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About the Museum

When it was founded in 1986, the museum became a place of honoring our past heroes. The men, women and machines that shaped the history are all exhibited here.

The founders of the air museum wanted it to be a place where one could appreciate the blood, sweat and tears put forth in the past. Not only that, but to see how rich with aviation North Dakota truly is. Displaying vintage aircraft, war memorabilia, dedications to fallen soldiers, or even restoration projects, the Dakota Territory Air Museum has something to please all. Not only that, but the air museum has hosted many local school tours.

In recent years, with generous contributions from Jeff Farstad, Brian Sturm, the Flickinger-Gokey Foundation, and the Trevor Flint Memorial Scholarship, the museum has

been able to present scholarships to help those interested in aviation expand their horizon.

To figure out how YOU can help the Dakota Territory Air Museum continue

to expand, either stop in or visit our website:

www.dakotaterritoryairmuseum.com

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Cover Photos: PACE Camp 2025 participants during a tour of the museum and on fly day! Photos courtesy of Samantha B. and Katy L.

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Wings and Wheels 2025



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Wings and Wheels was held on Wednesday, July 16, 2025 from 6pm-8pm. We had the biggest turnout we have ever seen since we began hosting this event! In upwards of 200 antique and vintage cars, trucks and motorcycles attended this years event with the Dakota Cruiser's Car Club! We estimate that there were approximately 1,500 people in attendance! Certainly an attendance record for this event. The weather turned out to be absolutely perfect this year with temps hovering in the mid-60s with a clear sky and no wind. This perfect weather allowed the museum to fly P-51D Mustang, Little Horse, entertaining the crowd with several low passes. Tim Dandy's BBQ, Goodies Galore Grill, The Local Lemon, All Rolled Up, and Prairie Sky Breads served up some amazing food and beverages to this years guests. We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks for all who helped make Wings and Wheels 2025 the most successful one to date! We can't wait for next year!

ADMISSION UP SO FAR IN 2025

The 2025 Summer Season is off to a great start! As of the end of June, overall admission is up close to 60% when compared with the same time period last year. Despite international travel being down, we are seeing higher numbers of domestic travelers when compared to last year. Have you visited your air museum this year?





PACE Camp took place June 16-20, 2025. 28 campers took part in this years camp. Campers learn all about the world of aviation through this interactive and fun camp which culminates in a discovery flight at the end of the week!



Photos Courtesy of Samantha B. and Katy L.



SCHOOL AND GROUP TOURS BRING IN LARGE NUMBERS OF LOCAL YOUTH

2025 has been a very busy year for school tour groups from all around the state. As of this writing, we've had over 800 kids and their chaperones come through the museum since April.

These tours must be pre-arranged, but are offered to school groups free of charge. The tours themselves are fully-guided and offer an in-depth look at the history of aviation through presentations and hands-on activities.



Photo Courtesy of Minot AFB Youth Group Programs. We gave museum tours to about 50 kids from the Minot AFB in support of their youth summer program in June.



P-47D
Thunderbolt
“Bonnie” and
P-51C Mustang,
“Thunderbird”
featured on
Warbirds on
Review at 2025
EAA Airventure



Photos Courtesy of EAA
Warbirds of America

P-47D Thunderbolt “Bonnie” and P-51C Mustang “Thunderbird” both took off for Oshkosh, Wisconsin for the 2025 EAA Airventure, one of the world’s largest air shows and aviation gatherings.

Thunderbird was featured alongside P-51D “Plum Crazy” in a feature about the history of air racing. Bonnie was featured alongside an A-10 Thunderbolt II in a feature about the histories of each respective aircraft and their roles as ground attack aircraft from two different generations.



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