



IN PREPARATION FOR AHP's Drone Dash, Wes Stone tests course obstacles. **Above**, He maneuvers an air gate, **Top Right**, He uses FPV goggles, **Bottom Right** Stone works up close with a drone.

First Dash

Drones Coming to a Park Near You

In a continuing effort to provide family-orientated entertainment and activities, Aviation Heritage Park is hosting the first annual "Drone Dash In the Park" Saturday, October 17. The event will be staged in the park, located on Three Springs Road, Bowling Green, KY. Families are encouraged to come out, participate or just enjoy watching this latest innovation of flight.

The park will feature two courses. Drone pilots can choose the Line of Sight (LOS) course, or the more challenging First Person View (FPV) course. There will also be a Green Zone area for practice, free flight and acrobatic demonstrations.

The more advanced FPV course will feature a 1,000-foot long course with tight turns, long straight runs and series of pylons and over and under combination air gates.

All course times will be set in five-minute sessions. Registration opens at

8 a.m. Racing begins at 9 a.m. and will continue until 5 p.m. Pilots can fly solo or race head-to-head against others with as many as four drones on the course at a time. Spotters are not required but may be used at the pilot's discretion. Tree-top altitude restrictions will be strictly enforced.

During the DASH, Aviation Heritage Park will also feature a free "Open Cockpit Day." Visitors will have a rare opportunity to see the inside of the beautifully restored warbirds. The cockpits will be open from 10 am to 2 pm. Docents will be on hand to provide information.

There will be food, vendors, and lots of things to see and do. Make plans to be there.

This is a fund raising event. Proceeds will be used to maintain the park and the preservation of southcentral Kentucky aviation history. For more information please call Sandra at 270-202 7248.

Movie Night

"In the Park" A Big Event

Aviation Heritage Park hosted its first "Movie in the Park" event in September. The inaugural event was a success, with great weather, fresh popcorn and an amazing movie.

The F-4 Phantom made a perfect backdrop for the iconic movie, "Twelve O'Clock High." To see the F-4 out of



the corner of your eye while watching a dog fight on screen made for a one-of-a-kind experience.

"Tonight was a success and we plan to make movie night an ongoing event," AHP President, Bob Pitchford said. The movie in the park will resume in late spring of 2016.

For more information about AHP visit www.aviationheritagepark.com.

Search for Huey

Aviation Heritage Park continues the search for a UH-1 "Huey" helicopter to be the next artifact to restore and display in the park on Three Springs Road, Bowling Green, KY.

If you know of where AHP can get their hands on an iconic UH-1 please contact the AHP office at 270-202-7248. This does not need to be a flyable airframe. It is for static display only.

This iconic aircraft would honor military men and women (see HUEY page 2)

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From the Cockpit: Autumn Launches Drones and Paper Airplanes

We here at Aviation Heritage Park are constantly looking for ways to show our visitors how much we love things that fly, and the people that fly them.

Even the smallest things!

This month, we are launching a totally new event at the park... The DRONE DASH!

We will be converting the grassy areas of the park to a racecourse for the little, remotely piloted vehicles that are becoming all the rage with hobbyists and professional pilots alike. The quadcopters are fun to fly and fun to watch, and we invite you to join us as

they take on our course. During the Drone Dash, we'll also be holding an "Open Cockpit" event where visitors can see inside the "offices" of our beautiful warbirds. This is a rare opportunity to see and imagine where the real action happens. There will be docents and pilots on site to answer your questions.



BOB PITCHFORD

Last year, we launched a Paper Airplane Competition for local elementary and middle school students and this year, we've expanded the number of

schools participating. Check out the website for more information. Thanks to Sleep Number for being the PAC Title Sponsor.

We are still on the hunt for our next acquisition, a UH-1 Huey helicopter. We have stories to tell of local folks, who either flew or rode aboard that venerable bird through the Viet Nam war.

For those of you who were here for our inaugural "Movie Night" this past month, we would like to thank you for the company, and we hope that

you'll come back this spring to the next one. We had a blast! And the popcorn and home-baked goodies were perfect!

Our Board Member Spotlight shines on a particularly valued founding member, Ray Buckberry. He was one of the original dreamers who blessed AHP with their foresight and energy that made our park a reality.

So, come and visit us! Thanks for reading and...

"Keep Looking UP!"



Bob Pitchford, President

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from southcentral Kentucky who served during the Viet Nam War era.

AHP is compiling a list of service members from southcentral Kentucky who flew or served as a crew member on a UH-1 helicopter. If you or an old service buddy were involved with this aircraft please contact the park.



UH-1 HUEY



Drone Dash Course Layout

Perpetual Maintenance: Preparing to work on the T-33

Each year, Aviation Heritage Park welcome guests from all over the county, state, country and world who visit the park. What few people realize is the extensive maintenance that is required to maintain our planes at a level for which Bowling Green and Warren County can be proud. These aircraft were lost to history until extensive research identified them to have

historical relevance to a southcentral Kentucky aviator.

With 10 years passing, it is time to start the process of restorative maintenance on each of our aircraft beginning with the T-33. AHP has a dedicated group of volunteers who give their personal time and expertise to keep our aircraft at a level that our community can be proud of.

Restorations and maintenance on our aircraft are made possible by private donations. If you would like to help or if you would like to volunteer please call AHP at 270-202-7248 or email us at AviationHeritageParkBG@gmail.com or you can mail your tax deductible donation to Aviation Heritage Park, P.O. Box 1526, Bowling Green, KY 42102.

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Board Member Spotlight:

Ray Buckberry, Founding Member



RAY BUCKBERRY

Ray Buckberry has worn many hats during his life. He is a son, husband, father, grandfather, attorney, historian, board member, and author. It was his passion for history and his research into the rich aviation heritage of southcentral KY that was the foundation of Aviation Heritage Park.

A native of West Virginia, he moved to Kentucky with his family when he was in second grade. He graduated from Bowling Green High School in 1951, Western KY University in 1955, and Vanderbilt University School of Law in 1964.

Buckberry served as an officer in the United States Air Force. He attended Communication School at Scott Air Force Base, IL and was stationed at the USAF Radar Station in Hokkiado, Japan from 1956-1957.

After law school he joined Bell, Orr, Ayers & Moore in 1965 and practiced law for over 40 years. He currently serves as Of Counsel for the firm. Buckberry also served as the President of the Bowling Green Bar Association in 1974.

Aside from practicing law, Buckberry has served on 15 non-profit boards as well as civic and governmental groups. He has been involved in everything from the Mammoth Cave Nature Center to the Warren County Chamber of Commerce. Buckberry was the recipient of the Gwyneth B. Davis Outstanding Public Service Award in 1991, Western Kentucky University Volunteer of the Year in 2002, he received the Kentucky House of Representatives Certificate of Public Service in 2005, the William H. Natcher Award in 2013, and was the recipient of the Jefferson Award in 2012.

Buckberry's historical research has helped honor those in the community who might have otherwise been forgotten. Buckberry's "An Aviation Heritage Park Salute to Those Warren County Veterans Who Lost Their Lives in Aerial Combat or Aviation Related Activities" research is archived at the Western Kentucky University Library. This research contains the biographical and service information on Warren County, Kentucky veterans who suffered aviation-related deaths from 1919-1969.

Ray was married to the late Laura Briggs Buckberry for 46 years. They have 3 children.

Buckberry won't admit to all the things he has done to make the community what it is, but friends say, that's one of the best things about him.

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2nd Annual Paper Airplane Competition Takes Flight

Aviation camp participants studied the history of aviation, discussed the principles of flight, learned about aircraft and engine design, practiced on a flight simulator and even took a flight with a FAA – approved pilot.

This is what the Paper Airplane Competition winner receives if they win the Regional Event on November 14th. This year's event extends the opportunity to all the school systems that fall under the



CAMPERS LEARN ABOUT space flight at the 2015 Aviation Museum of Kentucky's Summer Aviation Camp.

GRREC member districts. This includes 35 school districts located in 26 counties across southcentral Kentucky. By working together with educators AHP hopes to bring about opportunities for students to succeed in areas of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) education.

With an increased emphasis on STEM related education, Aviation Heritage Park wanted to offer a program to engage the students in a STEM related extracurricular activity. Thus the launch of the Paper Airplane Competition.

This year the event is sponsored by Sleep Number. It will be held at the WKU's Center for Research and Development located at 2413 Nashville Road Campus. For more information, or to enter your school please contact Sandra Pence at 270.202.7248 or by emailing her at AviationHeritageParkBG@email.com.



TANNER CONNER, 2014's 7th-8th grade winner of the Aviation Heritage Parks Paper Airplane Competition, at the Bob Pitchford Aviation Camp held at the BG/WC Regional Airport.





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2015/2016 Calendar of Event:

October 17 th	Drone Dash / Open Cockpit Event
November 14 th	Aviation Heritage Park's Regional Paper Airplane Competition
April 2016	Kite Day in the Park and Movie Night in the Park*
May 2016	Move Night in the Park*
June 18, 2016	10 th Annual Hangar Party at the BG/WC Regional Airport
July 2016	Open Cockpit Event and Picnic & Pops in the Park*
September 2016	Movie in the Park*

***Exact Date and Time TBA (Movie Titles TBD)**

AVIATION HERITAGE PARK DRONE DASH

Vendors/ Concessions/ And Drones! Spectators Free!

Try out the Line of Sight (LOS) or First Person View (FPV) course! Compete with friends, or register to fly in our Green Zone (free flight area for fun flying and acrobatic demonstrations).

Altitude restrictions will be enforced. Spotters are not required, but may be used at the pilot's discretion. Pre-registration form and details online or register at event.

Questions? aviationheritageparkbg@gmail.com

★ **AHP** ★ **SATURDAY, OCT. 17** | 1825 **THREE SPRINGS RD** BOWLING GREEN, KY

8-9AM	REGISTRATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$10 registration fee for all participants. Non-Dash participants with Drones may register to use the Green Zone. \$10 pp / 5 min run. Limit of 4 pilots per block
9AM-5PM	DRONE DASH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> First Person View course based on NCM Motorsports Park Line of Sight Course Green Zone open for 'Fun Flight' Aerial Demos View all courses: AviationHeritagePark.com
10AM-2PM	OPEN COCKPITS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> See inside the historic aircraft in the park.

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