



"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.

COMMUNICATION

By Joan Beaver

Another busy month is rapidly passing by for the Museum. We had a great turnout of volunteers for the **Air Show at Rome**,



Georgia. Those who were there for the entire weekend were **Pete O'Hare, Gary Franks, Andreas Montgomery, Sally Bast, Deb Lawson, David Lawson, Tony Bass, Betty Stanfield, Chris Beaver, Kirsten Beaver, Devan Standish, Daniel Buxton, Jay Wilson, and Cliff and Denise Barnes (and their daughter).** It was the first time to work an air show for Betty, Tony and Jay!

Others attending and assisting for one day or so were **Jim and Joan Beaver, Frank Davey, Dan Payne, and Tim Warren.** Hope I haven't missed someone! The display for the Museum looked impressive and we enjoyed a large number of visitors to our site. We had both T-28's there for cockpit tours as well as the C-45. We also had the Deuce and a Half as well as the jeep and Mule. The Corvette was there in all it's glory. Also there for display was the truck with the wrap which so beautifully advertises the Museum. A big thank

you to Sally Bast for her preparation work toward the Show as well as Chris, Devan, Daniel and Kiersten for their labors in getting everything set up so attractively and for the break down at show's



ABOVE: Romans John French, 9, and his father, Brian French, check out the cockpit of a C-54 Skymaster "Candy Bomber."
RIGHT: A stuffed tiger rests on a TigerFlight plane.
BELOW: Mike Hackett shows his son Leo Hackett, 8, details of the C-54's landing gear.
LEFT: Brystal Bowman, 6, from Summerville, gets a tour of the cockpit controls of a veteran warbird T-28A Trojan from the plane's captain, David Lawson.

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end. Unless you have attended one of the shows and see how much we take for display, you cannot imagine how much labor is involved. For the first time (in my memory) we had people who visited our site let us know that they were also from Hixson and had already been to the Museum for a visit! We had great feedback on everything and we are fortunate to have volunteers who have acquainted themselves enough to be able to answer the myriad of questions that “future pilots” have to ask about our Museum and our aircraft. And they asked them!!



TALLADEGA NASCAR FLYBY . We hope you saw the coverage on TV that is now posted on FACEBOOK The two T-28’s flanked the C-45 which was piloted by **Gary (M.O.) Franks** with Co-Pilot **Andreas Montgomery** Piloting the T-28’s were **Peyton “X Man” DeHart** and Pete “Wheeler” O’Hare. They had credit on the screen for the Museum as well as identifying our aircraft. After the shot of the three planes, they had a beautiful solo shot of one of the T-28’s. A proud moment for us. Just wish it had lasted a little longer!!



Birthday Party

While The Wings Over North Georgia airshow was going on, the museum was THE PLACE for the 3rd grade class celebrating an 8th birthday. The T-34, T-28 and Taylorcraft were on display in the museum Hanger. **Art Mathews** flew the birthday boy and several others during the event.



ART WORK

By Pete O’Hare

Most aviation stories start with “there I was at 12,000 feet and then.....” but this aviation story starts with “There is this guy who works harder than a human being should..... If you look around the hanger almost all of the beautification, crowd control, ground water management and building engineering projects have been initiated, planned and executed by one of the most energetic people I have had the honor and privilege to work with. In fact he usually outworks me and I am someone considerable less in age. Of course we are talking about **Art Mathews**.



He is a current and qualified pilot who flies the Taylorcraft and Apache; he works on those planes and the other museum aircraft. To date he has built the apron for the C-45H, dug drainage ditches, built stands, coordinated the Biggest Littlest Air Show along with a plethora of other work that would require so much more space than this newsletter has available. In fact we could easily dedicate an entire newsletter to him. As a previous Eastern Airlines Captain Art is an encyclopedia of aviation facts that he eagerly shares with others in order to ensure the lifetime of experience is absorbed “learn from others” is an investment in aviation that Art takes seriously and has trained and helped many an aviator. Thank You Art for all you do !!!



FINAL FLIGHT

Thanks to **Andreas Montgomery, Eddie Stanfield, Gary Franks, Sally Bast and David Lawson** this 1960s era Blanik 13 is now proudly displayed on the roof of the museum

!!REMINDERS!!

MESS NIGHT on November Seventh, please RSVP ASAP

Frank Davey (palladin@comcast.net). Nothing to sell! Just a great time. Please contact Frank,

SWEAT EQUITY & FLIGHT LOG BOOKS

For those who donate time and effort for the Museum, you are probably aware that there is a large, white binder for you to register in the date and amount of time that you are donating. PLEASE be sure that you do so each time you come up here and work. This is a very important thing for us to keep up with because of our status as a not-for-profit organization. We are hoping to begin to go after grants for different purposes which also include education efforts and these figures can be a great help in obtaining funding for projects.

GIFT SHOP INVENTORY

We have some fairly recent items in our Gift Shop that you will want to see. We now have some great looking ball caps. They are beige with black trim. The Museum logo is embroidered on the front of the cap with Hixson Flight Museum above it. On each side of the cap is “C45H” and “T28”. The cost for the cap is \$20.00. We also have a limited number of the Museum Polo Shirts available for sale.



All of these are white. It features the Museum Logo embroidered on the front. On the band of the sleeve is "T-28". Cost on the shirt is \$20.00. We also have a close out on white t-shirts with the red, screen print logo. And you can't miss the "neon" t-shirts which we now have in green, orange and pink day-glo colors.

MAINTENANCE:

Maintenance Officer Gary Franks relates that the former tool room has been emptied and relocated to the large tool room. It now needs reorganizing and someone to take leadership of this project is really needed. The former tool room is going to be transformed into an administration office. Again, someone who would be willing to accept responsibility for this project is needed. He has also prepared a schedule of maintenance projects which are needed to be completed. This is your chance to be able to work on the various pieces of equipment. We need workers and he is also looking for some plane captains.

T-28A Maintain to oversee work.

1. Condition inspection in January (complete by Jan. 15)
2. Add smoke system to aircraft, install at Inspection.
3. Lube the aircraft and clean.
4. Install new radio and remove old one.
5. Other items as listed in discrepancy log.
6. Train new Plane Captain.

T-28B Maintain will oversee work.

1. Condition inspection in February (complete by Feb. 15)
2. Add smoke system to aircraft, add at Inspection.
3. Lube and clean aircraft.
4. Any item open in Discrepancy log.

C-45 (will need maintain to oversee work)

1. Reseal main struts (to be completed by November 15th)
2. Clean and lube aircraft.
3. Change out pilot side window (to be completed by November 11)
4. Change seating.
5. Any items open in Discrepancy log.
6. Install smoke system (smoke system to be installed by Dec. 15)

PA-23 Standard (will need Maintain to oversee work)

1. Remove nose gear for repairs and reinstall. (to be completed by Nov. 1)
2. Do Annual in December. (complete by Dec. 15)
3. Complete any open items found in Discrepancy log.
4. Clean aircraft.

Taylorcraft complete date Nov. 21 (maintain will oversee work)

1. Remove left hand Elevator and rework trim.
2. Recover Elevator



MOTOR POOL

Just a reminder that if you wish to use any of the Museum vehicles, you must first be checked out by **Eddie Stanfield**, chairman of the Motor Pool. The directive is that guidelines be put in place for everyone. It is mandatory that anyone using the golf cart, tug or any other vehicle in our Motor Pool be checked out / trained / qualified. Use of these vehicles is only allowed if the person has met the qualification process and be 18 years of age and has a drivers' license."

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MEMBERSHIP

The air show in Rome allowed us an excellent opportunity to show the attendees about our Museum. They got to see a great many artifacts that were on display as well as the ability to climb in the cockpits of our beautiful aircraft. Attendees sat in the jeep and on the mule and in the Deuce and a half. Best of all – we were able to add FIFTY-FIVE new members during the weekend! We welcome you, one and all, and hope that you will be able to make a visit to the Museum in the near future.

There will be a reminder notice when your membership is close to its renewal date. When you receive your notice, we sincerely hope that you will renew your membership. Also, there are many opportunities to participate in the activities at the Museum. The newsletter will keep you aware of upcoming projects. If you have always wanted to work on a vintage war plane, you have the opportunity to do so!!

WORLD'S BIGGEST LITTLE AIR SHOW

"World's Biggest Little Air Show" was held on 5 October. The runway at Dallas Bay Sky Park was closed for use by its normal traffic and was at the disposal of those talented radio control enthusiasts. This was our second time to host these devoted fans of radio controlled planes. We wish to thank **Art Matthews** and all of the other volunteers who helped make this a special day.

TOYS FOR TOTS In November, we will begin collecting toys for the Marine Corps' Toys For Tots event on 16 November. Santa will be on hand with refreshments and photo ops. Ladies, this is a great opportunity for you to be able to help with the project. We make cookies to serve to large and small "children". Would you like to help us? Collection boxes will be on hand if you would like to drop off a toy anytime other than the day of the event. A huge thank you to Jeanne Bass who agreed to head up the project!



ICAS

On the events schedule, below, you will notice the ICAS meeting which will take place in Las Vegas from December 2-5. This is an important meeting where air shows are scheduled and we get an opportunity to put our efforts before people in the field of aviation.

UPDATED EVENTS SCHEDULE FOR 2013 (updateable at any time due to maint, weather other reasons):

March 16-17 Columbus, GA - **completed**
March 23-24 Punta Gordo, FL - **canceled**
April 13-14 Open Hangar Gala and Huey Cobra Ride - **completed**
April 27-28 MCAS Beaufort, SC - **canceled**
May 3 Chattanooga Armed Forces Day Parade **completed**
MAY 6 – Talladega Fly Over – **completed**
May 14 – Hess Jet Event - **completed**
May 11 Auburn, ALs – **canceled**
May 24 Hand Bike event TAC Air **completed**
June 1-2 Rockford, IL – **canceled**
July 10-27 – AT-11 Project – **IN PROGRESS**
August 17 - Kangaroo court **completed**
August 31 – September 1 Patuxent River NASW **cancelled**
September 14-15 Wings & Wheels **completed**
September 28, 29 Hamilton County Fair **completed**
October 5 World's Biggest Little Air Show – Dallas Bay Sky Park - **completed**
October 12-13 Wings Over North Georgia, Rome, GA **completed**
November 7 Mess Night – Hixson Flight Museum
November 16 Toys for Tots – Hixson Flight Museum
December 2-5 ICAS - Las Vegas, NV
December 20 Chattanooga Santa Fly In – TAC Air

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April 12 Museum Gala at TAC Air

