



“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.

Immortalize your name on the Memorial Walkway

The memorial walkway has officially been installed! Immortalize your name in the walkway, and show your support of the museum by purchasing a memorialized paver. For those that are interested please contact Matt DeVille (email: development@mofts.org) Current museum members get a drastic discount!



The Cargo Truck gets a Facelift



The cargo truck is nearly unrecognizable thanks to the beautiful decals. It was long time to make the cargo truck our own, and now no matter where it goes there will be no doubt that it is part of our fleet at the Museum of Flight. It was even signed by the beautiful and talented Jennifer Leach! It is amazing to imagine the countless missions that will be possible all thanks to the truck.





Museum of Flight

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SAVE THE DATE



OPEN HANGER GALA

When: Saturday, 14 April 2018

Where : Museum Hangar (RMG)

304 Russell Field Rd. NE, Rome, GA 30165

Call early to make it a weekend - special lodging rates

A Magazine Featured the Museum



The Museum of Flight was featured in *FlyPast*, the monthly British aircraft magazine. It congratulated the museum for finishing the restoration of the sole remaining Douglas BTD-1 Destroyer. The magazine is a must if you have any interest in aviation, it features: airshows, museums, pilots, and so much more. Click [here](#) to subscribe through a variety of platforms.



A trip to the Barnsley Gardens & Resort



After a personal tour of the exquisite Barnsley Gardens in Adairsville, Georgia, led by Mr. Clent Coker himself, he donated a signed copy of his book *Barnsley Gardens at Woodlands*. It is a great addition to our collection!



The 22nd Chili cook off



Trout Unlimited hosted its 22nd annual chili cook off at Ridge Ferry Park in Rome, GA. It was a great excuse to eat delicious chili, all while spreading our message to the public. The Corvette was quite the crowd pleaser, we just had to make sure that there were no chili stained fingers that ventured too close.



The Museum made a Special Delivery to the FBO



The Museum of Flight delivered pizzas to the fixed base operators to thank everyone for all of their hard work. The people that make airshows and daily operations run smoothly are not just the pilots, but those that are behind the scenes.

A Flight for a ROTC Cadet



The museum recently had the privilege of flying Annellyse, a Rome High School junior and a ROTC cadet in the T-28A. It was so refreshing to see a young lady with such a passion for aviation and our shared history. We look forward to celebrating her accomplishments.



Leadership Field Trip



The museum hosted a leadership field that included 33 students from every school in Floyd County. So, to say the very least it was a very chaotic, but fun day!





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Seventh Annual



Toys For Tots *Fly-in, Food & Fun*

November 4th 2017 Rome Ga Airport (RMG)

1000AM – 400PM

304 Russell Field Road Rome GA 30165



Bring an unwrapped new toy and receive free admission

Motorcycle Run, , Food, Warbirds

Happenings at the Museum



For all to use! Darrell Baxter displays the new coffee set-up in the community room for each organization at the hanger to take advantage of. Darrell will also be our volunteer chef for our MONTHLY MUSEUM OF FLIGHT PANCAKE BREAKFAST. Every fourth Saturday of the month come socialize and enjoy both pancakes and our signature millionaire's bacon.



A number of cars have been "refueling" at the re-charge station. Pictured here is the first Tesla X model. It's exciting to not just watch, but be an active part of the progression of technology.



When Mark McAllister first drove the deuce and a half he immediately noticed that it was missing the jerry can aka a gas can. We recently obtained a jerry can in honor of Mark’s memory, it is pictured with his wife, and museum quarterback, Becky McAllister.



Pete “Wheeler” O’Hare is pictured driving the WWI Scout Car. The same day, Greer Paramore, FAA inspector, and Matt Fox, owner of Quarter Ton & Military spent the afternoon up in the skies.



Do you have a story or a picture you want to share?
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Tony Summer runs the Alpha after an oil change. Oil changes need to be completed every 25 hours. This year the museum has completed 135 missions, the most missions in a year since it opened in 2010. Tony summer has done a phenomenal job keeping the ladies mission ready. Thank you, Sir!



October aircraft maintenance day! Jimmy Don and Darrell Baxter replace oil cooler in the C-45. Dennis Shaw repairs Alpha cowl. While Frank Fry, Russel Cope, and Tony Sommer giver oil changes to Alpha and Bravo.



The Rome Airshow

The Museum of Flight was in the primo spot for the Rome Airshow. The Airshow is right in our backyard, and it is the event where we get to interact the most with our local community. The event was invaluable, and the museum is already busy planning for next year’s airshow! Thank you to everyone that came out to fly, support, or just to enjoy.



Museum Spotlight: The Atlas Flying Club

The Atlas flying club members are some of the most talented and generous people among us. The club is comprised of Jimmy Don Shepherd, James Greene, Rob Haley, Gerad Riester, and Fred Amicangioli. All of the men work for Atlas Air, which is the leading global provider of outsourced aircraft and aviation services for commercial and military customers. Peter O'Hare coined the term Atlas Flying Club, then Fred came up with Rome Air Force, or RAF. RAF was then redubbed to Redneck Airforce. Soon after Gerad joined and created the term Atlas Flying Club as a Rome DET, or detachment. The legend was officially born. This spotlight will feature each of the members of the club, to thank them for their hard work.



Fred Amicangioli

Mr. Amicangioli originates from Boston, MA. After high school he attended the Maine Maritime Academy and then began active duty in the Navy serving aboard a destroyer. He was then selected to attend flight training, he flew the A-4, S-3, and the US-3 Viking. Amicangioli has a long history of participating in flying clubs. Even back in the Navy he joined flying clubs while working on his civilian ratings. After leaving active duty he flew corporate before joining Atlas in the summer of 1996. He also joined a west coast Navy Reserve squadron flying the C-130. Surprisingly, it was none other than our own Jimmy Don Shepherd himself, who taught Amicangioli how to fly the Herc.



Amicangioli has extensive experience with our token aircraft, the T-28. He met Lee Griffin from Fairbanks, AK who introduced Amicangioli to his T-28B named “Bub”. Amicangioli flew Bub in Alaska and at Oshkosh. Sadly, Bub ran into trouble this year at Oshkosh due to a generator failure, but is now being fitted with a new engine in California. Amicangioli hopes that someday the Museum of Flight will acquire similar airplanes to his other flying club, the Commemorative Air Force in Anchorage, AK where they have a T-6, BT-13, and L-2. We thank Amicangioli for all of his dedication and help, especially for flying in the recent memorial flight for our two late members.



Jimmy Don Shephard

Mr. Shephard was born and raised in Rome Ga and currently lives just down the road from the airport. His wife, Tonya, encouraged him to attend the museum's grand opening in Rome. The couple attended and immediately knew they wanted to be a part of the museum. Christine Lewis and Peter O'Hare signed them up as lifetime members that day. Shephard is now flying the T-28A and the C-45.

Currently, he is flying for Atlas and has been there for 19 years flying Boeing 747/200/400/800. Prior to Atlas he was a Lockheed C130J production test pilot. He flew Boeing 747/200 and L392/C130 for Southern Air Transport, and he spent 20 years as a USAF C130 flight engineer and jet engine mechanic. Adding onto his list of accolades he also flew for Air Acres museum in Cartersville, GA he operated the Grumman S2F Tracker, C47, Douglas A26 Invader, Fairchild C119 Boxcar, and the Cessna T37. Also, while stationed at Little Rock AFB he flew with an air show group called the Great American Air Circus, which flew mainly ferrying airplanes. He was also a flight instructor for about 10 years somewhere in his hectic aviation career. So, it is safe to say that Jimmy has spent more time in the air than on the ground. We are so grateful for his talent and experience that he lends to the museum.

Gerad Riester

Riester is a current resident of Navarre, FL, but he does not let the distance get the best of him, as he is still a big part of the Museum of Flight. He was first introduced to the museum by Jimmy Don Shephard during a trip they flew together. Riester has dedicated his life to aviation. His dad is a Vietnam Veteran, who flew both CH-47 Chinooks and UH-1 Huey's in the Army. He was also a Colonel in the Confederate Air Force and passed down his incredible love of Warbirds to Gerad. He had his first airplane ride, in his Cessna 310, before he was old enough to walk, and grew up with his father at the airport. He then went to the Air Force Academy, commissioned as an Aircraft Maintenance Officer. Later, Riester went to flight school and became an Air Force pilot. This was where he flew C-17A Globemaster IIIs and U-28As



After retirement from the Air Force, 3 years ago, he went to work for Atlas. He's glad that the idea for the club at the museum came about. Since Atlas is globally based there is not a large local community. He also added that the inspiration for the patch struck him and Shephard during a layover in Uganda when they were chatting, which is just another testament to Atlas' global roots. Riester also credits the museum as helping him to realize his lifelong dream of flying warbirds.



Rob Haley

Haley was born in Alabama, but is now a resident of Carrollton Georgia. He first became involved with aviation history while flying for West Georgia Possum Works, an airport in Carrollton that has a focus on WWII and Korea aviation. Haley says that the airport attracts a lot of veterans, who are his favorite part of the airport. Haley even has plans to interview a few to ensure that their stories are immortalized. So, when James Greene first introduced Haley to the Museum of Flight, he immediately knew that he wanted to join the cause.

Rob Haley worked for Express Jet for 16 years before he made the switch over to Atlas Air. The fast paced lifestyle appealed to him, especially since he didn't have to fly the same route every day and he could travel the world while he was working. Yet, in Haley's very limited free time he still manages to volunteer for the Commemorative Air Force. Haley represents the blend between modern aviation and its historical counterpart, he says that having an understanding of its history helps him appreciate commercial aviation even more. Its people like Haley that will ensure that the history will stay firmly enact for the next generation.

James Greene

Greene was born in Mobile Alabama to a father that had been in the Navy, who instilled a love of flying into Greene from a young age. So, as a teenager he decided to attend Auburn University specifically for its flying program. Once he graduated he wasted no time and began flying commercially. In total he flew for seven airlines, including Atlantic Southeast Airlines and Delta Connection. Although it was not until he found Atlas that he felt like he was home. Atlas for James is an open door, he enjoys the variety and adventure.

Jimmy Don introduced Greene to the museum when they were flying out of Belgium. Green is glad to have found the museum, and we sure are glad to have found him. He is a big volunteer at the museum, dedicating many hours to helping with airshows and other events. So when he isn't busy flying to Belgium, Africa, or Singapore the museum is lucky enough to steal some of his time. We are very appreciative of having the Atlas Flying Club members in our midst, they are all talented caring individuals who better not just our local community, but our global community. Their unique skills and talents help to elevate all of us.





2017 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
March 11 th	Open House	Rome Airport	Complete
March 24-26 th	Airshow	Brunswick	Complete
March 31-April 1 st	Airshow	DeFuniak Springs	Complete
April 8-9 th	Airshow	Columbus	Complete
April 15 th	Open Hangar Gala	Rome Airport	Complete
May 27 th	Flyby	Chattanooga FC	Complete
June 3 rd	Fly-in	Madison County Open House	Complete
June 10 th	Airshow	PDK Good Neighbor	Complete
June 17 th	Fly-in	Calhoun	Complete
July 1 st	Fly-in	Floyd County Wildlife Club	Complete
July 3 rd	Flyby	Pops on the River	Complete
July 4 th	Flyby	Chattanooga FC	Complete
July 10 th	Stemco Corporate Even	Museum hangar	Complete
September 23 rd	Airshow	Lafayette, GA	Complete
September 30 th	Airshow	Crossville, TN	Complete
October 20-22 nd	Airshow	Rome Airport	Complete



LIFETIME MEMBERS

Shawn Barber
 Jimmy Barron
 Jeanne & Tony Bass
 Voron Baughan
 James Beaver
 Ray Bell
 Ernie Betancourt
 Thomas Calvanelli
 Phil Cataldo
 Donald H. Chamberlin
 Nancy Coddington
 Ron Dobbs
 Scott Ducker
 Mike Ellis
 Vance Engle
 Deming Gray
 James Greene
 Robert Henninger
 Mark Homen
 Larry Jarrett

Anne Lewinson
 Christine M. Lewis
 Arthur Matthews
 Pamela McAllister
 Scott Murray
 Tony Neal
 Peter & Susan O’Hare
 John Osterhage
 Clarence Greer Parramore
 Time Rhyne
 Gerad Riester
 Peter Serodino
 Dr. Daniel Serrato
 Don Shepard
 Woodrow Smith
 Sol Snyder
 John Sullivan
 Jorge Veridas
 Wayne Vick
 Kim Watkins

David Wells
 Terri & Doug Woodruff

In Memory of:
 Dr. Gary Caldwell
 Ronnie Cox