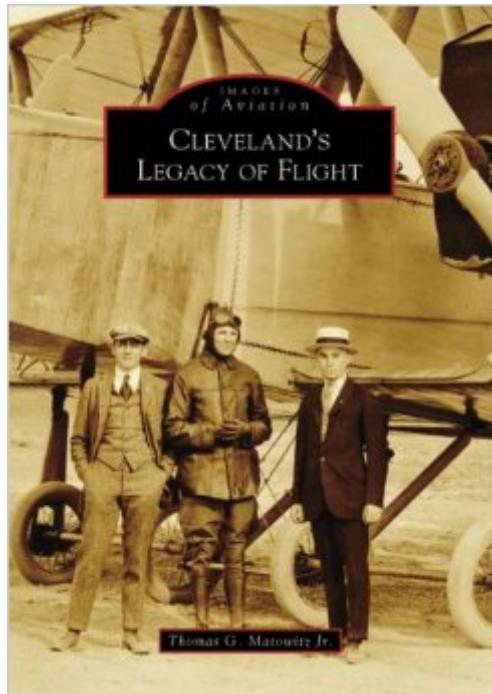


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# Cleveland's Legacy Of Flight (Images Of Aviation: Ohio)



## **Synopsis**

Since the dream of flight was finally realized by two Ohioans, Wilbur and Orville Wright, it is little wonder that Greater Clevelanders were quick to embrace it. From the August day in 1910 when Glenn Curtiss flew from Euclid Beach Park to Cedar Point, aviation has had a strong following in Cleveland. World War I saw the dawn of aircraft production in the city, and the 1920s brought the world-renowned Cleveland National Air Races. Cleveland industry supported aviation in many different ways, and multiple airports, many now long gone, promoted business aviation and flight training for decades. During World War II, Cleveland was a center of war production, and much of this was aviation related. Subsequently, renovations of the Cleveland Municipal Airport created Cleveland Hopkins International Airport. A scene of thriving airline operations to this day, Cleveland's business community was quick to appreciate the advantages of corporate aviation, which remains a daily feature of Cleveland's aviation life.

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## **Customer Reviews**

The pages of "Cleveland's Legacy of Flight" are imbued with the love of the subject (the author is a pilot) and the meticulous attention to detail of a historian. The result is a readable and erudite treatment of a fascinating time in the history of flight and of Cleveland. I came away from reading the book with a new appreciation for the talent and bravery of the men (and women!) who conquered the skies and helped make modern aviation possible. Be sure to look for "Cleveland's National Air Races" by the same author...

This book is a concise and well illustrated history of the role of Cleveland, Ohio, at the beginnings of organized air travel and aircraft manufacturing. Anyone interested in the history of early aviation will find that Mr. Matowitz has been very thorough in his research!

Everything I said in my review of Cleveland's Nat'l Air Races goes double for Mr. Matowitz's latest testament to the history of aviation and the Cleveland connection. Well thought out and easily accessible, Mr. Matowitz proves that through his writing and passion for the subject matter, even those like me who only casually picked up the book can come away with a greater understanding and insight into the planes and personalities that dominated the aviation scene in the early days of manned flight. A must read for serious fans and those with casual fancy alike.

A fascinating collection of historical photographs and a beautiful job of illustrating the importance of Cleveland, Ohio in the advancement of aviation.

Tom Matowitz is an air junkie like me. I very much enjoyed vintage aviation, as a historian of my Ohio hometown of Columbus. It was a treat to see a photo of Port Columbus under construction that I had never seen. What a treasure of Cleveland area photos he has assembled; I hope the book is a great seller. I only wish I had more info on the cover photo; who was the pilot and what was the plane in the background.

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