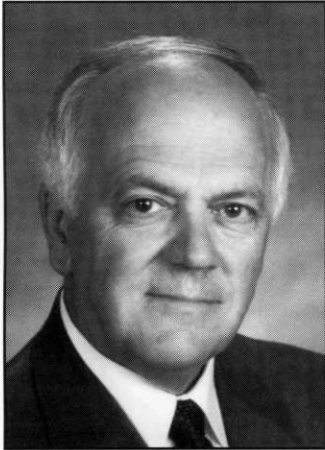


An interview with Bill Vaughn



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Among other things, Bill Vaughn taught high school English, specializing in education for gifted and talented students, from 1967-97; taught as a lecturer at Sinclair Community College from 1975-97; established and served on two neighborhood associations in Dayton; served two terms with the Montgomery County Arts and Cultural District board; served as chairman and a continuing member of the Dayton Metropolitan Housing Authority board of directors; and serves as the executive head of the Dayton Council of World Affairs.

Q. When and why did you join the Engineers Club?

Bill: I joined in early 90's after learning about the opportunity for all professionals to join the historical and respected Club.

Q: You're the only person in the Club, surely, to have served both as executive director and president of the Board of Governors. How did that happen?

Bill: I didn't plan it; you know how that is. I became active in the Membership/Marketing Committee, and within a year became chair of the Membership Committee, leading to an appointment to an open seat on the Board of Governors. I became the secretary and served on the executive committee through

a period of leadership and Club division. When our executive director was let go, I served as a voluntary executive director full-time for six months and part-time for three years, after which I was president of the club from June 2002 to June 2003.

Q: What did you take away from that experience?

Bill: I consider the years as a volunteer executive director and president as very rewarding and important to my retirement years. I was honored to be so fully involved in the Club's reaffirmation of its member-owned status and maintaining the proud history established by our early benefactors and continued through the hundreds of club members with distinguished careers: some who have protected us, some who have educated us, and many who have changed our world through invention and creativity, and who also serve the Club both humbly and willingly.

The men and women I have met through the Club and consider friends have enriched my life, and I am very proud to feel I have contributed in some small measure to the Club's longevity.

The names familiar to all of us through their good deeds for the club do not end with the founders. I consider the names of many with whom I have served as deserving of gratitude and honor equal to Deeds, Kettering, and Wright. The names and good deeds of Bosch, Allport, Buchanan, Cawood, Martin, Couch, Dudding, Lockwood, Seifert, Egli, Graham, Todd, Nutter and many more all resonate with me as I continue to enjoy the many activities and offerings of the Club. And because of so many dedicated and active people, the Club's history will see many significant additions for our children, grandchildren and other future generations to enjoy and celebrate.

Wright Flyer Monument web is up

The Winter 2005 issue of The Engineers Club News announced plans to build a 200-foot-high stainless steel replica of the 1905 Wright Flyer III at the southwestern edge of the high-traffic I-70, I-75 interchange.

Just as St. Louis has the arch and New York the Statue of Liberty, this monument would be instantly recognizable worldwide and help brand Dayton as the home of the Wright brothers and the innovative history and resources that it represents. It is estimated that the monument would be seen by 156,000 people a day – count that 50 million people a year – driving through this busy, expanding interchange.

The Wright Image Group was established to push this project and already has acquired the land. Founded by Club member **Walt Hoy**, the group is led by trustees that include Club members **John Bosch** and **Charles Curran**. Another Club member, Montgomery County Engineer **Joe Litvin**, helped the non-profit group acquire a parcel in a land swap with the state.

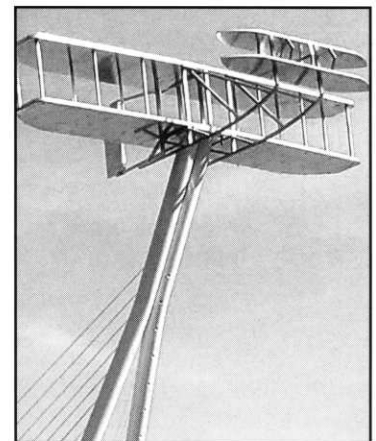
The Wright Image Group now has its website up (wrightmonument.org) providing background, showing news

videos of the project and giving virtual views of what the shining icon would look like coming from the four different interstate approaches.

One fundraising project is the sale of plaques at the plaza at the base of monument.

The plaques of different prices and sizes allow donors to be recognized or honor or memorialize another. The prices begin at \$75 for two lines of text at 14 characters per line, and the inscription can be for the wall or a bench.

See the website for more information, or contact the Wright Image Group at 1605 N. Main Street in Dayton, 45405, phone (937) 276-2963.



1905 Wright Flyer III Monument