



Buckeye Wing Journal

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President's Message

It seems like only yesterday that we were together at the Buckeye Wing Reunion in Cocoa Beach, Florida. Time does seem to fly by, especially as we mature.

I hope this message finds everyone in good health and spirits, and I hope you are looking forward to the next reunion in Dayton (Aug 12-15, 2010). The Dayton group is in the early phases of reunion planning, and I especially want to bring to your attention the activities survey included in this newsletter. I hope you will help us out by completing the survey and returning it to us by no later than 1 February 2009.

We are now in one of my favorite times of the year, except for the cold and snow. The country may be going through some tough times, but I am confident that the American spirit will pull us through again. Let us be thankful for all of our blessings, and let us keep all of our service personnel in our thoughts and prayers.

On behalf of the officers and directors of the Buckeye Wing Association I want to take this opportunity to wish you and yours a very Happy New Year.

Jim Valeri
President

PS: See you in Dayton in 2010!



2009-2010 Officers

President – James Valeri

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(Two positions open)

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Reunion 2010!

As President, Jim Valeri, stated in his opening message, the reunion for 2010 will be held in Dayton, OH from August 12-15. To date the reunion committee has discussed hotel locations, created a list of possible activities, considered the banquet dinner choices, met with the Greene County Convention Center personnel to obtain various information, and decided on a survey to get your input. You are encouraged to return your activity choices on the survey by replying to the sender of this journal or by printing and mailing the survey. Any additional suggestions are most welcome, as this is *your* reunion!

Announcements

You are invited to a “Breakfast with Friends” in Wilmington, OH on May 9th, 2009. Enjoy good food, friendship and fun beginning at 9:00 A.M. Located at the Elks Lodge, 2541 Rombach Ave, Wilmington, OH 45177. Hope to see you there!



Final Fly Over

[James C. Hayes, USAF, Retired, January 1, 2008](#)

[Lt Col John P. Hortel, January 14, 2008](#) [WWII](#)

[Lt Col Charles D. Scott III, USAF, Retired, January 23, 2008](#)

[Max M. Bennett, USAF, Retired, February 1, 2008](#) [WWII](#)

[Brig Gen Edward N. Stevens, USAF, Retired, Feb. 19, 2008](#)

[Paul R. Hagedorn, USAF, Retired, February 21, 2008](#)

[Lt Col \(Dr.\) Robert J. Somogye, USAF, Retired, May 30, 2008](#)

[Betty L. Nichols, June 10, 2008](#)

[Kathryn P. "Kitty" Bolton, July 22, 2008](#)

[Lt Col John W. Keller, USAF, Retired, August 9, 2008](#) [WWII](#)

[James E. Harrison, USAF, Retired, November 3, 2008](#)

[Lt Col Terry L. Rohrer, USAF, Retired, November 4, 2008](#)

[CMsgt Mark Smith Jr. USAF, Retired, November 20, 2008](#)

[WWII - Korea](#)

[Lt Col Robert G. Wise, USAF, Retired, November 22, 2008](#)

So many of our friends and comrades passed on in 2008. Please keep them, their families and all the members of the Buckeye Wing Association in your thoughts and prayers.

[Buckeye Wing Association Web Site](#)

Be sure to check the website periodically for updates on the 2010 Reunion and check out past reunions, too. You can also find announcements, wing history, contact info for your comrades and the final fly-over. The minutes from the 2006 Reunion have been reconstructed and can now be found on the website.

We hope that you find the website useful and easy to navigate. Should you have any questions or need help, please contact Lance Fairchild or Karyl Menchen. They are happy to assist you and welcome your input, suggestions, etc. Please also send any address/phone/email changes to them.

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Please let us know if you would be willing to receive future newsletters via email or by downloading from our web site. Every bit helps save on postage and we thank you for your support.

Be sure to share the news of the 2010 reunion in Dayton, mark your calendars for August 12-15 and encourage all to come.



Survey for the 2010 Buckeye Wing Reunion

This reunion is to be held in Dayton, Ohio from 12 thru 15 August 2010. It would be a great help for the reunion committee if you would take a few minutes to number your choices from 1-9 in order of preference and return it to us. You can simply reply to the sender of the journal lancefair@aol.com or print it out and mail it by no later than 1 Feb 2009 to:

**Karyl Menchen
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Please rank the following activities in order of preference, with 1 as your top choice, 2 your next choice and so forth. When emailing your preferences simply list the alpha character after the numbers 1 through 9 in the order of preference, i.e., 1-a, 2-c, and so on. For those mailing the survey just print, place the numbers on the line before each activity in order of preference, and mail.

- _____ a. Visit the Air Force Museum (with or without the IMAX Theater): This is Ohio's premier free attraction for groups and visitors of all ages.
- _____ b. Guided tour of the Air Force Museum (Jerry Millhouse possible guide)
- _____ c. Visit Carillon Park. See the original 1905 Wright Flyer III, view artifacts from the Wright Brother's lives at the multimedia theater, and explore a replica of the Wright's bicycle shop. Cost for Seniors is \$7.
- _____ d. Golf (Blaine Bermel Memorial golf Tournament) Site to be selected.
- _____ e. Riverscape (Downtown Dayton)—Thursday evening Big Band music. Outdoor event. No charge.
- _____ f. Visit our local shopping malls---"The Greene" and/or "Fairfield Commons"
- _____ g. Visit Cox Arboretum Metro Park. A wide variety of plants are cultivated for education and aesthetics. Stroll among specimen trees, shrubs and specialty gardens and visit the

butterfly house. Nature trails for hiking also available. Free of charge

- _____ h. Visit the Huffman Prairie Flying Field and Interpretive Center. View exhibits, fly the Wright Simulator and see the Wright Memorial. Then travel to the flying field where the Wright's perfected flight.
- _____ i. Visit Hawthorne Hill. House designed by Wilbur and Orville Wright. Completed in 1914. Wilbur died before house completed. House hosted many notable guests, e.g. FDR, Edison, Carl Sandberg. Estate now used as a guest house for overseas dignitaries and visitors.

You can add your own recommendations here:

If you are willing to help at the reunion please provide contact information.

Help us to spread the word about the reunion and encourage others to attend. Thanks for your help!