



"READY ROOM"

NEWSLETTER

June, 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.



What a great time we are having with our activities with the Museum! Here are some details in regard to our participation in the Armed Forces Day Parade at the first of May. **Eddie Stanfield** and **Ron "Gunny" Cox** a great job of cleaning "752" in preparation of taking it from the Museum to downtown. At midnight, **Jim Beaver**, **Rick Reddick**, **Chris Beaver**, **David Lawson**, and **Kiersten Beaver** escorted the

plane through the streets and highways to a kind business which allowed it to be parked until the start of the parade. The next morning, **Jim**, **Rick** and **Chris** were on hand to see "752" lead the way on the parade route while **Kiersten** marched with her JROTC unit from Red Bank High. The fly over was once again performed to start the parade with **Pete O'Hare** in Bravo and **Dan Payne** in his beautiful Yak-52. Thanks so very much to everyone who was involved with this endeavor. After the parade, the plane was taken to a spot to await the start of Riverbend. We still have spots open for volunteers to be greeting people who want to see the plane.





“GOOD NEIGHBORS DAY” AIR SHOW / DE KALB-PEACHTREE AIRPORT

On May 16, we were at DeKalb-Peachtree Airport for their “Good Neighbors Day” Open House and Air Show. This is the second time that we have participated in this event and we were treated royally. **Pete and Shawn** piloted the T-28’s down to Atlanta on Friday. **Chris and Kiersten Beaver** had driven the box truck, with the jeep and mule loaded on **Jay Wilson’s** trailer (thanks, Jay!!) and our crew efficiently situated the contents from the loaded truck into a very enticing display. **Christine Lewis** got everything organized in order to sell t-shirts, hats, and 50 cal. Rounds. She signed up FIVE new members! And a huge thank you to **Jay Wilson** and his daughter, **Katie, Eddie Stanfield, Jim, Joan and Skipper Beaver** who were also there and working. Everyone did their part and stayed busy during the day, even Skipper earned a donation by standing on his hind legs and “waving” at visitors to our display. (He is a dog, of course!) Clouds which threatened rain kept the crowd smaller that was probably anticipated but those who attended were really a joy to meet. They really wanted to know about the planes, jeep, and mule and enjoyed their tours. It was a big thrill to a lot of children to be able to get into the cockpit of the plane as well as to sit in the jeep and the mule. A lot of photos were taken of their experiences! Much to our delight, we made



the acquaintance of **JOHN CUVIELLO** from the Atlanta area who had stopped by as the planes were being cleaned on Friday. He spent the day working on the aircraft with us, the evening with our members at the party, the next day working the aircraft diorama and again at the party after the air show. He is now a new member of the Museum and plans to be with us on future adventures!! Welcome, John! No joke -- we TRULY urge you to move Chattanooga!

CHARLOTTE NASCAR FLY OVER



Went to Charlotte and this is all I got



Representatives from our Museum made the trip to Charlotte in order to perform the fly over for the NASCAR race on May 24th. **Peyton DeHart** piloted Alpha and **Pete O'Hare** piloted Bravo. Also making the drive up there was our **Christine Lewis**! See the pictures and video posted to our Facebook page.





RIVERBEND PARTICIPATION

For the second year, we are participating in the Riverbend Festival. The fun begins on June 6 and continues to June 14. Chairmen for the event are **Rick Reddick** and **Eddie Stanfield**. Spots are open for any and all members to volunteer to be on hand at our exhibit of our “752” T-28 and the Corvette to allow the festival-goers to have a chance to learn about the Museum, plus having an opportunity to sit in the cockpit of our plane. There are two shifts available each evening and you will be able to attend the evening’s

activities at no cost. Please contact Rick or Eddie to choose a time or call the Museum. Fly overs will also take place each evening and there is an available back seat in the cockpit of Bravo if you (or someone you know) would like to purchase a ride! This was a very popular opportunity last year and greatly enjoyed by those who participated.

NEW LOCATION



As some of you may already know, there are plans underway to have a bigger and better Hixson Flight Museum. We are already out of the blue hangar located at Dallas Bay Skypark. We are now set up at the end of the runway and our new address is 1759 THRASHER PIKE, HIXSON, TENNESSEE 37343. We have a trailer set up there and is functioning as our office space. Also in place is a brand new deck which has been

constructed by our faithful volunteers - **Chris Beaver**, **Ron "GUNNY" Cox**, and **Eddie Stanfield**. Even our **CHRISTINE LEWIS** hammered on the deck!! On display is the T-34 and the C-45, along with the box truck to alert the passers-by that the Museum will be relocated to this new site. The coming months will be exciting ones. There is a lot of work that will be needed. A lot of fill dirt will be required before any construction can be started and, of course, quite a bit of fund raising, but we will definitely get there! We will probably be putting out



requests for help and hope that some of you will be answering the "call". We will endeavor to do our best to keep you updated as everything goes forward. Please watch for everything as we move forward. Of course, we are unable to have the existing inventory of the memorabilia at present and will be happy to see it all go back on display to enable us to once again give our tours and share the history of aviation with our members and guests.



Here's to the future!!

LADIES OF LIBERTY UPDATE



Louisville Singing Group, Ladies for Liberty, Headed to Normandy, France to celebrate the 70th Anniversary of D-Day

(Louisville, KY) – May 27, 2014 - Three members of the 1940's Andrews Sisters-style singing group, the Ladies for Liberty, are departing for Normandy, France on Saturday, May 31 through June 10 to perform in ceremonies celebrating veterans who were part of the Normandy Invasion during WWII. June 6, 2014 marks the 70th anniversary of the day that the allied air, land and sea invasion sparked the liberation of German-occupied France.

Jeffersontown resident, Wanda Martin, owner and manager; Jeanette Kays of Louisville and Angie Glotzbach of Georgetown, Ind. are prepared to sing the U.S. National Anthem, French National Anthem (La Marseillaise), Canadian National Anthem and God Save the Queen (England's national anthem) along with dozens of 1940's tunes.

The Ladies for Liberty will be performing in Saint Laurent Ser Mur for the French/American Association and Omaha Beach Bedford Association, as well as at the Musee Du Debarquement D-day Museum Arromanches, which overlooks Gold Beach, the location that served as Ground Zero for the invasion. Two performances in Omaha Beach will be



held June 6-7 at Camping Port 'land in Port en Bessin prior to the lighting of fireworks, and they will hold a private party performance for French brass on the Omaha Normandy Beach shore. They will be attending the ceremony with President Obama and Queen Elizabeth in Sword Beach on the morning of June 6th.

Countless WWII veterans and their families will be on location in Normandy at their performances as the Ladies for Liberty help honor them and those who lost their lives in the invasion.

For more information about the Ladies for Liberty, visit www.LadiesforLiberty.com.



WORK DAY

Thank you to everyone that came out and worked so hard to get the planes ready for all the events the Hixson Flight Museum is so proud to have been a part of in the last few weeks! Tiger flight even came out and helped us. It is always a pleasure to see them and see we are so thankful for their contributions to the museum!



COWLING, CANOPY AND PROP COVERS

A huge thank you to **Art Matthews** for the generous donation of the prop covers, cowling covers and canopy covers for our T-28's. Art is an extremely faithful and hard-working volunteer at the Museum. He has devoted countless hours and a tremendous amount of labor. These covers will be extremely beneficial to preserving our beautiful planes. All of us are extremely appreciative for your donation, Art!

SAD NEWS

Sadly, **John Sullivan** has related the passing of **Grady McDowell** on May 5 of an apparent heart attack. He is the artist who created some t-shirts, posters, and nose art for our T-28'S.

OPEN AIR KANGAROO COURT AND HAMBURGER COOK OUT

On August 9th, we will be having an Open Air Kangaroo Court at the site of the new Museum location on Thrasher Pike (at the end of the runway).

UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- June 6-14 Riverbend (Static display for "752")
- June 14-15 Great Tennessee Airshow, Smyrna, TN
- July 12-26 Trip to NY to retrieve BTD1 Destroyer (tentative)
- August 9 Open Air Kangaroo Court and Hamburger Fry
- September 13 Wings, Wheels and Water
- September ?? Huey and Cobra Rides by AAHF

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ITALIAN RESTAURANT

