

# The Dayton Flypaper

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## The Duo at Dayton

**T**HIS WAS INTENDED to be a convention paper, distributed at Dayton and the bundles, even if it was not a “daily.” However, I admit to having “fallen down on the job.” Shall I bore you with my excuses? Okay, I will. I was involved in an auto accident on July 18th. My car was “totaled” even though to look at it you might not think so. I was transported to a local ER on that day and was found to have two broken ribs but my head and neck, which rattled around in the accident had suffered no apparent damage. I made subsequent visits to the ER on the 20th and the 22nd of July. I was not at all sure that I was up to the Dayton trip. But after a visit to my family doctor’s office on the 24th, (he was too busy to see me but) I had a consultation with his Nurse Practitioner and she felt I could make the trip. I had to use a rental car but, since I was not at fault, my insurance company would not ultimately be responsible for the cost.

Also, I had promised several people that I would pick them up at the Dayton Airport. Even though the airport was a mere 15 minutes from our hotel, the Courtyard-Mariott did not offer transportation. A shuttle service was available for the small fee of \$33.00 (small fee?).

There were a total of 43 members and guests making an appearance at the convention. There were 24 AAPA members and 22 NAPA members of which 12 people were members of both organizations. There were also nine guests, four of which were presenters or speakers.

The NAPA held business meetings on the 26th both morning and afternoon sessions. Since I was attending to other duties for most of that time, you’ll have to find out about these sessions from other sources.

The “Charlie Bush Memorial Chinese Dinner” as attended by 31 people on the 26th of July. A tribute to old Charlie, someone who many NAPA members had never heard of. I explained to several questions about who he was, how he had started it years ago by inviting members who had arrived the day before AAPA conventions to join him for a Chinese dinner at his own expense. He was also noted for having brought to the attention of his hometown newspaper in St. Joseph, Missouri, that they had for many years been misspelling the name of their town in their banner, by using an “I” instead of a “J”. Their banner was in Old English or Black Letter of some sort.

The next morning, July 27th, both organizations had short business

meetings and then at 10 am AAPA member Bob Tauber, a book arts specialist at Ohio State's Logan Elm Press, presented a hands-on workshop in the binding small books without the use of an adhesive. Bob was very entertaining and well received by the group,

The afternoon was a discussion between both organizations, which was dominated by a very thorough report by Tom Parson on the status of the Graham-Wesson Collection, which he has taken over after the untimely death of Stan Oliner.

On Fri. July 28th, NAPA had another business session which was to be followed by a visit to the U.S. Air Force Museum at 9:30. However, Jack Scott, a former pilot in the U.S. Air Force, took a group of AAPA members at 8:30 and NAPA members followed later.

Lunch was on your own and we met back at the hotel at 2:00 pm for an interesting presentation by John Bonadies, owner of Bonadies Creative Inc. and two of his staff people, Molly Poganski and Jeff Adams, on the origin and development of an application for the iPad and Mac Computer called LetterMpress. It actually can give the feeling of the letterpress experience. We also thank Mr. Bonodies for all the doorprizes (tee shirts, posters) and for the free download codes for people with an iPad or a Mac to get a free copy of the software.

We then had a break for those who wanted to refresh themselves and/or change clothes for the banquet. We started our social hour at 5:30 and had a group picture taken at 6:00. The banquet started at 6:30. Then our speaker, Mr. Alex Heckman who is Director of Education and Museum Operations and Dayton History at the Carillon Park, spoke on the Wright Brothers printing business and other points of Dayton History.

The Laureate awards were then announced and distributed to those in attendance. Bill Boys and Michelle Klosterman gave the report of the NAPA resolution Committee and then Alice Brosey, as president pro-tem, closed the NAPA convention and Susan Petrone then closed the AAPA convention.

The combined convention committee of Michelle Klosterman, Lisa Brandstetter-Holt and Gary Bossler apologized that in the process of juggling programs to fit the schedule, we failed to realize that the Carillon History Park did not open until noon. So we announced that the "goodbye brunch" would be held first at 10:30 am and then when the park opened at noon we could see all their exhibits. Mr. Heckman supplied everyone at the banquet with free adult admission passes in the hope that they would entice more people to stay.

You'll need to get someone else's description of the Carillon experience as, after delivering two people to the airport at 6:00 am, I left for home.

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