



Update

A report from our Executive Director

Now that we have focused squarely on the Wright Brothers Factory as the new site for the Triumph of Flight, we are in dialogue with the City of Dayton, trying to get this project included into their plans for development of that 50+ acre site. The city asserts that this is their #1 development priority, and that they will be putting a major commercial developer on contract for the development soon. When that is complete, we will meet with both city planners and the developer to begin working the details of monument placement, relationships with other entities in the development plan, as well as identifying the responsibilities that may accrue to the WIG by being integrating into it.

The city is moving more slowly than we all anticipated in placing a developer on contract, but now expects to achieve that this month – January 2023. Our meeting with city planners and the developer will follow soon after that is completed.

Inclusion of the Triumph of Flight in the development plan for the factory site is a prerequisite for resumption of our capital campaign. Until we have that kind of evidence of Dayton support for the monument project, we can have no reasonable expectation of success in fundraising.

Curt Nelson

Change of Address

For many years The Ohlmann Group has provided us with a mailing address, clerical assistance, and meeting and storage rooms. With their recent relocation to downtown Dayton, we figured it was time to stand on our own. Our new address is:

The Wright Image Group, Inc.
PO Box 264
Englewood, OH 45322

The Ohlmann Group has also provided us with writing and graphic design services for our brochures and other media offerings for many years, and they continue to do so. We owe them many, many thanks for being one of our most steadfast supporters. We also share with them a common founder. Walter Ohlmann was one of the original founders of the Wright Image Group.

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My Uncle Orv

75th Anniversary of the Death of Orville Wright

I didn't know my great great uncle Orv, but from all accounts, I certainly wish I had. He had quite the reputation in my family as a tease, a prankster, a dandy, a gentle soul, and a man who had a keen curiosity about almost everything on the planet. And did I mention he could carry on a conversation with anyone, no matter how many decades you had under your belt? There are two exceptions, however, to the last statement - Orville was painfully shy around strangers, and he refused to engage with "fools".

Orville died 75 years ago, in January of 1948. On this anniversary of his death, I would like to share some reminiscences from his niece, Ivonette Wright Miller, of Uncle Orv's days in the hospital near the end of his wonderful life.

Aunt Ivy wrote:

"His first heart attack occurred when he was hurrying to NCR to keep an appointment. I stayed with him his first night (at the hospital) until the hospital could locate a night nurse. While under an oxygen tent, he found dozens of ways to improve it and told the doctor that the hospital needed an inventor.

His second heart attack came, while he was in his office, and he was again taken to the hospital. When the nurse he had during his first heart attack came into his room, he said, "This is the only way I could find to see you again.

And on another of my early morning visits to the hospital, his nurse came on duty with a newspaper under her arm. "What is that?" Orville asked. She answered, "That's the morning paper. I had to read it to find out how you are." He replied, "You don't believe everything you read in the newspapers, do you?"



Years later when Aunt Ivy reflected on this serious and sad time, she remembered the humor that was ever present when she visited Orville. He remained the same modest man, with a twinkle in his eye, right up until the moment he died. And did I mention that he and his brother gave wings to the world?

Amanda Wright Lane
Great grandniece of Orville and Wilbur Wright

Update on Wright Flyer III Sculpture Relocation


Work has begun at the corner of Third Street and Edwin C. Moses for the relocation of the Wright Flyer III sculpture from Monument Avenue where it stood for many years. It should be installed at its new home by March or April.

Wanted – CRM Administrator

The Wright Image Group has a constituent resource management (CRM) database to help us track and manage relationships with donors, volunteers, and supporters. It enables us to create more effective campaigns and communications, and better understand our donors' needs and interests. It also reduces costs and ensures better customer service.

Our system, NeonOne, ranks high among other CRM systems because of its robust feature set and ease of use. It has powerful automation and analytics capabilities, superior customer service tools, and advanced security features. We have benefited greatly from its use during the last several years.

Joe Lehman was an excellent NeonOne Administrator and his departure means we are keenly interested in finding someone to take over that role. Basic qualifications include familiarity with database software in general, familiarity with data management principles and processes, and an ability to troubleshoot software technical issues in concert with NeonOne technicians. If you or anyone you know would be willing to team with the Wright Image Group in that capacity, please contact our Director of Development, Bill Koop at bkoop@triumphofflight.org. This would be a volunteer position, entailing 2 – 5 hours a week, working from home.

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