



# "READY ROOM"

## NEWSLETTER

May, 2013

**MEMBERSHIP AND TOURS** and we thought March was busy - April was even busier!! We have added 11 new members to the Museum bringing the total current members to 162 **DON'T FORGET -PLEASE RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP WITH OUR TREASURER.** Lots of exciting things are in store over the next few months. We have been fortunate to have a large number of people visit. 30 Parents and members of the Bear Den Cub Scout Pack 3266, 26 Students from the Bright School along with 50 individuals took tours of the museum. If you belong to a group, you might want to suggest they come and see what is going on at the Hanger.



**GALA** a star studded, stellar, funtastic event, our biggest yet, that saw 181 people from all walks of the local community gather at TAC Air to enjoy an elegant evening of fabulous food from Bi Ba's, The Ladies for Liberty entertaining with their era costumes and Andrews Sisters melodies, UTOPIA live dance band, DJ Doug Woodruff, a Silent Auction for the Children's Hospital and of course the museum aircraft, equipment and vehicles on display all MC'd by James Howard

of 92.3 FM. The Pediatric Intensive Care Unit of the Children's Hospital presented to the museum framed pictures of equipment they purchased from our Mess Night donation autographed by the doctors, nurses and members of the PICU team. Great



work to: **Sylvia Wygoda** Programs. **Deb “Jewl” Lawson**, , **Joan Beaver**, **Sally Bast**, **Christine Lewis**, **Christie Harvey** Silent Auction, **Doug Woodruff** Entertainment, **Devan “Barf” Standish**, **Chris “PT” Beaver**, **Daniel Buxton**, **Calum McCloskey** Dioramas. **Pam McAllister**, **Eric & Patrick** and the whole **TAC Air Team** Facility(very nice), **Luann Hall**, **Terri Woodruff**, **Sue Vaughn**, **Valerie Fuchcar** Table Setup; **Austin Garrett** Ticket Sales & general all around good guy – Great Work!!!! See you next April 12, 2014 Lots of pictures to look at:



<http://s231.photobucket.com/user/99nauti/slideshow/AAHF%20Hixson%20TN%202013>

**HUEY & COBRA, RIDES** on the same day as the GALA, April 13, 2013 **David “IronMan” Lawson** and his team pulled off an amazing event that brought enthusiasts from 5 states to our museum to participate in a once in a lifetime event.



The Army Aviation Heritage Association brought an AH-1 & UH-1 and completed 15 Huey 11 Cobra and missions. This was the first event of its kind in the Chattanooga area and

was widely covered by the local and national news. Please click on the plethora of links below.

1. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rCsMIVtGydk>
2. <http://www.wrcbtv.com/story/21969749/military-aircrafts-offer-rides-for-a-good-cause>
3. <http://www.chattanoogan.com/2013/4/8/248439/Museum-Of-Flight-Offers-Army-Helicopter.aspx>
4. <http://www.newschannel9.com/news/top-stories/stories/flight-museum-offers-helicopter-rides-thrillseekers-kids-4967.shtml>
5. <http://www.t-g.com/story/1961325.html>

**NEW ADDITION** the Pensacola Naval Air Museum contacted our Museum of Flight about a Beechcraft T-34C “Mentor” (pictured right). It will be ready for us to pick up in July. It should make a terrific addition to the museum’s current



collection. The T-34 was replaced by the T-6 Texan II. The first flight of the T-34 was on 2 December 1948. It was produced until 1990 with more than 2,300 being built. The “Charlie” model we will be receiving has a PT-6A-25 Turboprop engine, “glass” cockpit and new paint IAW the Oceana facility it was assigned too. WOW!

**CHATTANOOGA PARADE** a very special thanks to **Jim Beaver’s** planning and leadership in executing yet another first for our museum, local community, city of Chattanooga and the Armed Forces Day Parade. Jim along with **Rick Reddick, Ozzie Armas, Chris Beaver, Devan “Barf” Standish, Gary “Mo” Franks, Sally Bast, Daniel Buxton, Colin and David “Shrugs” Wells,**



moved from 1A0 to downtown Chattanooga - a distance of 17 miles - in order to “taxi” along the parade route. Meantime the formation flight of the Alpha and Bravo overhead at 1030 EDST that initiated the event, was a first for the parade too. Guinness has been contacted.

**911 OPERATOR:** “911 what is your emergency?”

**BUBBA:** (incredibly thick redneck somewhat inebriated accent) “Ya’ll know thar’ landin’ planes in front of the coke plant on Amnicola”(local highway).

**911 OPERATOR:** “Yes sir, we have had several reports of that, we will be sending a unit as soon as they are finished with the

UFO sighting on Signal Mountain. In the meantime please take caution in passing the aircraft that is being towed for the parade in the morning.”

**TALLADEGA NASCAR FLY-OVER** another first for our organization.... again....(think Forrest Gump sitting on the bench explaining his 3<sup>rd</sup> visit to the White House) May 5, 2013, 750 &



751 execute (“perfectly timed” –as per NASCAR) flyover to kick off the famous race in Alabama. **Spencer Morgan** planned, setup and spectacularly lead the fly over with **John Osterhage** and **Deb Lawson**. The weather all week was less than

minimums. As soon as the flight was to depart the clouds parted all the way to the



event. The flyover was accomplished just as the National Anthem was completed. If you look closely you can see the 2 specks taken from **Todd Savage's** cell phone. He attended the race and said we received a standing ovation from the crowd.

While National coverage was limited to the commercial break the local coverage was terrific:

<http://www.wrcbtv.com/story/22134453/hixson-flight-museum-to-fly-over-talladega#.UYHHPK7-gBs.facebook>

**National Anthem from Talladega - YouTube**

**C45H Andreas Montgomery** lost in the steam and **Alex Smith** both working hard on the cowls of the Twin Beech were among just a few who spent hundreds of man hours maintaining and flying the plane this week. Alex spent the week sharing his experiences with the members to ensure we are doing the right things the right way. He along with Nick from Blackhawk Aviation is a walking encyclopedia of information and will be great for us now and in the future!



**KANGAROO COURT & PEDIATRIC INTENSIVE CARE DONATION.** August 10, 2013 at 1130 in the Ready Room. Charges have been brought up on **Spencer Morgan, Doug Woodruff, Daniel Buxton, Calum McCloskey, Sally Bast. Eddie Stanfield, Art Matthews, Wayne Barrett, Tony Bass** Charge Sheets are available at the ODO desk in the Ready Room. Prosecuting Attorney will be **Tim Warren** with **Chris Beaver** as the Defense Attorney – heaven help you all.



**MUSEUM STREET SIGN**

Its official, we fly more than one flight at the museum. Thanks to **Sylvia Wygoda & Hamilton County Mayor Coppinger** we have signs on Hixson Pike directing would be visitors

**CHATTANOOGA MAYOR' S INAUGURATION FLIGHT** the Museum of Flight had the honor and privilege to take the newly elected mayor of Chattanooga, **Andy Berke** and **Molly**



**Cooper** on an aerial tour on the Mayor's first full day in office. The Museum's 1958 PA-23 160 Apache was the aircraft perfectly suited for the job. The mayor sent a letter thanking the museum for the "unique and wonderful view of the scenic city".  
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Metropolitan Airport's primary Fixed Base Operator TAC Air hosted the event **Pam McAllister** General Manager of TAC Air Chattanooga pictured right with the mayor also hosted the Open Hanger Gala



**SOCIAL NETWORKING** if any members have any information they would like to see on the web site, Twitter or on Facebook please contact **Kinsey Elliott** at [kinseyelliott@gmail.com](mailto:kinseyelliott@gmail.com). She is currently working on updating the web site with all the current and planned events at the museum it is a lot of work.

Great job Shawn Woodward on humbly and tirelessly working all the aircraft!

See you all next month at Riverbend – good luck Rick Reddick !!

**June** =Riverbend  
**July** =Pops in the park  
AT-11 Project

**August** = Kangaroo Court  
Patuxent River Airshow

**September** =Wings Wheels & Water

**October** = Biggest Little Air show  
North Georgia Air show

**November** = Toys For Tots

**December** = ICAS  
TAC Air Santa Fly In

