

Discover the Moon at the Armstrong Air & Space Museum

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On July 20, 1969, the world paused for a brief, shining moment. Apollo 11 had reached the moon. Wapakoneta's native son, Neil Armstrong, stepped out of the Eagle and set foot on the soft dust of the lunar surface and said the words we still quote today:

"That's one small step for (a) man, one giant leap for mankind."



As the local astronaut was saying these words, Ohio officials were already planning a museum to honor all Ohioans who have attempted to defy gravity. Opened only three years after the moon landing, on July 20, 1972, the museum takes visitors on a journey through aerospace history. Over 400,000 people worked to place humans on the moon, and Ohio



manufacturing and aerospace industries played a key role. Explore Armstrong's story and other Ohioan's achievements in the history of flight at the Armstrong Air &

Space Museum in Wapakoneta.

The museum itself is designed to resemble a futuristic moon base. It is most beautiful



when viewed at night when the dome glows white and the F5D Skylancer appears to take off from its runway.

The museum contains many authentic artifacts, including the Gemini VIII spacecraft, Neil Armstrong's Gemini and Apollo spacesuits, and a lunar sample — the NASA term for a moon rock. The museum is also home to two full-size aircraft, including the Aeronca Champion, the very airplane in which Neil Armstrong learned to fly.



Discover the past, present and future of science, engineering, technology and math via interactive exhibits and simulators.

Visitors can practice landing the lunar module and space shuttle, experience simulated zero-gravity or dock the Gemini capsule, just as Neil Armstrong

did in 1966. The 56-foot dome in the center of the museum houses the Astro Theater, where guests can watch an informative movie. Simulators and the film are included with your admission to the Armstrong Air & Space Museum.

Neil Armstrong Timeline



- 1930** Neil Armstrong was born on his family's farm near Wapakoneta
- 1946** Armstrong began taking flying lessons at Port Koneta Air Field, near Wapakoneta
- 1949** Armstrong was called to active duty as a U.S. Navy pilot
- 1951/52** Armstrong flew 78 combat missions during the Korean War
- 1955** Armstrong completed a degree in Aeronautical Engineering at Purdue University
- 1962** Armstrong entered the NASA astronaut program
- 1966** Armstrong commanded the Gemini VIII mission
- 1969** Armstrong commanded the Apollo 11 lunar landing becoming the first man to step on the moon on July 20
- 1971** Armstrong became a professor of Aeronautical Engineering at the University of Cincinnati
- 1986** Armstrong served as vice-chairman of the Rogers Commission, investigating the Challenger disaster
- 2012** Mr. Armstrong passed away on August 25 due to complications following heart bypass surgery



Neil Armstrong always stressed his role as part of the Apollo team. "In Neil's mind it was never about Neil," explained fellow astronaut Gene Cernan. "Neil considered that he was just the tip of the arrow always

giving way to some 400,000 equally committed and dedicated Americans—Americans who were the strength behind the bow. And therein lies the strength and character of Neil Armstrong."

Few people in human history will be remembered and honored forever. Neil Armstrong is likely to be one of them. We are proud he called Wapakoneta home.

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50th Anniversary Celebration Apollo 11 Mission to the Moon

Ten Days of Celebration: July 12-21

July 12-13

Hot Air Balloon Rally

The Auglaize County Fairgrounds will be the site of a 50th Anniversary Celebration Hot Air Balloon Rally. Join the Community in the Grand Stand to watch balloons launch and learn about the history and operation of hot air balloons. Balloon launches on July 12 at 6:30 p.m. and July 13 at 6:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. and a Night Glow event at 9:30 p.m.



Wapakoneta, Ohio

For full calendar details visit
www.firstonthemoon.org
and *First on the Moon* on Facebook

July 14 — 3:00 p.m.

50th Anniversary Parade



After Neil Armstrong's historic steps on the moon the community of Wapakoneta celebrated his return to earth with a parade in his honor. Join as the community celebrates the 50th anniversary with another parade in Mr. Armstrong's honor. The parade will begin at the Auglaize County Fairgrounds and end in the historic downtown—with a *Sounds of Summer* (tribute to the Beach Boys) concert and dinner at the Armstrong Air & Space Museum after the parade.

July 15

60s Day at the Wapakoneta WaterPark

Grab your bathing suit and join us at the Wapakoneta WaterPark for a day of 1960s-themed fun. There will be a presentation about the Apollo 11 mission.



The WaterPark opens at Noon.



Wapakoneta by Moonlight

Join us in downtown Wapakoneta from 9:00 p.m. to midnight for live music, late night dining, flashlight tours of historic buildings, hundreds of luminaria, and more. Downtown Wapakoneta simply glows in the moonlight.

July 16

Launch Day at Armstrong Air & Space Museum

Celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Saturn 5 launch of the Apollo 11 mission to the moon at the Armstrong Air & Space museum with model rocket workshops and launches—a big day of fun and learning.



Back to the 60s Dinner at St. Paul Church

Enjoy a delicious meal of 1960s-recipe foods at the Armstrong family's home church at 6:00 p.m.; reservations are required. Chris Hart, First Person Interpreter of Neil Armstrong, will make a presentation at 7:30 p.m.



July 16 — 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.

Miss Summer Moon Festival Pageant—Wapakoneta High School Performing Arts Center

The Miss Summer Moon Scholarship Pageant provides an evening of entertainment showcasing local students from Wapakoneta High School.

July 19

The World's Largest MoonPie

The Chattanooga Bakery is creating the World's largest MoonPie for the 50th Anniversary, more than 36" in diameter. It will be displayed in Downtown Wapakoneta during the celebration. The official "eating" will take place on July 19 at 7:30 p.m. Come join the fun!



Summer Moon Festival @ Two Great Venues

July 17-20

Downtown Wapakoneta

Historic Downtown Wapakoneta comes alive as the streets are closed for four days and nights of celebration. It's about honoring the past while living in the present. For over 25 years people from near and far come together for a giant street party commemorating "one small step." The 50th Anniversary will be our biggest festival yet. Here are some of the highlights. For a full schedule of events, be sure to check www.summermoonfestival.com.



- ◆ Carnival Games & Attractions
- ◆ Local Shops & Restaurants
- ◆ Live Music
- ◆ Fishing Derby
- ◆ Beer Garden
- ◆ Bed Races
- ◆ Food Trucks
- ◆ Wiener Dog Racing
- ◆ Vintage Car Show
- ◆ River Boating
- ◆ Antique Tractor Show
- ◆ Street Market
- ◆ World's Largest MoonPie



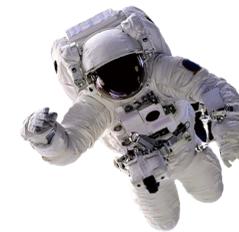
July 19-21

Armstrong Air & Space Museum



Continue the celebration at the Armstrong Air & Space Museum, built to honor Wapakoneta's own Neil Armstrong and other Ohioans involved in space exploration. The museum has a remarkable collection of items related to Mr. Armstrong, including his Gemini 8 capsule. It also has a selection of interactive exhibits, simulators, and an informative film in its Astro Theater. Festivities on the museum grounds include a 5k and 10k **Run to the Moon** that includes visiting NASA astronauts, space inflatables, interactive science experiments, rocket launches, and more. Shuttle service between the museum and downtown activities will be available. Visit www.armstrongmuseum.org for the full schedule of events.

- ◆ Run to the Moon 1k & 5k AND 1 Mile Fun Run
- ◆ Visiting NASA astronauts
- ◆ Star Wars Characters
- ◆ NASA Astronaut Presentations
- ◆ Interactive Science Experiments
- ◆ Rockets Launches
- ◆ Games, Attractions, Food Stands



**Wapakoneta Family Y
17th Annual
BIKE TOUR
Ride to the Moon
Sunday, July 21**

Registration—7:00 a.m.
Rider Begins—8:00 a.m.
Begins at YMCA
1100 Defiance Street

July 21 — 7:00 p.m.

Grand Finale — *Wink at the Moon* Concert at the Armstrong Air & Space Museum

Bring the 10 days of celebration to a close by joining the community at our "Wink at the Moon" closing event. Enjoy the music of the Lima Area Concert Band, plus a few special 50th Anniversary surprises. When the concert ends, join us, as suggested by Mrs. Armstrong at her husband's passing in 2012, in giving Mr. Armstrong a little wink at the moon.



For additional information visit www.firstonthemoon.org or call 419.738.2911