PULITZER Electric Aircraft RACE

in conjunction with NAAMIF

OCTOBER 10-15, 2025

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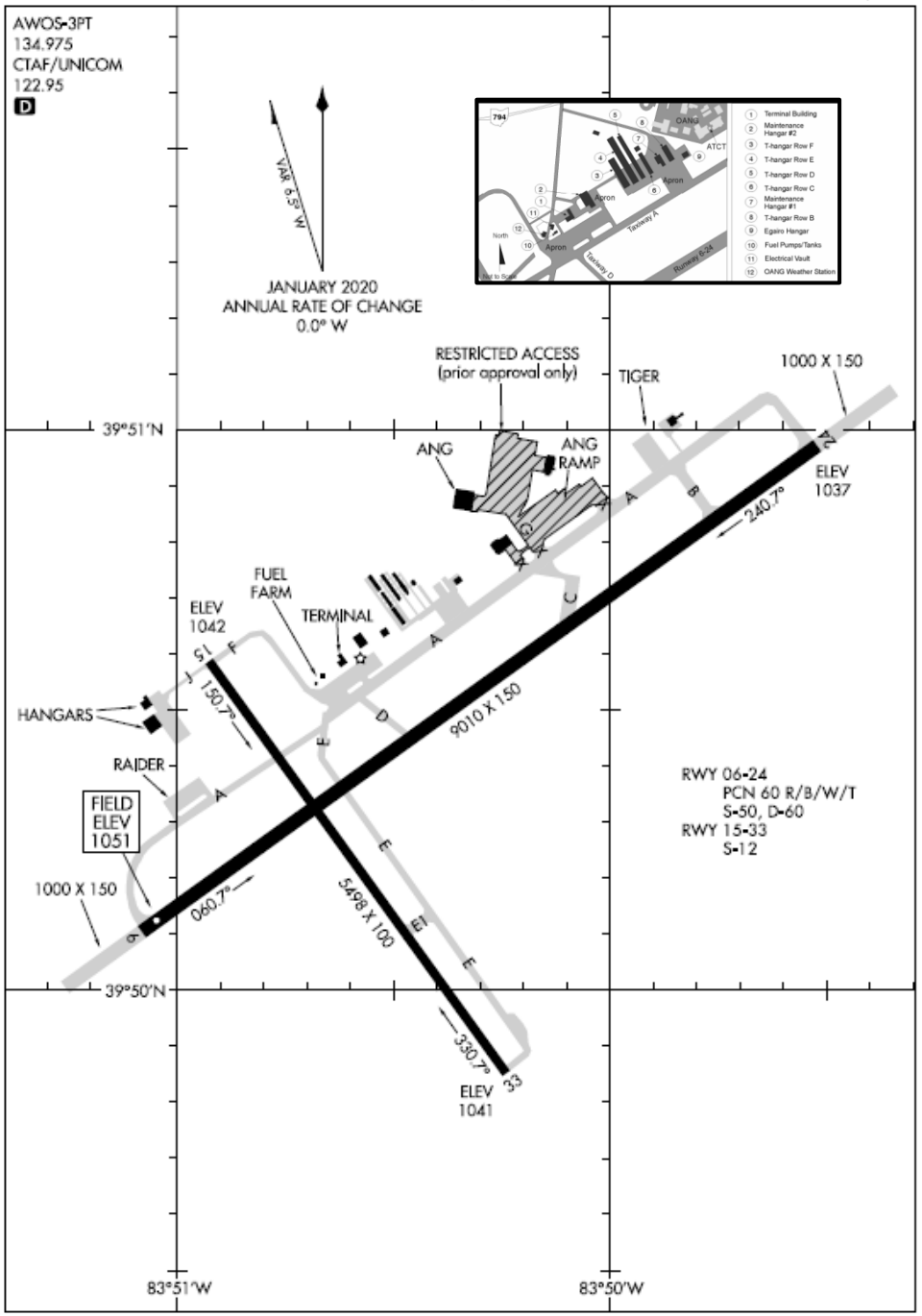


Event Timetable / Run of show

9am - Welcome Reception
9:30am - eVTOL Simulators & Static display
10:30am - Drone Demo in Hangar
11:30am - AAM Career Panel
12:30pm - Lunch by Chick-Fil-A
1:15pm - Seminar Wrap-up
** XPlane Virtual Races Kick-off!

9am - World Record Attempts
12pm - Semi Final Race 1
3pm - Semi Final Race 2
4:30pm **- Pre Race Press Conference**
5pm - Pilot's Reception (Invite Only)

9am - Pulitzer Trophy Race
10:30am – Post-Race Press Conference
1pm - 1920s Experience Flights
3pm - 2020s Electric Demo Flights

*Indigenous People's Day
9am - Ohio Aviation History
10am - 1925 Pulitzer Race
11am - AAM Town Hall
11:30am - Documentary Teaser
12pm onwards - Local Museum Visits
[see self-guided Ohio itineraries]

4th Annual National AAM Industry Forum

The National Advanced Air Mobility Center of Excellence (NAAMCE), in collaboration with the City of Springfield, JobsOhio, Dayton Development Coalition and the Advanced Air Mobility Institute host the fourth National Advanced Air Mobility Industry Forum in Springfield, Ohio.

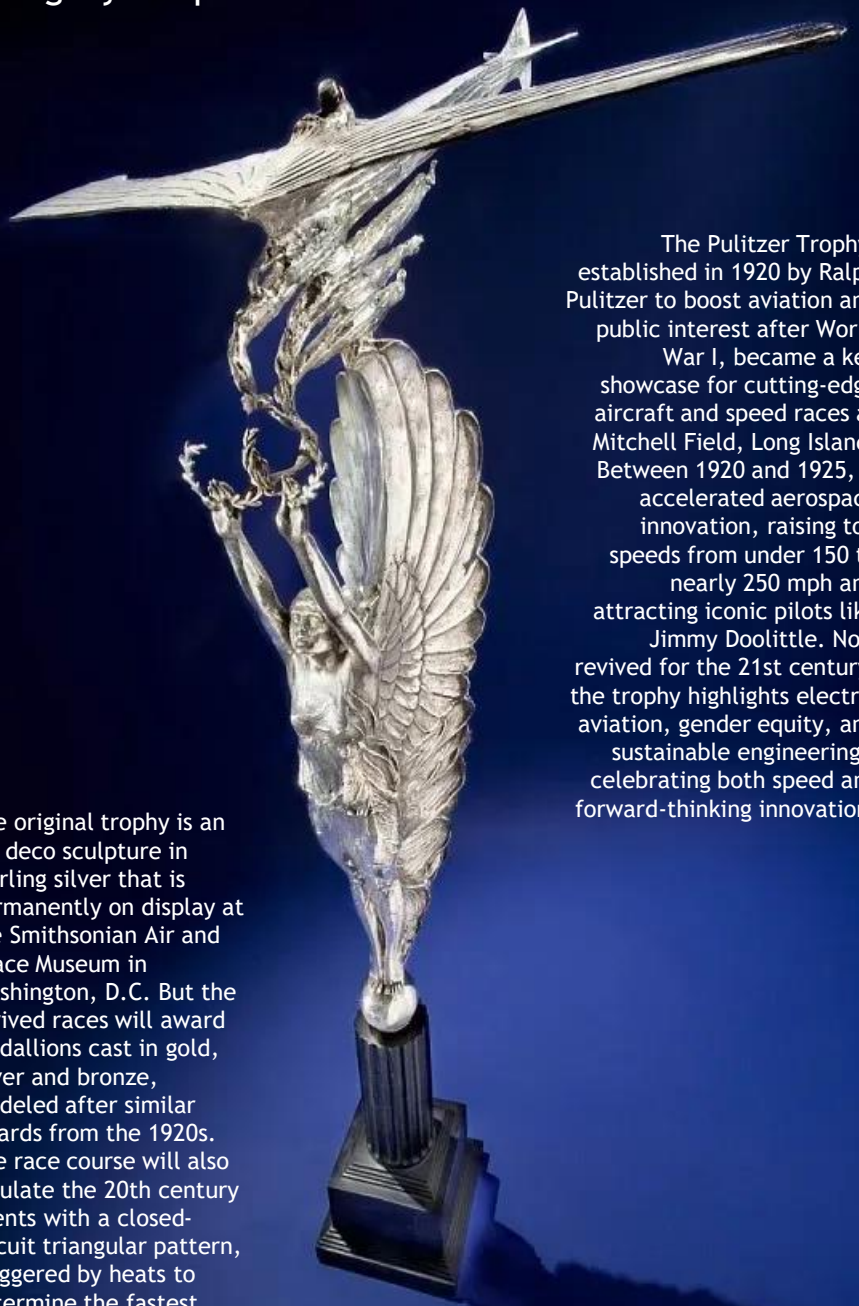
Day 1

8am - Registration & Breakfast
9am - National Anthem
9:15am - JobsOhio Speech
9:30am - Keynote
10am - AAM Workshops x4
11:30am - Keynote
12pm - Lunch & Exhibits
1:30pm - Keynote
2pm - AAM Workshops x4
3:30pm - Networking Reception

Day 2

9am - Breakfast
10am - AAM Workshops x4
11:30am - Keynote
12pm - Lunch & Exhibits
1pm - Simulators & Demos
4pm - Seminar Wrap-up

The Pulitzer Trophy:
A Legacy of Speed and Innovation



The Pulitzer Trophy, established in 1920 by Ralph Pulitzer to boost aviation and public interest after World War I, became a key showcase for cutting-edge aircraft and speed races at Mitchell Field, Long Island. Between 1920 and 1925, it accelerated aerospace innovation, raising top speeds from under 150 to nearly 250 mph and attracting iconic pilots like Jimmy Doolittle. Now revived for the 21st century, the trophy highlights electric aviation, gender equity, and sustainable engineering—celebrating both speed and forward-thinking innovation.

The original trophy is an art deco sculpture in sterling silver that is permanently on display at the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum in Washington, D.C. But the revived races will award medallions cast in gold, silver and bronze, modeled after similar awards from the 1920s. The race course will also emulate the 20th century events with a closed-circuit triangular pattern, staggered by heats to determine the fastest cumulative flight time.

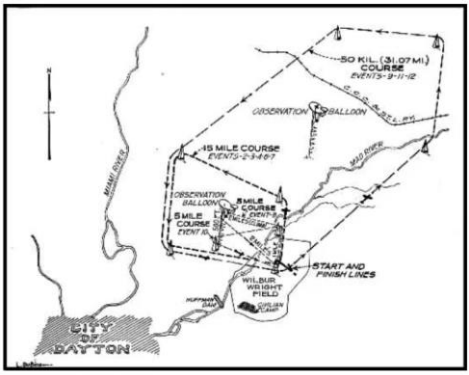
Welcome from:
Daniel C. Sloat
Founder & President
Advanced Air Mobility Institute

"Welcome to the future of aviation. Today's race honours the legacy of the Pulitzer Trophy while propelling us into a new era of electric propulsion, gender equity, and engineering excellence."

History of the Pulitzer Trophy

In October 1924, Wilbur Wright Field near Dayton, Ohio hosted the Pulitzer Air Race, the headline event of the three-day Dayton International Air Races. Sponsored by the Pulitzer family to promote aviation and their newspaper, the race featured a closed-circuit speed competition around a 50-kilometer course. Organized by the Aero Club of America (later the National Aeronautic Association), the Pulitzer Trophy was awarded annually from 1920 to 1925, with U.S. Army and Navy pilots alternating victories. The series ended due to rising costs and declining participation, though the National Air Races continued under NAA auspices for decades.

Air racing in the 1920s was perilous and drew massive crowds. Advocates hoped the races would sustain public interest and spur military investment in aviation technology amid postwar budget cuts. Dayton was heavily promoted as the "center of aviation," with local editor Fred F. Marshall championing its role in the industry. Races were structured by national aviation bodies and governed by international standards set by the Fédération aéronautique internationale, with courses typically 50 kilometers long—Dayton's being a rare hexagonal layout.



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From: https://www.nps.gov/articles/000/the-pulitzer-trophy-and-national-air-races-at-wilbur-wright-field.htm

Introduction to the race from:

"The Pulitzer Trophy was born in an age of daring and discovery—a time when speed meant progress and flight meant freedom.

Today, we honour that legacy not by looking back, but by racing forward.

Airplanes in the original Pulitzer races started flying at around 150 mph [240 kph], but by the last race they were going almost 250 mph [400 kph]. We hope to see similar improvement in the technology over years."

Scott Neumann
Pulitzer Race Director &
President Astronautic
Records Commission

Gloria Bouillon
Pulitzer Community
Integration Director

"The goal is to give communities the opportunity to see, touch, and experience these aircraft firsthand.

Much like the early days of aviation, this is a chance to make history and inspire the next generation of pilots and innovators.

This is about inspiring the public and showing what the future of aviation can look like."

"The Advanced Air Mobility Institute would like to thank all our collaborators for supporting the race"

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Welcome from:
Ted Angel
Executive Director of The
National Advanced Air Mobility
Center of Excellence (NAAMCE)

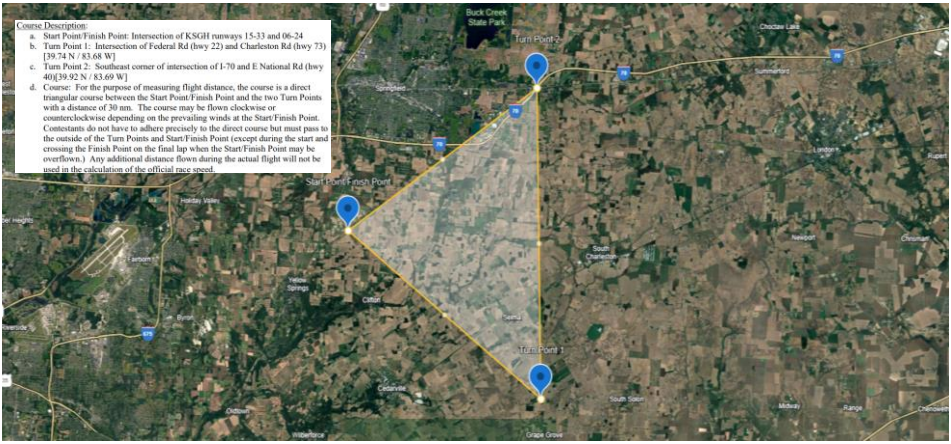
"We are thrilled to welcome the Pulitzer Electric Aircraft Race to Springfield, Ohio, after a century-long hiatus. The 1924 race took place at Wright Field, now part of Area B of Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. In that time Ohio has upheld its role as a leader in aerospace innovation and has become a trailblazer in the third revolution of flight.

This event will highlight Ohio's unique Advanced Air Mobility assets, including the National Advanced Air Mobility Center of Excellence and dedicated airspace used as a proving ground for emerging aviation technology. We hope the race to claim the Pulitzer Trophy inspires aviation enthusiasts of all ages."

Pulitzer Electric Aircraft Race 2025 Rules

The Pulitzer Electric Aircraft Single Site Legacy Race ("the SSL race") is a closed-circuit, approximately 50 nm air race. The race is a multi-day event scheduled for October 2025. The triangular course is reminiscent of the racecourses flown during the original Pulitzer Races held in the 1920s.

The SSL race is open for all aerodynes (a heavier-than-air aircraft which derives its lift in flight mainly from aerodynamic forces) powered by a zero-emission, fully electric means of propulsion. Since some contestants may be using experimental aircraft, and in the interest of safety, the races will be conducted during day, visual flight rules (VFR) conditions.



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The SSL race will be conducted as a series of three-aircraft preliminary and semi-final heats leading to a final race for the Pulitzer Trophy. Each individual race will consist of two (2) laps of a 25 nm triangular course defined by the Start/Finish Point and two (2) Turn Points. The contestants with the three fastest speeds in the semi-final heats will compete in the final Pulitzer Trophy race. Each contestant's speed will be calculated by dividing the total distance of the direct triangular course between the Start Point/Finish Point and the two Turn Points by the actual cumulative flying time. The contestant with the fastest speed, who is not otherwise disqualified, will be declared the winner.

The winner will later be celebrated at a formal awards ceremony in November at the Smithsonian National Air & Space Museum in Washington DC.

Pulitzer Electric Aircraft Race 2025 - Course

Course Overview

Turn Point 1

Turn Point 2

Start Point/Finish Point

Pulitzer Electric Aircraft Race 2025 - Competitors

BETA Technologies ALIA eCTOL

Pilot: Tyler Prather
Nationality: American
Home Airport: South Burlington, VT

TEAM GIGI - Textron Velis Electro

Pilot: Gloria Bouillon
Nationality: American
Home Airport: Boston, MA

Texas Soaring Bats - Textron Velis Electro

Pilot: Kevin Douglass
Nationality: American
Home Airport: Houston, TX

TEAM 4AIR - Textron Velis Electro

Pilot: Adam Twidell
Nationality: British
Home Airport: London, UK

TEAM DART - Textron Velis Electro

Pilot: Art Siordia
Nationality: American
Home Airport: Salinas, CA

The Pulitzer Trophy

Month of STEM

STEMinar

featuring a roster of advanced aviation guests

October 10th • 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. eastern

Find out more on the website:
https://nountolearn.com/pulitzertrophy/

Session Overview

Join us for the Month of STEM online webinar on October 10, 2025, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. ET. Advanced aviation experts will share stories about the historic Pulitzer Trophy race, next-generation aircraft, highlight aviation resources, and bring insights to career paths in aviation.

What to Expect

- Live-streamed guest talks in dynamic 20-minute segments.
- An exclusive behind-the-scenes look at the Pulitzer Trophy event.
- Insights to aviation products and resources you may not know about.

Hosts

- Athena Browning, in London with ZAG Daily
- Lucas Langhals, in OH with Marysville High School

Featured Guests*

- Dan Sloat & Ted Angel, with the AAM Institute and NAAMCE
- Carl Dietrich, CEO, Jump Aero in CA
- Dave Merrill, Founder, Elroy Air in CA
- Gloria Bouillon, Founder, Aviatrice Advisors in MA
- Yves Morier & Dunia Abboud, in Germany

*featured guests may change

Who Should Join?

This session is designed for educators and students interested in exploring the 100-year legacy of the Pulitzer Trophy and discovering what's next in the future advanced aircraft flight.

How to Participate

- **Enroll Your Class or Group** with this form.
- **Stay Connected.** Follow noun on LinkedIn for event updates.
- **Engage.** We'll begin soliciting student questions via participating educators the week of October 1st.
- **Join Live or Watch Later**
  - We know school schedules won't align perfectly with the webinar. That's why each guest presentation is designed as a 20-minute segment, making it easier for students to catch one or two.
  - The speaker sessions will be available on-demand afterward, so no one will miss out if they can't join live.

Ideas for Classroom Integration

- Link STEMinar content with grade-appropriate learning goals such as understanding electric propulsion, geography, or design.
- Show selected seminar segments in class, breaking content into manageable sections to guide discussion.
- Facilitate project-based learning inspired by the race, such as participation in the Pulitzer Trophy Student SIM race, engineering challenges, or classroom experiments.
- Assign group projects such as designing a STEM poster about advanced aviation or simulating a mini-air-race, so students share ideas, apply concepts, and present findings.
- Extend lessons to social studies (history of air races), art (design competition logos), or literacy (writing news reports about the event), making the experience holistic and memorable.

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Pulitzer Trophy Student SIM Race

IMPORTANT UPDATE regarding registration for the 2025 Pulitzer Trophy SIM race.
All X-Plane 12 licenses have been allocated. If your class or organization currently has access to X-Plane and you would like to obtain a copy of the Pulitzer Trophy Race plug-in, please continue the registration process.

Find out more on the website:
https://nountolearn.com/pulitzertrophy/

Hands on Learning

Middle and high school STEM classes, along with aviation-focused youth organizations, are invited to compete in the Pulitzer Trophy SIM Race.

How to Participate

If you'd like to have your school or aviation focused organization involved in the Pulitzer Trophy SIM race, please enroll here.

X-Plane is providing a limited number of desktop installs to participating schools, licensed for use by students thru December 31st, 2025.

Flight Code-X is providing the Pulitzer Trophy race scenario plug-in.

The Flight Code-X scenario builder enables licensed users to create unique flying experiences that match training goals ranging from challenging weather and airspace to emergency situations.

These scenarios offer near-real-world practice that bridges the gap between simulator and actual flight.

We are thrilled by the response so far!

Educators in California, Georgia, and Ohio have already enrolled.

For the very first SIM version of the 100-year-old Pulitzer Trophy Race, that is an exciting place to start.

Need help getting started?

Check out the Beginner's Guide video for a quick walkthrough. You can also find useful tips in the X-Plane 12 User Manuals.

Race Results

Each participating school records their top three pilot times on the course and submits them using this form by October 31st. All school scores will be ranked, and the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place schools/SIM pilots will be announced in November.

- Deadline to Submit Race Times: October 31st
- Submit: Your school's or club's top three times here
- Reminder: Save the date!

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Heritage Sweatshirt


Green Windbreaker


Picnic Blanket


Denim Jacket


Canvas Tote Bag

Latte Mug


Blue Baby Onesie


Laptop Sticker

Car Magnet


Gray Sweatpants


Golf Ball


Red Baseball Tee


40oz Travel Mug


Cushioned Socks

Ohio
Self-guided Itineraries

The Advanced Air Mobility Institute and NAAMCE encourages event attendees to plan additional days in Ohio before and/or after the event to explore the region's pivotal role in the history of aviation.

If you have 1 to 2 hours of time to explore a heritage site:



Carillon Historical Park – This 65-acre open-air museum in Dayton includes the National Wright Brothers Museum. Check their site for business hours and admission fees.

Woodland Cemetery & Arboretum – The final resting place of the Wright brothers and other aviation pioneers is a 30 min drive from Springfield.

Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park – This National Park is free and welcomes visitors at 16 S. Williams St. See the 4th Wright brothers Cycle Shop and related exhibits.

If you have 2 to 4 hours of time:



National Museum of the U.S. Air Force – Located NE of downtown Dayton and 30 minutes from Springfield, explore the oldest and largest military aviation museum.

Wright State Special Collections & Archives – Located in the Wright State University Library, the Special Collections & Archives has the world's largest paper collection of Wright brothers' material. This site would be a 20-25 minute drive and would require a parking permit obtained at the front desk.

WACO Air Museum – Located 40 minutes northwest of Springfield, the WACO Air Museum shares the history of the Weaver Aircraft Company (WACO). WACO was the leader in general aviation manufacturing through the 1930s and produced aircraft for the First and Second World Wars.

Wright B Flyer – Located 45 minutes southwest of Springfield, this organization builds and flies a look-a-like Wright brother aircraft. Please refer to their website for open days and hours.

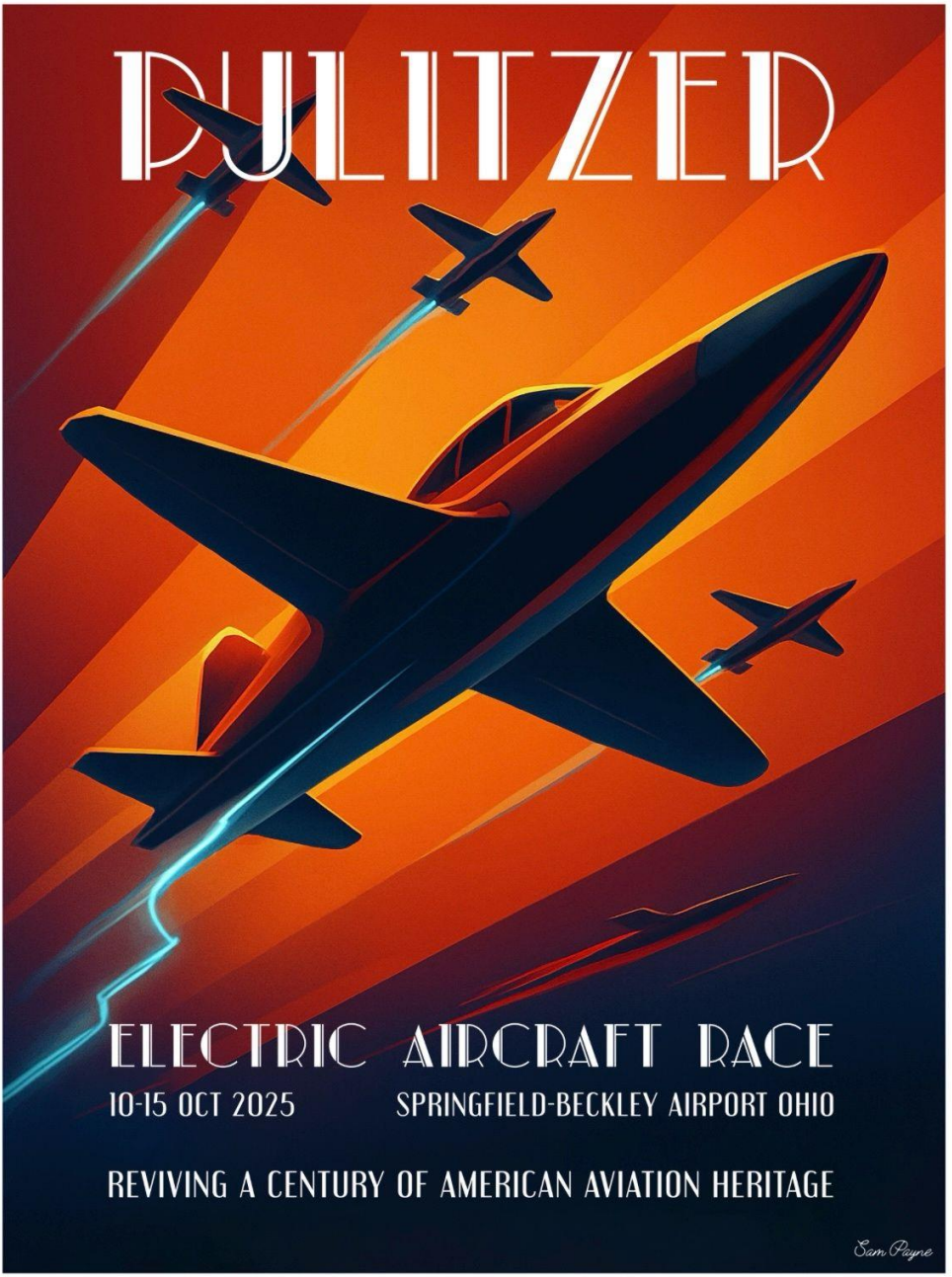
Huffman Prairie Flying Field – Part of the National Historical Park, Huffman Prairie Flying Field is roughly a 30-minute drive from Springfield. See where the Wright brothers perfected flight and operated the Wright Flight School in the early 1900s.

If you have a full day:

In Urbana, Ohio, you can visit three sites at one location. Urbana is roughly 30 minutes north by car from Springfield. Please note that each site maintains independent business hours. Please confirm your visit before traveling.
Champaign Aviation Museum
Mid-America Flight Museum – Restoration Hangar
Grimes Flying Laboratory




Armstrong Air & Space Museum – This museum is located 1 hour and 20 minutes from Springfield. Please plan accordingly. The museum celebrated the life and accomplishments of United States astronaut, Neil Armstrong, the first person to step on the moon.



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