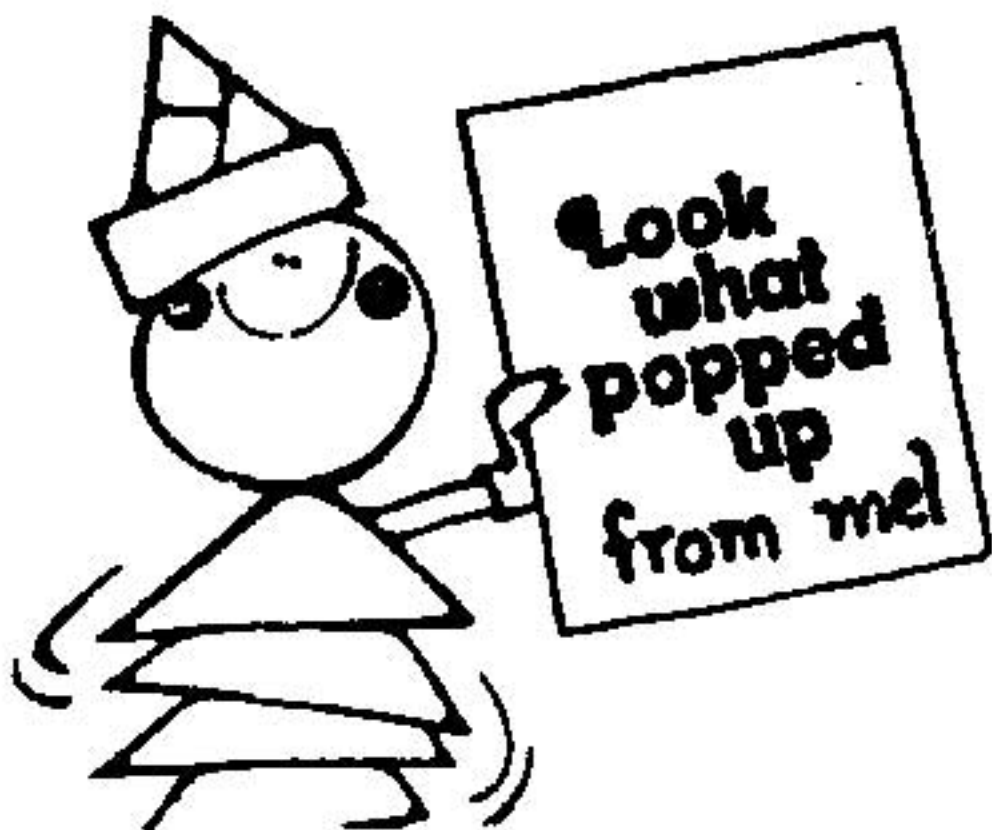
I heard this story handed down from WWII. Someone heard this on the frequency at a southern airbase where 1325s had priority in the pattern during World War II. Tower: "AT-6 on approach pull up and go around." At-6: "This is Chaplain Smith in the AT-6, I've already been around four times!" 1325: "Suffer! Suffer!"

See you at Ottumwa Monday, April 26; at Dayton in July!

Fly safely!

Al

Al Werth



want one you can call 1-800-243-3828 and they will take care of you.

By the time you receive this the Midwest April 26th gathering in Blakesburg, IA will be only a few days away. In addition to the registration form we are including a copy of a brochure that tells of the *History of the Airpower Museum, Inc.* We hope you can join us April 26.

I'm including a couple of items you may enjoy. One is about the Y1K problem. Another entitled *Letter of Recommendation*. It may give you a chuckle as we move into the activities of Spring.

Al Ruschman called during Holy Week to tell me that the National Convention registration form had one of the addresses incorrect. We have changed that on the enclosed form. Al's correct address is 2415 Dixie Highway. We have also corrected the incorrect number in the NAPP directory.

For several years we have talked about updating the NAPP informational brochure. I have been working with a local printing firm in putting together a new brochure. Hopefully they will have that ready at the same time they finish this newsletter. If so there will be a copy included. I will bring them along to the Midwest & National meetings so that you will have copies to pass around.

I have sent notices of the Dayton NAPP convention to **FLYING, AOPA PILOT and EAA SPORT AVIATION** magazines. To be included in their Calendar of upcoming events they all ask 4 months advance notice. I beat that deadline so the information should be forthcoming in future issues.

Some interesting things happen when you move. I found I had a box of NAPP caps and also several NAPP lapel pins. I'll bring those along to Dayton in July for those who are in need. They don't do much good on my shelf!

In the last issue we included information about DUAT, the computer service for pilots in obtaining weather and flight planning aids. I had ordered free copies of additional information. That information arrived 10 days after mailing the last issue. They didn't send enough for everyone so a few of you will not have the colored brochure in this mailing. I know some of you do not have access to the computer so you will not have a copy. If you

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BRIEFS FROM HERE AND THERE

SUBJECT: YIK PROBLEM

An Article from a London Newspaper
(circa 999 A.D.) Canterbury, England.

An atmosphere close to panic prevails today throughout Europe as the millennial year 1000 approaches, bringing with it the so-called "YIK" a menace which, until recently, hardly anyone had ever heard of. Prophets of doom are warning that the entire fabric of Western Civilization, based as it now is upon monastic computations, could collapse, and that there is simply not enough time left to fix the problem.

Just how did this disaster-in-the-making ever arise? Why did no one anticipate that a change from a three-digit to a four-digit year would throw into total disarray all liturgical chants and all metrical verse in which any date is mentioned? Every formulaic hymn, prayer, ceremony and incantation dealing with dated events will have to be re-written to accommodate three extra syllables. All tabular chronologies with three-space year columns, maintained for generations by scribes using carefully hand-ruled lines on vellum sheets, will now have to be converted to four-space columns, at enormous cost. In the meantime, the validity of every official event, from baptisms to burials, from confirmations to coronations, may be called into question.

"We should have seen it coming," says Brother Cedric of St. Michael Abbey, here in Canterbury. "What worries me most is that THOUSAND contains the word THOU, which occurs in nearly all our prayers, and of course always refers to God. Using it now in the name

of the year will seem almost blasphemous, and is bound to cause terrible confusion. Of course, we could always use Latin, but that might be even worse -- The Latin word for Thousand is Mille which is the same as the Latin for mile. We won't know whether we are talking about time or distance!"

Stonemasons are already reported threatening to demand a proportional pay increase for having to carve an extra numeral in all dates on tombstones, cornerstones and monuments. Together with its inevitable ripple effects, this alone could plunge the hitherto-stable medieval economy into chaos.

A conference of clerics has been called at Winchester to discuss the entire issue, but doomsayers are convinced that the matter is now one of personal survival. Many families, in expectation of the worst, are stocking up on holy water and indulgences.

IMPORTANT **FUTURE DATES**

BLAKESBURG IDWA: April 26, 1999.
Midwest Regional Gathering

DAYTON OHIO: July 6-7, 1999
University of Dayton
Wright-Patterson AFB
Air Force Museum

ANCHORAGE ALASKA:
July 11-12, 2000

...LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION -

Bob Smith, my assistant programmer, can always be found hard at work in his cubicle. Bob works independently, without wasting company time talking to colleagues. Bob never thinks twice about assisting fellow employees and he always finishes given assignments on time. Often Bob takes extended measures to complete his work, sometimes skipping coffee breaks. Bob is a dedicated individual who has absolutely no vanity in spite of his high accomplishments and profound knowledge in his field. I firmly believe that Bob can be classed as a high-caliber employee, the type which cannot be dispensed with. Consequently, I duly recommend that Bob be promoted to executive management, and a proposal will be sent away as soon as possible...

Project Leader

A MEMO WAS SOON SENT FOLLOWING THE LETTER:

That stupid idiot was reading over my shoulder when I wrote the report sent to you earlier today. Kindly read every second line (i.e. 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, . . .) for my true assessment of him...

Regards,
Project Leader



1999 NAPP Convention co-hosts,
AL RUSHMAN & JOHN BELLON
at Dayton- Wright Brothers Airport.
Airport of Gathering
FBO: COMMANDER-AERO, INC.
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**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PRIEST PILOTS
1999 Midwest Regional - April 26, 1999
Ottumwa Flying Service --Ottumwa, IA**

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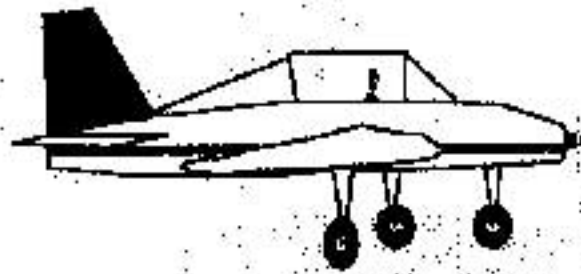
MEALS: Lunch at Noon.
Airport Restaurant
Dinner before Departure
Airport Restaurant

**Try to arrive by 11:00 A.M. on Monday
April 26, 1999**

DON'T MISS IT!

Airport: Ottumwa, IA

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SPECIAL ATTRACTION

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After Lunch we will drive to the Museum. Rides are being arranged.

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If you choose to come early or stay late, make your own reservations.

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**SEE YOU
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BIRTHPLACE OF AVIATION

■ Dayton

Ninety-five years ago Orville Wright won a simple coin toss from his brother Wilbur and showed the world he could do everything—he could fly. The Wright Brothers saw their aviation dreams turn from nothing to everything and more. And it all started in Dayton.

What began for the Dayton brothers as a fascination with flying — thanks to an 1878 toy whirligig given to them by their father — led to kite experiments, the development of the world's first wind tunnel and the gift of flight.

Since that first historic flight December 17, 1903, Dayton has commemorated and celebrated the achievements of its fathers of flight with festivals, museums, air shows and landmarks and proudly claims the title "Birthplace of Aviation." From that first fragile flying machine gingerly pieced together in Dayton to groundbreaking aerospace research, the city continues to be the home of aviation pioneers.

The United States Air Force Museum, the largest and oldest military aviation museum in the world, is just one of the



United States Air Force Museum.

lasting tributes Dayton pays to its flying brothers. Aviation enthusiasts can visit the Wright Cycle Company and the Huffman Prairie Flying Field or view the *Wright Flyer III* during a tour of the Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park.

But Dayton's superlatives go beyond aeronautics. Dayton native Paul Laurence Dunbar took off on some flights of fancy of his own. Visit the former poet laureate's home, which is now a museum dedicated to his life and work. Tour Dayton's more distant past at SunWatch Indian Village, a tribute to the Fort Ancient Indians who once inhabited much of the Miami Valley roughly 800 years ago. Explore our vast world at the newly renovated Dayton Museum of Discovery, dedicated to science labs, eco-systems and the rest of the universe with a variety of interactive exhibits. Or stroll through a restored Packard showroom from the 1930s — the only museum dedicated to the classic Packard automobile.

The city also soars with a diversity of performing and creative arts unrivaled by any other city of its size. Dayton boasts an opera company, a philharmonic orchestra, two dance companies, a recently renovated art museum and a traditional folk arts presenter — responsible for bringing the National Folk Festival to town in 1998 for the third year in a row.

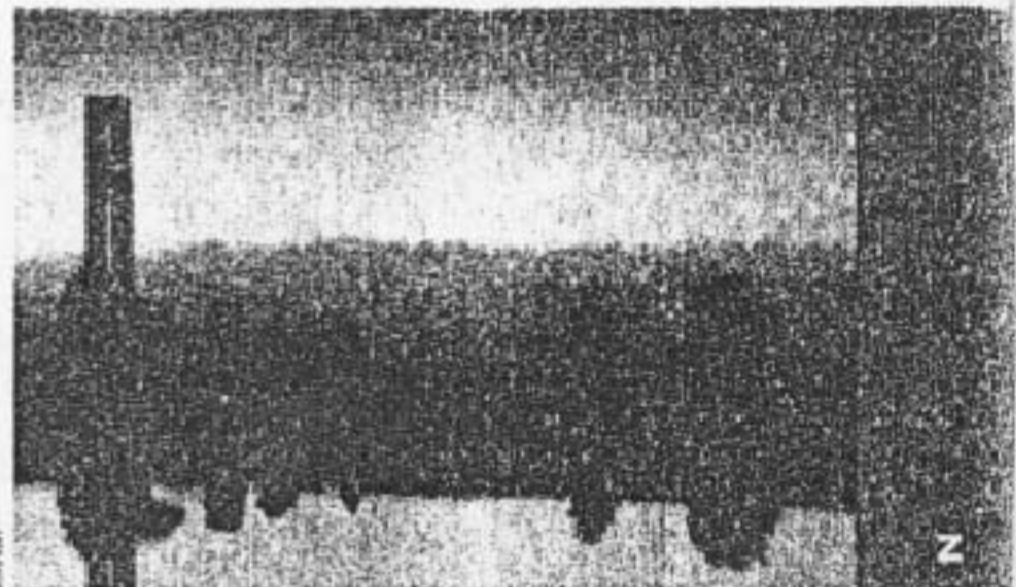


Wilbur and Orville Wright, circa 1910.

*To invent an airplane...
is nothing.
To build an airplane...
is something.
But to fly...
is everything.*

Orville Wright, 1868-1948

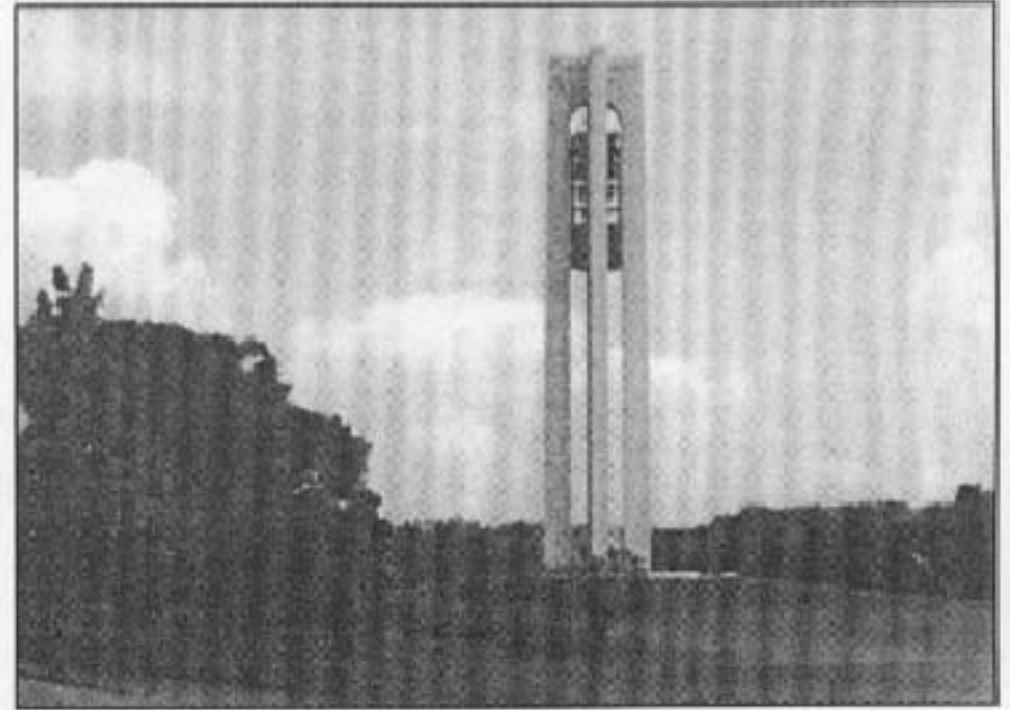
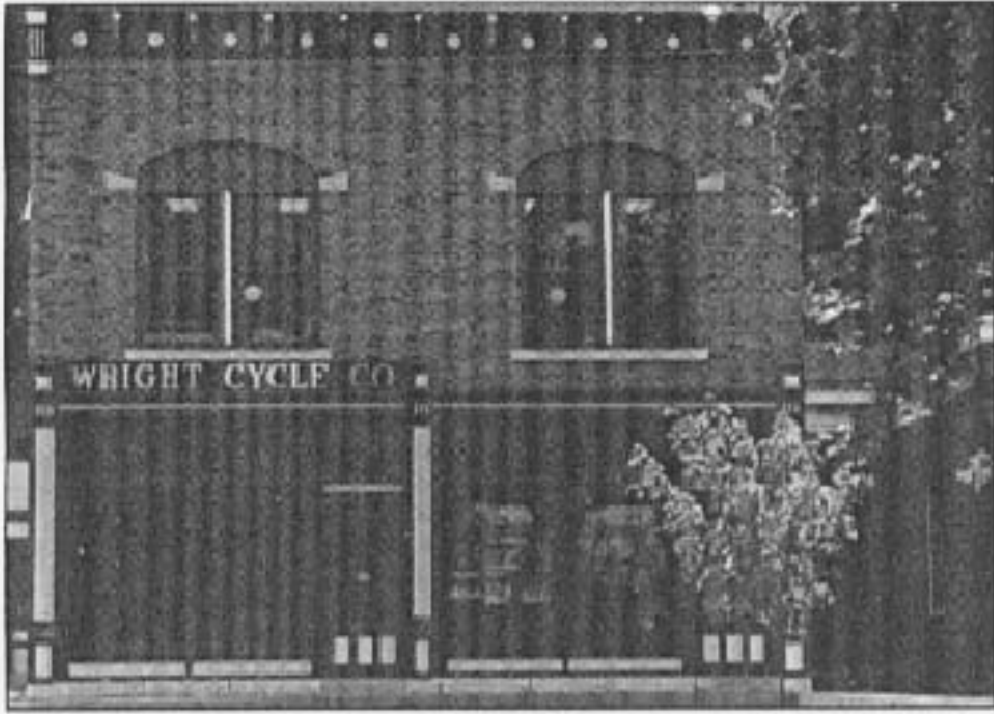
While there will be plenty of festivals and performances to attend in 1998, the region's largest event of the century is still five years away. In 2003 all eyes will turn to Dayton when the city rolls out the red carpet for the celebration of the centennial anniversary of Orville and Wilbur's first flight into history. In preparation for the festivities, Carillon Historical Park, one of four stops along the aviation trail, will undergo an \$8.4 million expansion that will include more Wright Brothers exhibits than ever



Carillon Historical Park, part of the aviation trail.

before. True to the city's roots in the sky, the 2003 United States Air and Trade Show will be the largest air show the world has ever seen. The multiple-day event will include an international cultural exposition and provide the largest-ever gathering of historic and modern aircraft — an appropriate salute to the birthplace of aviation and its century of innovation.

1999 NAPP CONVENTION UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB AIR FORCE MUSEUM
July 6-7, 1999



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