



"READY ROOM" NEWSLETTER

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

GRAND REOPENING

March 26, 2015

On a brisk and sunny Saturday in March, the Museum of Flight held their Grand Hangar Reopening. The hanger is now nestled in the hills of Rome, Georgia and is a welcomed addition to this tiny town. Approximately 1,200 people came to view the hanger and participate in the grand reopening events. "I am so glad the museum moved to Rome," said Becky McAllister, a volunteer at the museum. "My husband and I would gladly make the trip up to Hixson to volunteer at the museum, but it is a lot easier to have it close by."

The highlight event at the grand reopening was a Torque vs Thrust demo preformed by driver Pete "Wheeler" O'Hare in the museum's Corvette and pilot Joel Megginson. Winning by a landslide, O'Hare demonstrated the Corvette could indeed outrace an aircraft.

Home Depot attended the reopening, providing craft activities for the younger crowd. The Museum of Flight greatly appreciates the help of all volunteers and all those who attended, making the Grand Reopening a huge success.



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BTD-1 Updates

Thanks to the volunteers and staff who worked very hard over the past few months, the one-of-a-kind BTD-1 plane was ready for display just in time for the Grand Reopening.

Volunteer and Maintenance Coordinator, Justin Gross, not only traveled to New York to help move the plane to Rome, but also helped to reconstruct the BTD-1.

"Ignore my worn out weak smile, but I stopped by the museum and helped them install the prop on the BTD-1," said Gross, pictured in the upper right photo. "She's going to look good for the Grand Reopening if I have anything to do with it."

Many hours of work went into restoring the BTD-1 and preparing her for display. Due to the generous help from volunteers, the BTD-1 was ready for display on March 25, just in time for the Grand Reopening.



T28 Alpha Prop Repair

Maintenance volunteer Larry Jarrett worked hard to complete a feat that is rarely attempted. Larry completely repaired and reconditioned the propeller for the T28 Alpha. This kind of craftsmanship is rarely seen today. Thank you Larry! Your handiwork is remarkable and greatly appreciated!



Helicopter Display



Preparations have begun to build a helicopter pad which will display a H1 Huey or a UH-1 Huey helicopter right in the front of the museum. These helicopters were flown during the Vietnam War and will be a great addition to the museum.



2015/2016 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>OWNER</u>
May 14	Good Neighbor Days	PDK, Atlanta, GA	Pete O'Hare
June 4-5	Great Tennessee Air Show	Smyrna, TN	TBD
July 3-4	Independence Day Fly-In	Chattanooga, TN	TBD
September 17	LaFayette (Barwick County) Fly In	Lafayette GA	Pete O'Hare
October 17-18	Boshears Skyfest & Fly-in	Augusta, GA	Pete O'Hare
October 29-30	Wings Over North Georgia	Rome, GA	Pete O'Hare
November 5	Mess Night	TBD	Pete O'Hare
November 17	Toys for Tots	TBD	Christine Lewis

LIFETIME MEMBERS

Jeanne & Tony Bass Shawn Barber Voron Baughon Jim Beaver Ernie Betancourt Dr. Gary Caldwell Phil Cataldo Dr. Donald Chamberlain Nan Coddington Ronnie Cox Dr. James Creel Erich DeHart Don Shepard	Logan DeHart Peyton Dehart Ron Dobbs Scott Ducker Phil Gilliland International Aviation Services Larry Jarrett Chris Keefe David Lawson Christine Lewis Frank Kalinowski Art Matthews Spencer Morgan	Scott Murray Pete and Susan O'Hare Scott Pilkington Sr. John Sullivan Stratton Tingle Wayne Vick Brent Wade David Wells Jody Whitmire Ed Woods Jorge Verdias Judy Wilson Doug Woodruff
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Welcome New Family Lifetime Member: Don Shepard

The Museum of Flight is excited to welcome a new Family Lifetime Member, Don Shepard. Don served twenty years in the Air Force as a mechanic and flight engineer. He also flew as a Lockheed Martin C-130J Super Hercules Production test pilot and was a Captain for the Atlas Air 747. Welcome, Don! We are ecstatic to add you as a member and volunteer!

