

Where History and Flight Meet...

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The Indiana Aviation Hall of Fame, Inc., is a non-profit 501(c)(3) charitable organization.

Our Mission Statement

The Indiana Aviation Hall of Fame, Inc. (INAHOF) recognizes, honors, and perpetuates those special individuals who have made an enduring contribution to aviation or aerospace in Indiana, the nation, or the world through achievement, leadership, exceptional service, innovation, or entrepreneurial spirit.



A letter from J. C. Buehler, President

I am pleased to report that the Indiana Aviation Hall of Fame is strong and with a Board dedicated to honoring those who have contributed so much to Indiana aviation history.

The 2023 Honors Banquet was a fitting, formal event for inducting the distinguished new members of the Hall of Fame. From the first 'software engineer' whose work put men on the Moon to an aviation entrepreneur and pilot, the Class of 2023 was remarkable for their varied accomplishments, diversity, and impact on Indiana aviation.

The 2024 Honors Banquet will continue the tradition of honoring accomplished, worthy individuals with the induction of an astronaut, educators, and highly decorated veteran pilots and safety pioneers.

Beyond the Honors Banquet, 2024 will see increasing awareness of the Hall with the Grand Opening of the Indiana Aviation Hall of Fame and Aviation History exhibit at Indianapolis International Airport. The Hall will also expand its efforts to reach around the Hoosier state by the appointment of Ambassadors who will represent the Hall locally, work to promote it, seek out worthy, future inductees, attend aviation-related events where aviation enthusiasts gather such as EAA meetings, the Purdue University Aviation Day, air shows, and fly-ins. Our program to reach the future generation of Hoosier aviators, engineers, and innovators through class presentations, a Hall of Fame scholarship fund, and supporting the existing scholarships efforts of the Tuskegee Airman and the Indianapolis Aero Club.

Please join and support our work to recognize and honor those individuals and companies that have been and are so important in Indiana aviation history.

INAHOF 2023 PROGRESS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS



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Honors. We have expanded and streamlined our nomination process to ensure that the Hall recognizes any deserving person or company for induction in future years.

Recognition. The Honors Banquet saw 300 guests help us inducted the amazing Class of 2023.



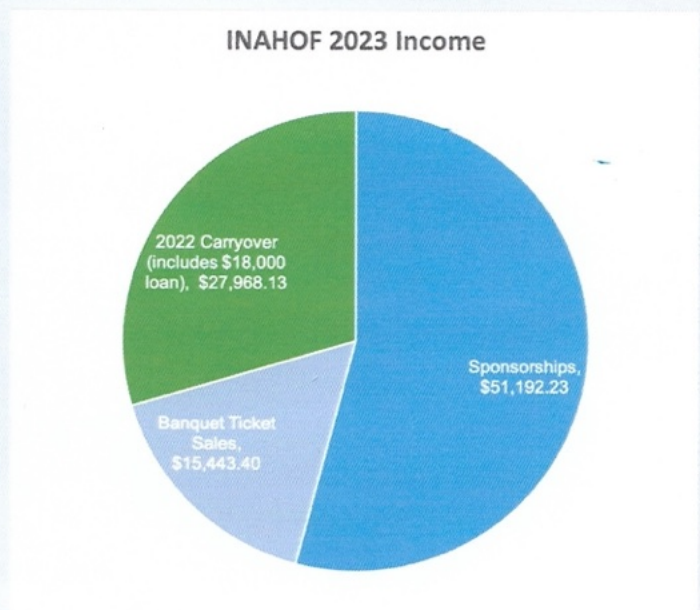
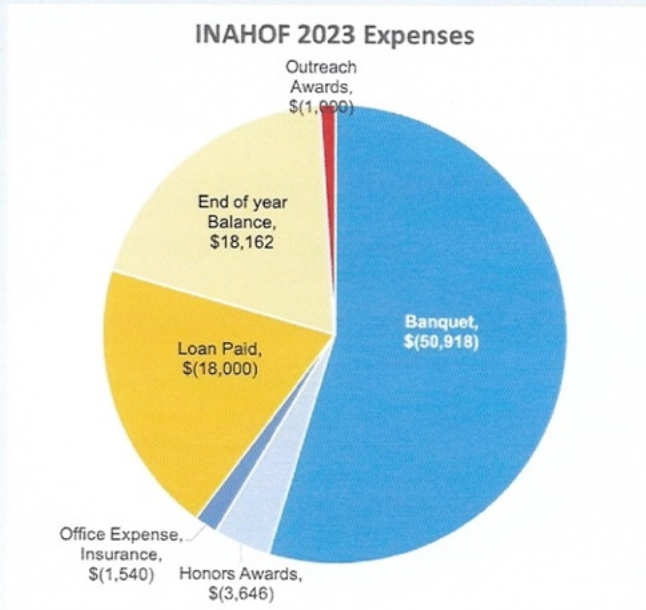
Statewide exposure. Our Board members and Ambassadors work diligently so spread the word about the Hall and to expand our presence in the Hoosier State. 2024 will see the first Golf Outing to help raise funds and awareness for our cause.

Outreach to the future. The generosity of our contributors and sponsors will help fuel our outreach as well as our support of scholarship programs of the Indianapolis Chapter of the Tuskegee Airmen, the Indianapolis Aero Club, and others.



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The Hall of Fame retired its original, long term debt obligations and closed 2023 cash positive with an improved year-end balance over 2022.



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GOING FORWARD

2023 marked the 120th anniversary of the Wright Brothers' First Flight. In 2024, the Indiana Aviation Hall of Fame will continue to work to give life and meaning to our motto, "Where History and Flight Meet."

This year will see a landmark in the Hall of Fame's mission of honoring distinguished Hoosier aviators, pioneers, astronauts, educators and entrepreneurs with the opening of the Hall's permanent display of plaques and memorabilia at the Indianapolis International Airport.



2024 will also see the expansion of our public outreach and scholarship support to the next generation of aviators and innovators shaping the future of aviation, as well as the appointment of Ambassadors from around Indiana to represent and promote the Hall locally, and to encourage the nomination of worthy individuals and companies for induction into the Hall.



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