



“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.

The 2018 Address from the President of the Board

Downwind:

Another year dawns and, as always, I find myself looking back in preparation for the future. It's the way life works.....we look back in order prepare our taxes.....we look back before laying out our strategy for the new year.....we look back to gain an understanding of our successes so we can achieve equal or better successes in the coming year.

So take a moment and reflect back on last year with me. What is it in your life that you are most proud of from this past year? What is it about your personal life that you would change? What strategy for success in your own life would you modify in the coming year to enable even more success?

Shifting focus to our beloved Museum, what is the one thing you are most proud of from your service last year? What is the most important thing you would change about your service to our Museum to achieve greater success for yourself and our Museum? What can leadership change in order to achieve greater success for our Museum? What activities or programs could we implement to create more interest in the community and excitement about our Museum?

You get my drift. Yes, we could rock along doing what we've always done and probably be alright.....or.....we could stop, reflect back, strategize, brainstorm, contemplate, (generally use the brains God gave us!) and move our Museum FORWARD using the lessons learned from looking back. Please share your ideas (regardless of how silly you might think them) with Christine.

Here's to a fantastic 2018!!

Now go use that priceless plethora of brain cells God gave you and help move our Museum FORWARD!

Doug Woodruff

President





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

Help get the F-14 Tomcat home!

The countdown has started! The wait until the Tomcat is safely behind our hangar doors is growing shorter. Yet, this will not come without a cost. If you have not yet donated to help cover the \$40,000 shipping fee please consider doing so. This is an invaluable aircraft with a rich history. You can find the F-14 Tomcat GoFundMe page [here](#).



Happenings at the Museum



You are invited to the retirement party of Museum of Flight pilot, CWO-4 Robert Henninger! It is to be held at the Museum of Flight hangar in Rome on February 24th at 1100. Everyone welcome!



Most would rather stay warm indoors, but the museum of flight aviators braved the cold, as the blue skies proved too tempting.



Safety Standdown & Inspections

A lot was accomplished this January. We are now in the midst of safety standdown, many members have been sharing their expertise on how to mitigate risk. Inspections and repairs were also being made to all aircraft. Dennis Shaw, a forty-two year Air Force maintainer, worked with Joel Meggison, a veteran Air Force pilot, to complete the C-45 annual inspection. Gil Espy worked with Jason Beaver, Tony Sommer, and Garrison Hardy, a high school student who is the newest museum member along with Jason Beaver



Fred Amicangioli teaches a safety standdown class about T-28As and T-28Bs.



<http://mofts.org>

Museum Spotlight: Dennis Shaw

It is very appropriate that Dennis Shaw is this month's featured member as he has been the powerhouse behind the annual aircraft inspections. In a funny sort of joke that life sometimes likes to play, Shaw was first introduced to aviation at our hangar. A Floyd County native, as a child he attended a field trip to Richard B. Russell Airport. He has now come full circle, working tirelessly on the fleet. Let us first take a minute to appreciate Shaw's story between the two bookends marked by our hangar.

While in high school Shaw took an aptitude test. His scores heavily reflected his ability in the electric and mechanic disciplines. This did not come as a surprise to Shaw. Shaw wasted no time getting down to business. At the age of seventeen Shaw joined the Air Force but it was not until he transitioned from the Air Force in 1969 to the Air National Guard in 1970 did he feel like he was fully fulfilling his passion. Shaw was vehemently recruited into the Guard to become a technician, this is where he found one of his true life callings.

Shaw made another shift in 2005 after he retired from the Guard in 2003. He made the switch from military to commercial. He decided to get an A&P license, which is an Airframe and/or Powerplant certificate issued by the FAA. This is how he obtained this licensure to become an aircraft maintenance technician. This is part of the reason why Shaw made it back to the Russell B. Airport, or rather the Museum of Flight Hangar.

Shaw got word of the museum after its move to Rome. He decided to stop by, but found the museum to be closed, not a man to accept failure he vowed to return. His next trip was blessed by Lady Luck. He found Pete O'Hare who knew immediately that Shaw's expertise was a true gift to the museum. Shaw wasted no time and became a member that very day. As a leader of the conditional inspections and our licensed aircraft maintenance technician he aims to accomplish the fulfillment of routine maintenance. He puts it simply by saying, "If something is broken I'll work to fix it." Sometimes it is easier said than done. This will ensure that all aircraft are both safe and a good representation of the museum, both things are Shaw's primary goals. Shaw also notes that the stellar team working this year at the Museum is the reason why the museum is able to efficiently and successfully work through the aircraft.

In Shaw's eyes this may be the most important part of the museum; the brotherhood. This is something that he is familiar with. Some of the most important members of his family are not blood-related. His comrades in the Guard are family, he even called his base commander by his first name. When he couldn't be there, his brothers in service could fill in for him; like the time his wife's car broke down during one of the six times he was across the pond. They didn't miss a beat, they just helped her. They worked to build each other's homes, and raise their families, they were also there to support each other through the loss of two of their aircraft and four of their crewmen. Shaw is grateful to have found a similar type of comradery at the museum. Be sure to thank Shaw for all of his sweat equity and dedication!



Dennis Shaw and Joel Meggison work together on the C-45 for its annual inspection



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<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
January 1	Ground Handling Ops- Pete O'Hare	Museum	Complete
January 13	Airport Operations- Mike Mathews	Museum	Complete
January 20	Mishaps Lessons Learned- Gerad Riestar	Museum	Complete
January 27	Pancake Breakfast & Safety Videos	Museum	Complete
February 3	Safety Standdown TBD	Museum	Complete
February 10	Safety Standdown TBD	Museum	Complete
February 17	Safety Standdown TBD	Museum	
February 24	Pancake breakfast 0830-1000 0900 Mandatory Pilot Meeting for all Pilots flying in 2018 1100 CWO-4 Robert Henninger Party	Museum	
March 3	Safety Standdown TBD	Museum	
March 10	Safety Standdown TBD	Museum	
March 17	All Hands on deck for upcoming Airshow	Museum	
March 24-25	Wings Over Atlanta	Dobbins AFB	
April 7-8	Thunder in the Valley Airshow	Columbus, GA	
April 14	Museum of Flight Gala	Museum	
April 28	Pancake Fly-in Breakfast 0830-1000	Museum	
April 28-29	Joint Base Charleston Expo	North Charleston, SC	
May 26	Pancake Fly-in Breakfast 0830-1000	Museum	
May 26	Open House	Museum	
TBD; May/June	Airshow	Calhoun	
June	Museum Open House	Rome, GA	
June 19	Good Neighbor Day Fly-in	KPDK	
June 23	Pancake Fly-in Breakfast 0830-1000	Museum	
July 28	Pancake Fly-in Breakfast 0830-1000	Museum	
August 25	Pancake Fly-in Breakfast 0830-1000	Museum	
September 15-16	Owensboro Airshow	Owensboro, KY	
September	1970s Hangar Dance	Rome, GA	
September 22	Pancake Fly-in Breakfast 0830-1000	Museum	
September 22	Fly-in	Lafayette, GA	
September 29	Fly-in	Crossville, GA	
October 21-22	Wings Over North Georgia Airshow	Rome, GA	
October 27	Pancake Fly-in Breakfast 0830-1000	Museum	
October 27-28	NAS Jax Airshow	Jacksonville	
November 3	Toys for Tots & Mess Night	Museum	
November 24	Pancake Fly-in Breakfast 0830-1000	Museum	
December 29	Pancake Fly-in Breakfast 0830-1000	Museum	



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