



Soaring 270 feet above the intersection of I-70 & I-75 and seen by thousands of vehicles daily, this 144 foot wingspan monument to the Wright Flyer will symbolize Dayton, Ohio throughout the world.

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Triumph Architect Honored

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At its annual meeting on August 26th, the National Aviation Heritage Alliance (NAHA) honored Steve Brown, the Wright Image Group's architect for the Triumph of Flight, with its Ivonette Wright Miller Award for 2014.

The award, named after the niece of Wilbur and Orville Wright, is based on the recipient's dedication to volunteerism in the field

of aviation/aerospace, which for Brown has been in evidence for more than three decades. "He helped shape the vision of the Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park and has played a key role in developing the concept for the Wright Image Group's planned Triumph of Flight monument at the Interstate 70-75 interchange," reported Tim Gaffney, NAHA's Director of Communications.

"Steve has been involved in creating visitor experiences at places like Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, the City of Dayton, the Engineers Club, Aviation Trail, the National Aviation Hall of Fame and Woodland Cemetery," Tony Sculimbrene, NAHA executive director, said in announcing Brown as the winner.

The WIG Board of Directors is well represented in the list of past Ivonette Wright Miller awardees, and this is the second year in a row that a WIG Director has received the award. WIG founder, past president, and current Chairman Walt Hoy, was 2013's awardee. Amanda Wright Lane, another distinguished member of our board, received it in 2008, as did Judge Walter Rice in 2005. Two of our biggest supporters, Mr John Bosch of Commander Aero, and Ms Zoe Dell Nutter won the award in 2010 and 2006 respectively.

NAHA is a not-for-profit corporation designated by Congress as the management entity of the National Aviation Heritage Area which encompasses eight Ohio counties—Montgomery, Greene, Miami, Clark, Warren, Champaign, Shelby and Auglaize. The Wright Image Group is one of fifteen partners making up the Alliance. See www.aviationheritagearea.org for more information.



Triumph Architect, Steve Brown (left), being presented the Ivonette Wright Miller Award for 2014 by NAHA President Frank Winslow.

Notice of 2014 Annual Membership Meeting

The Wright Image Group's 2014 membership meeting will be held at 2:30 p.m., December 4th, immediately after the December Board of Directors meeting, at 1605 N. Main St, Dayton OH. Please telephone or email your planned attendance to Audrey, 937-276-2963 or Audrey@ohlmanngroup.com.

Miller Lane Businesses Addressed

With the thought in mind that most of the businesses situated on Miller Lane in North Dayton stand to realize a significant increase in business with the construction of the iconic Triumph of Flight nearby, the Wright Image Group board of directors this summer undertook a major project to enlist their support.

Miller Lane is a rapidly growing business "hot spot," running parallel to, and just a block to the west, of I-75 just south of its intersection with I-70. The street is situated such that tourists looking north along Miller Lane will see the top of the 270 foot tall Triumph above the tree tops



surrounding the site. (See graphics rendering to the right) There will only be two routes to reach the Triumph – one from the north on un-commercialized Dixie Lane through Vandalia, and the other from the south along highly commercialized Miller Lane. Two thirds of these 79 businesses, as well as those along Poe Avenue just to the east of I-75, are restaurants, motels, and others which will benefit directly from the increase in tourist traffic expected when the monument is complete.

Our plan was to convene as many as possible of the managers of those businesses into a single place and give them a detailed presentation on the monument and its potential benefits to the area. George Gianopulos, WIG VP for Development, put together a package of materials for each manager and secured a venue for the meeting. The Drury Inn general manager, Kevin Long, hosted the event in one of his large meeting rooms.



Wright Image Group VP for Development, George Gianopulos, opens the Miller Lane businesses presentation at the Drury Inn on Miller Lane.

Fortunately, we found a key ally early in this process, the General Manager of Miller Lane's Ruby Tuesday, Sara Pride. Sara and many of her staff made personal contacts with all of the businesses, with the exception of the motels, on our list. George made personal contacts with the motel managers. Each manager was given a letter of invitation and a detailed information packet, and encouraged to invite the appropriate regional manager as well.

Although attendance was lower than hoped, those who attended were responsive and enthusiastic. Significantly, among the attendees was the area's representative to the Ohio General Assembly, Mike Henne.

Two invitations resulted from this meeting – one to participate in the Dayton Chamber of Commerce's quarterly Business After Hours meeting, and the other to present to the Greater Dayton Lodging Council, a regional division of the Ohio Hotel and Lodging Association.

Time to Renew

December 31st is the end of the current Wright Image Group membership year, and for those of you who have not yet attained permanent membership status, you will receive a dues reminder in the mail. To review the changes made to our membership structure in 2012, we no longer differentiate between individual, family and business memberships. All memberships are \$20 for one year, \$35 for two years, and \$50 for 3 years. We award a permanent membership to anyone who has contributed a total of \$150 or more in dues and/or donations in previous years. This permanent membership means that you will no longer be asked to pay dues to renew your membership, and you will continue to have voting privileges at the annual meeting as well as to receive your personal copy of the quarterly Wright Icon News.

Since the board has reserved the right to modify this membership structure in the future, we encourage you to bring your cumulative donation/dues level to the \$150 threshold and take advantage of the current relaxed structure. It's good for the Wright Image Group at this stage of project development, and it's good for your pocketbook!

Your Gift Will Make a Difference

With the help of the University of Dayton and the Ohio State University, we have completed critical wind tunnel tests and computer analyses to ensure the monument's design will keep it standing for hundreds of years. At this time we are critically reviewing two key design issues: whether we truly need one final set of wind tunnel tests (currently, the design far exceeds safety standards), and what will be the optimum design to shed ice during and after severe winter storms.

There are other options that still need critical engineering review as well.

A year end gift by you of \$50, \$100, \$500, \$1,000 or more can make a big difference in our ability to keep progressing smoothly. As you have seen in this and previous newsletters, the Triumph of Flight is taking shape, and will attract people from all around the world due to its design and its relationship to their lives. Help us make an important statement to the world . . . that flight truly began right here in Ohio.

Please consider an end-of-year gift to help the Triumph of Flight show the world how important Ohio has been, and still is, to aviation and aerospace.

To join, make a donation, or get information explaining the different contribution and recognition levels, write to us at:

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www.wrightmonument.org

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Board Member Spotlight



Ed Phillips

One of our newest board members, Ed, is "Buckeye to the bone." He was born in Dayton in 1938 and graduated from Beavercreek High School in 1957, going from there to graduate from Bowling Green State University in 1961 with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, and lettering in varsity football and varsity baseball. He has since served on the Bowling Green State University Foundation and Alumni Boards.

His community involvement has been deep and broad - serving on the Beavercreek Financial Oversight Committee, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Board of Zoning Appeals, as well as the Greene County Blue Ribbon Committee in 2002-3, the YMCA, the Airport Authority, the Progress Committee and the Private Industry Council.

He is President of the Ohio Chapter of Associated Builders and Contractors, Past-President of the Ohio Ready Mixed Concrete Association, and Past-President of the Greene County YMCA. In 1978 he was chosen Beavercreek Chamber of Commerce Man of the Year, and in 1995 was chosen to receive the E.G. Shaw Award.

Ever since 1961, he has been with Phillips Companies, retiring in 2008 as Corporation President and Chairman of the Board. Ed and his wife, Diane, live in Beavercreek and have four children and twelve grandchildren.

Expected Donation Pledge

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