



"READY ROOM"

NEWSLETTER December, 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.

Museum On the Move



December was a month of moving. Spare parts and equipment were moved from the Dallas Bay Airport hangers to the new location at the Russell Regional Airport in Rome Georgia. Museum exhibit display cabinets, pictures, manuals, and historical items were transported to Rome, after many trips, in the box truck. A big thank you to my big strong men who helped load and unload the box truck, Phil Gilliland, Pete O'Hare, James Blankenship, Steven Hudson, Mark McAllister, Philip Jenkins, and Jim Ambler. Many large items were moved with help from Mitchell Shelton and Nick



Gross. Items included engines for the T-28, a C-45 wing, aircraft tug, and other heavy odds and ends. A T28 engine weighs approximately 1184 lbs. Keep watching for our static T-28 752 to become our third airworthy T-28. A special thank you to Nick Gross of Carter Towing and Mitchell Shelton of Shelton Construction and a big thank you to Rick Reddick, Art Matthews, Dan Payne, Larry Jarrett, Mark McAllister, Justin Goss, and Phil Gilliland for all your help with this project.



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Museum Beautification



Work is in progress to get the museum ready for visitors. Memorabilia has been moved and the new quarterdeck, ready room and offices are being cleaned, painted and stained in preparation for display. Our new quarterdeck floor is getting a lot of attention for its uniqueness. It's amazing what you can do with a few sectionals. First items displayed were the new Smithsonian donations of a flight suit, G-suit, and the parachute. It could not have been done without the help of many members and many hours of hard work. Thank you Justin Goss, Jim Ambler, Mark McAllister, Ricky LeCroy, James Blankenship, Peyton DeHart (board vice president), Shawn Barber, Sam Breerton, Pete O'Hare, Steven Hudson and Linda Proy.



Glasair Update



Thanks to Dr.Caldwell, Justin Goss, Ronnie Cox, and Phil Gilliland, and Pete O'Hare the Glasair is getting closer and closer to flying again. The annual is finished, a few parts replaced, taxi testing of all systems by Pete O'Hare and all that is needed is the cooperation of the weather and she will be in the air again. The museum is so thankful for the donation Dr. Caldwell has

made. Watch future newsletters for him to fly in the plane he made in his garage again!



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Members Compete in Regional Tech Fair



James Blankenship and his friend Ben Graves wanted to do something out side of the box that they could take to the regional tech fair here in Rome for case modification. The case modification was the process of taking a computer and making it's casing different and with moving parts.

So they saw a trash can and an old laptop and that's when they decided to make a flight simulator that looked like an older WWII plane so they

found some cardboard that looked like flaps and painted them green and put an TSA (Technical Student Association) registration number for their school on it. When they went to present their project to the judges they were blown away by it. When they went to turn the computer on it would not come on. When they got it fixed the judge pulled them aside and told them that he would get them a new computer to put in it for the state competition. Later that day they won first place for their project which meant that they would get to go to state on March 7th in Macon GA.

James and Ben presented their project to the Airport Commission at the monthly meeting in December. They have been making some modifications to it before they go to state like touching up the paint and getting a new game and creating a dash board. They have also been on two radio stations and presented their project to the Rome Rotary Club where they were presented the new laptop.

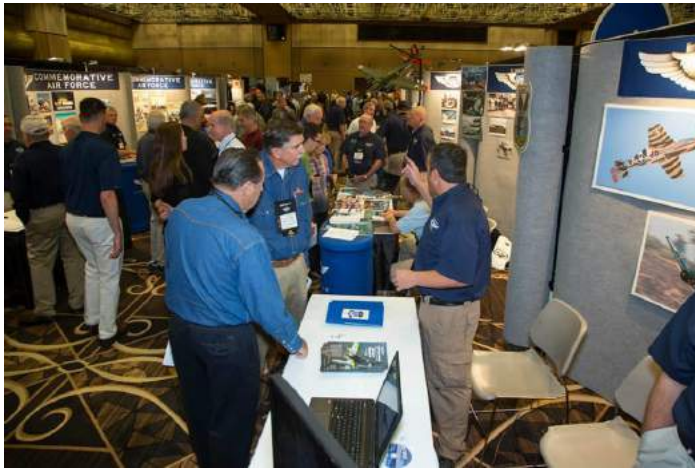
C-45 Wing Removal and Oklahoma Road Trip



It was determined during the C-45s last annual that one of its wings is in need of repair. So maintenance coordinator Justin Goss and Larry Jarrett went to work with the help of Tim Cline, Pat Groover, "Crash", and John Little to inspect the wing, it was determined it would be better to replace the wing. Wing removal was completed and a road trip to Southwestern Aero Exchange in Owasso Oklahoma was made by Justin Goss and John Little to pick out a replacement wing. Larry Jarrett with some of our A&P members has been working on getting the wing modifications ready.



ICAS Convention 2014



The International Council of Air Shows held its first convention in 1967. Since then, the air show community has gathered every year to exchange ideas, conduct business and begin the process of planning the upcoming air show season. This year, the ICAS Convention was held December 8-11 in Las Vegas, Nevada. What a great learning experience. The exposure to other people in the airshow business and the classes provided were invaluable. For most air show professionals, the

ICAS exhibit hall is one giant 60,000 square foot classroom. At any given point during the ICAS Convention, it will contain virtually every air show expert in North America. Think of that. Subject matter experts. All in one place. All at the same time. All willing and able to share that expertise with you. Even the Ladies for Liberty had a booth and performed several times during the convention.



Gene Kranz, leader of the “Tiger Team” of flight directors who brought the Apollo 13 spaceship safely back to Earth in April, 1970, made the opening keynote presentation for the 2014 ICAS Convention. Listening to his presentation was very inspiring. As I sat listening, from his opening with John F. Kennedy’s quote, “**We choose to go to the moon. We choose to go to**



the moon in this decade and do the other things, not because they are easy, but because they are hard, because that goal will serve to organize and measure the best of our energies and skills, because that challenge is one that we are willing to accept, one we are unwilling to postpone, and one which we intend to win, and the others, too.”, to his discussion of the

vision, mission, planning, and evaluation, it felt like Déjà vu. His presentation reinforced all the bullet points I have been learning to better manage the museum.



I would strongly encourage anyone interested to consider attending the ICAS 2015 convention. From understanding the inner workings of airshow coordination so we can be helpful cooperative performers to the exhibit hall, getting to meet other performers and airshow experts, to the quality classes it provided, the experience is well worth it!!!!

Lineman Graduation



On December 11 we had the honor of doing the flyby for the Southeast Lineman Training Center's graduating class. A huge thank you to our pilot Larry Jarrett, ground support Phil Gilliland for helping Larry to be on time and on target, and Justin Goss at the hangar for making sure Alpha was ready and launched on time.

GIFT SHOP ITEMS

We now have three new colors of T-shirts in stock for purchase. One is black with white screen printing. The second shirt is a forest green with khaki screen printing and the third is white with the royal blue screen printing. The design has been re-worked a little and the price is still \$12.00 each.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Event Schedule Museum of Flight 2015

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>OWNER</u>
January 1 – 30	Safety, Security & Maintenance Stand down	RMG Hangar Rome GA	Mark McAlister
February 1 – 28	Safety, Security & Maintenance Stand down	RMG Hangar Rome GA	Mark McAlister
March 19 – 22	Thunder In the Valley Air Show	Columbus GA	Peter O'Hare
April 10 -12	Museum of Flight Open Hanger Gala	CHA Wilson Air Chattanooga	Peter O'Hare
May 29-31	Good Neighbor Days	Peachtree-DeKallb, GA	TBD
June 18-21	Tuskegee Air Show	Tuskegee AL	Peter O'Hare
"July 4 "	Independence Day Fly-By	Chattanooga TN	TBD
July 10 - 30	BTD 1 Destroyer Assembly & Paint	Rome Georgia	Christine Lewis
August 1 - 30	C-45 H Annual	RMG Hangar Rome GA	TBD
September	Barwick County Fly In	Lafayette GA	TBD
September 25-27	Memphis Air Show	Memphis TN	TBD
October 2-4	Wings Over North Georgia	Rome Georgia	TBD
"November 4"	Museum Mess Night	TBD	Peter O'Hare
November 6-30	Toys For Tots		
December 6-9	ICAS Convention	Las Vegas Nevada	Peter O'Hare
"December 15	annual Blood Drive	TBD	Deming Gray



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