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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 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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LEARN AND BUILD MODEL SESSION



FEATURING THE P-51 MUSTANG



Where: Dakota Territory Air Museum Flying Legends Hangar

When: Saturday, November 21, 2026 at 1pm

Cost: \$20/participant, **registration is required**

Register:

www.dakotaterritoryairmuseum.com/education



As we transition to winter here, we are looking ahead to winter activities that keep us engaged with the public. This is the first of several Learn and Build Model Sessions planned for the winter of 2026-2027.

The tentative schedule is as follows*:

Saturday, November 21, 2026 1pm-230pm

Saturday, December 19, 2026 1pm-230pm

Saturday, January 16, 2027 1pm-230pm

Saturday, February 20, 2027 1pm-230pm

*Schedule is subject to change. Check the museum's website or social media pages for the most up-to-date information.

DTAM Welcomes Tour Groups Throughout the Summer

The Summer of 2026 has certainly proved to be a busy one! The same can be said about the number of group tours given over the summer and into the early fall. From June until early September, we've welcomed nearly 300 students and their chaperones from summer school programs, day camps, and Civil Air Patrol.

We also had the privilege to give a private tour to a group of retired Missileers from the 91st Missile Wing. These folks were stationed in Minot in the late-1960s and 1970s. It was our honor to spend an afternoon with them!



Above: Approximately 60 cadets and their leaders from Civil Air Patrol units around the state, gather for a group photo after their private tour of the museum on September 12, 2026.

Below: Retired Missileers gather for a group photo after their private tour of the museum on August 6, 2026.



Wings and Wheels 2026



Wings and Wheels 2026 turned out to be our biggest one yet! We estimate that between 1500-1700 people came through the museum gates that night!



There were approximately 150-200 classic cars, motorcycles, trucks, etc. on display this year with thanks to the Dakota Cruisers Car Club. We pretty much ran out of space to park cars at one point!



We appreciate everyone that came out to this fun event and supported the museum!

These photos are courtesy of Harrison Foltz.

P-51B Shillelaugh Debuts at EAA Airventure 2026

P-51B Shillelaugh was ready just in time for Airventure 2026! This incredible airframe has been restored faithfully to what a war-weary Shillelaugh looked like in known historical photos!

The airplane took home the 2026 Reserve Grand Champion Warbird award.



P-51B Shillelaugh, P-51C Lopes Hope 3rd, and P-51D Miss Kitty III in formation flight.

Photo: Kelley and Todd Whitaker



Above: P-51B Shillelaugh. This photo gives you a great view of the re-created "battle damage". Chipped paint, soot marks from the guns, etc.

Photo: Brent Mosbrook

DTAM'S VINTAGE FLEET GETS SOME EXERCISE

OVER THE LAST SEVERAL WEEKS, SEVERAL OF THE MUSEUM'S VINTAGE AIRCRAFT WERE ABLE TO GET OUT AND DO SOME MUCH NEEDED FLYING.

THE GLOBE SWIFT, TWO WACO QCF-2'S, THE BEECHCRAFT STAGGERWING, AND THE MONOCOUE 110 HAVE ALL SEEN AIR TIME SINCE THE END OF AUGUST.



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