



# “READY ROOM”

## NEWSLETTER

March, 2014

*Our Mission is to increase the public's awareness of aviation through the flight of historical aircraft while supporting our local children's hospital.*

### COMMUNICATION

By Joan Beaver

As you know we have been efforting a complete history of all the aircraft the museum is the caretaker ofr.

We have found a 'missing link' for one of the principle owners. The attached picture is circa 1960 from Columbia Station, Airport in OH 44028.



### NEW YOUTUBE CHANNEL

After much effort by a number of members and a bunch of paperwork the Hixson Flight Museum has its own YouTube Channel. Videos from event the museum has been a part of such as the Talledaga Flyby and the Armed Forces Day Parade can be viewed on the new youtube channel.

[http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCjA\\_MuKrP\\_1tQ20-VFsPgg](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCjA_MuKrP_1tQ20-VFsPgg)

check it out !

### MUSEUM VISITOR

I know we can't recognize all our visitors because it would fill up the museum database but I thought it worthwhile to do so with Charles Dooley.

A resident of NJ, Notre Dame graduate and Navy Lt. Cmdr. who flew T-28S AND SNB5s 1954 - 1956. He was a ferry pilot with VR-31 who flew T-28s from the North American plant in Columbus Ohio to various locations and squadrons. He had his instrument training in a SNB- 5 "Navigator" the Navy variant to our Air Force/Army C-45H "Expeditor"

I am sure he will be visiting more often as his sister lives in Hixson TN now.



## Blood Drive

By: Deming Gray



Greetings and *THANK YOU* for supporting the blood drive.

The Blood Drive was a big success. Blood Assurance has communicated to me their appreciation for a job well done. The members of the Museum of Flight came through once again for a worthy cause. Even though it was a cold, dreary, IMC winter Saturday just before Christmas we had a great turnout! I want to personally thank David Lawson, Joan Beavers, and Craig Glass for their support and help in making this blood drive a success.

### ***Now for the numbers:***

- 34 people came to donate
- 27 donations were credited by 25 donors

There were 21 donors registered for the drawing for the two training flights in the T-28's.

That meant that each donor had a 1 in 10 chance of winning the training flight!

And now.....the names that you have all been waiting for....

Sandra Vandermerwe - (Sandra will be giving her training flight to her 13 year old son Phillip.)

Leana Ibach

# Congratulations to both of you!



## SANTA VISITS TAC AIR

# TAC Air Hosts Cool Yule Fly-In For Children And Families From The Partnership

Friday, December 20, 2013

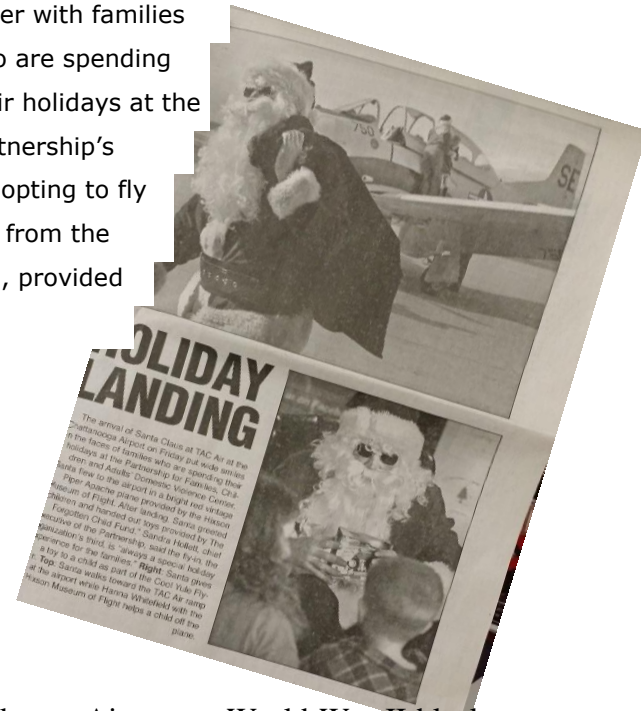


## Santa at the Cool Yule Fly-In

Christmas came early for some area women and children Friday at TAC Air, as the third annual Cool Yule Fly-In was held at the fixed-base-operators Chattanooga facility.

The annual event is designed to share holiday cheer with families who are spending their holidays at the Partnership's

Domestic Violence Center. Santa gave his reindeer a rest today, opting to fly to TAC Air in a bright red restored T-28 airplane to greet children from the Partnership. After landing, Santa handed out toys to the children, provided by The Forgotten Child Fund.



## **!!REMINDERS!!**

**YOUTH AVIATION DAY** - A member of the famous Tuskegee Airmen, a World War II black fighter group, will speak at Youth Aviation Day on March 8 at the Cleveland Regional Jetport.

## **COLUMBUS AIRSHOW – March 14-16**

We are needing an A and B driver to take the box truck to the Air Show at Columbus, GA on the weekend of March 14-16. If you can help us, please contact me at [Thebikerdad08@gmail.com](mailto:Thebikerdad08@gmail.com)

## **OPEN HANGAR GALA – April 12<sup>th</sup>** at Wilson Air at KCHA seats and tables are still available.

We are looking for a few volunteers to come to the Gala in their Museum attire (Khakis and navy jacket) and stand with the aircraft to answer any questions that gala attendees may have and to escort our guests into the cockpits, watch hangar doors to make sure no one goes out onto the active ramp area and other such duties. This is a

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wonderful opportunity to show the community who we are, what we do, and, hopefully bring in support for the museum. Anyone willing and able please send an email to [manager@hixsonflightmuseum.org](mailto:manager@hixsonflightmuseum.org) with your name and phone number and we will get you signed up.

### **SWEAT EQUITY & FLIGHT LOG BOOKS**

For those who donate time and effort for the Museum, you are probably aware that there is a large, white binder for you to register in the date and amount of time that you are donating. PLEASE be sure that you do so each time you come up here and work. This is a very important thing for us to keep up with because of our status as a not-for-profit organization. We are hoping to begin to go after grants for different purposes which also include education efforts and these figures can be a great help in obtaining funding for projects.

### **GIFT SHOP INVENTORY**

We have some fairly recent items in our Gift Shop that you will want to see. We now have some great looking ball caps. They are beige with black trim. The Museum logo is embroidered on the front of the cap with Hixson Flight Museum above it. On each side of the cap is "C45H" and "T28". The cost for the cap is \$20.00. We also have a limited number of the Museum Polo Shirts available for sale. All of these are white. It features the Museum Logo embroidered on the front. On the band of the sleeve is "T-28". Cost on the shirt is \$20.00. We also have a close out on white t-shirts with the red, screen print logo. And you can't miss the "neon" t-shirts which we now have in green, orange and pink day-glo colors.

### **MAINTENANCE:**

Members and museum visitors, as we have progressed in our growth as a museum we have grown in the number of aircraft that we are flying and maintaining. In the last couple of years we have added several unique aircraft to our fleet, and in like manner ground vehicles. Along with the growth in aircraft and vehicles the need of membership involvement has grown in proportion!

Recently through the help of our members we just completed the conditional inspection on the T28A (N367NA) and T28B (133131). It was time consuming, sweat and blood were shed, and ultimately the aircraft were returned to airworthy condition! This was all due to the great help of over twenty five members!

In addition to the T28B conditional inspection we have several opportunities for our members to be directly involved in the flying and maintenance of the aircraft and museum. This is a exciting way for everyone to gain hands on experience with real warbirds (military aircraft) and ground equipment.

Of the many opportunities that are available to this time we have the great need for several people to aid in the organizing of our tool and maintenance room! We are also looking for a tool room manager who is willing to ensure the tools are all inventoried and to carry out the responsibilities necessary to keep our supplies and tool up to date.



For anyone who would like to volunteer or join in these efforts or take up a position please email Andreas M. Montgomery. [andreasmontgomery@verticalstride.com](mailto:andreasmontgomery@verticalstride.com)



## MOTOR POOL

Eddie has been working hard to get the vehicles ready for a busy March. The jeep and the mule will be going to the Cleveland Airport for the Tuskegee Airman and to the Columbus Airshow as well. Just a reminder that if you wish to use any of the Museum vehicles, you must first be checked out by **Eddie Stanfield**. The directive is that guidelines be put in place for everyone. It is mandatory that anyone using the golf cart, tug or any other vehicle in our Motor Pool be checked out / trained / qualified. Use of these vehicles is only allowed if the person has met the qualification process and be 18 years of age and has a drivers' license."

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## ICAS

On the events schedule, below, you will notice the ICAS meeting which will take place in Las Vegas from December 2-5. This is an important meeting where air shows are scheduled and we get an opportunity to put our efforts before people in the field of aviation.

**UPDATED EVENTS SCHEDULE FOR 2013** (updateable at any time due to maint, weather other reasons):



## 2014 Schedule

March 8 – Tuskegee Airman Cleveland TN Airport

March 14-16 - Columbus Air Show Columbus, GA

April 12 - Museum Gala at Wilson Air

April 19 – Hixson Flight Museum Huey/Cobra rides

May 17 – PDK C-45/T-28s static display

May 25 – Charlotte International Speedway Coke 500

June 14-15 – Great Tennessee Airshow

September 13 – Wings Wheels and Water

October 17-19 - Rome GA C-45/T-28s static display

October 25-26 – Calvary Museum Ft. Oglethorpe

November 1-3 – Stewart FL T-28s for virtual Vietnam

December 6 – Toys for Tots Drive

December 13 – Blood Drive

# SEE YOU THERE !!!

