



# The Vintage Motor Car Club of America

*"The Touring Club"*

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## 2019 Heritage Tour *"Bicycles to Biplanes"*

Dayton, Ohio June 23-38, 2019

The 2019 Heritage Tour will be held in the city where Wilbur and Orville Wright lived and designed the Wright Flyer, the first successful heavier-than-air powered aircraft. We'll visit sites related to their early work and eventual success, plus car- and aviation-related areas, and local points of interest.

### **Sunday, June 23**

After registration at the Holiday Inn-Fairborn Hospitality Room, a short self-guided tour will take you into old Dayton for a visit to the Dayton Aviation Heritage National Park and/or America's Packard Museum. You can use your National Parks Passport to visit a reconstruction of one of the Wrights' Bicycle Shops and the Aviation Trail Visitors Center, before the evening's Opening Banquet.

### **Monday, June 24**

Our longest day of driving will take us north to the Bicycle Museum of America in New Bremen, Ohio. After lunch hosted by New Bremen's Senior Center, we'll go to Wapakoneta, hometown of astronaut Neil Armstrong, and visit the Armstrong Air and Space Museum.

### **Tuesday, June 25**

Today's mileage is low, but the history is huge. We're going to Dayton's Carillon Park, a collection of historical buildings that also houses the Wright Flyer III and another Wright Bicycle Shop. Lunch will be on your own at the park's Carillon Brewing Co. restaurant or Culp's Café. We'll have the option to also take a bus ride from the park to Hawthorne Hill, the home the brothers built after they achieved fame (not handicapped-accessible, no automobile parking).

On Tuesday night the VMCCA Board of Governors will hold their Quarterly Meeting at our hotel.

### **Wednesday, June 26**

More driving today. We're headed to Gaslight Auto Parts and Grimes Field Airport in Urbana, Ohio. Box lunches will be served at the Champaign Aviation Museum, where visitors can walk among the volunteers restoring WW II airplanes. Optional stops on the way home include Freshwater Fish Farm in Urbana and Marie's Candies in West Liberty.

### **Thursday, June 27**

Our final official day of touring will be to the incredible Wright-Patterson Air Force Museum. Wear comfortable shoes – there is so much to see! Thursday night is our Closing Banquet.

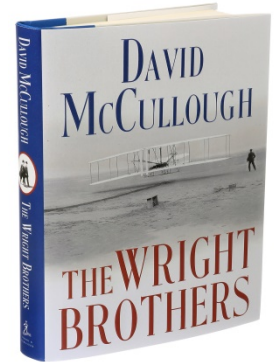
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## Friday, June 28 – Optional Day

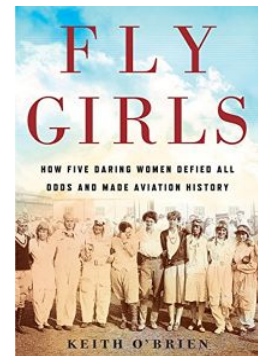
For those who'd like to stay one more day, we have a scenic drive to Lebanon, Ohio, designed. Lebanon is a wonderful historic little town between Dayton and Cincinnati. It contains the Golden Lamb Inn and Restaurant, where John Quincy Adams dined, plus antique shops, candy shops, historical museums, the Glendower Mansion, and more.

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Author David McCullough has written a wonderful book detailing the Wrights' struggles and successes. Titled, simply, The Wright Brothers, the book is meticulously researched but so beautifully written, it reads like a novel. If you'd like to read up on the Wrights' origins, their times, their engineering breakthroughs and innovations, and their efforts to promote aviation after Kitty Hawk, this book is a great source.



(And if you'd like another book about early aviation, try Fly Girls: How Five Daring Women Defied All Odds and Made Aviation History, by Keith O'Brien. It tells the stories of Amelia Earhart and four other women who were less well-known but probably better pilots.)



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Tour flyer and application are available on the VMCCA web site, [www.vmcca.org](http://www.vmcca.org). The application form is also on the overwrap of the January-February, 2019, Bulb Horn magazine.