



"READY ROOM"

NEWSLETTER August, 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.

POPS IN THE PARK FLY-OVER – JULY 3RD



For the third year, the Hixson Flight Museum was requested to perform a fly over for the Pops in the Park July 3rd event at Coolidge Park. This year, we had two of our aircraft to participate. The T-28 Bravo was piloted by **Pete O'Hare** with faithful Museum supporter **James Howard** of WDEF Radio (Sunny 92.3) in the back seat. Also participating was our recently repainted C45H. It was piloted by **Stan**

Montgomery. Co-pilot was his son, **Andreas Montgomery** (Museum Board Member). On board was also a hard

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working volunteer, **Joshua Russell**. On the ground, giving the cue for the start of the National Anthem was **Christine Lewis**. A special thank you to **Hal Randle** who furnished us with some great photos of the planes in flight that evening. Thanks, Hal!

Aircraft Moved to Rome, Georgia Airport

Our aircraft were moved from the Smyrna, TN airport on July 1st in preparation for the wings over North Georgia Airshow. Upon arrival we were greeted by the local newspaper. While there they will be sharing the hangar with Tiger Flight and receiving some needed annual maintenance.

Rome News-Tribune
(7th year • No. 201 • Four weeks)

Planes fly in for Wings Over North Georgia air show

Posted: Wednesday, July 2, 2014 10:00 am



Several planes landed at Richard B. Russell Regional Airport Tuesday, July 1, 2014. The planes are part of the Hixson Flight Museum. The two T-28 Trojans and a C-45 H will stay at the airport until the **Wings Over North Georgia** air show later this year.



WORK PARTIES IN ROME, GA

Each weekend in August, there will be work parties at Rome, GA (RMG) on the C45. This will be a great opportunity for members wishing to work on the C45 to be able to fly down there in order to take care of the plane. The schedule is for Friday thru Sundays. Crews will leave Dallas Bay (1A0) at 0900 and 1300 to depart to RMG return flights from RMG to 1A0 will be at 1200 and 1700 . This will all be preparatory to the Rome Air Show as well as the Memphis Air Show.

WORK AT THE MUSEUM



Eddie Stanfield, Rick Reddick and Art Matthews have been busy at work in organizing things and cleaning one of the hangars where we have things stored for the Museum in preparation for a maintenance area for the Museum. Thanks, guys!



TRI-STATE MILITARY VEHICLE CLUB EVENT

Berlin Seaborn of the Tri-State Military Vehicle Club has sent us information that they will be hosting a swap meet at Camp Jordan in East Ridge on August 28-29. The hours will be on Friday from 8 A.M. until dark and Saturday from 8 A.M. until 5 P.M. Stop by and see what is available!!





MILITARY VEHICLES DONATED TO HIXSON FLIGHT MUSEUM

I huge thank you to Bill Irwin for his donation of a Buffalo and an M13 Directors trailer to the Museum to add to our Motor Pool collection. While we do not have a great deal of information on the origin and types, we have some

government credentials and SSNs. If you are interested in helping to research identification on these trailers, it would be greatly appreciated. Work on these pieces is also greatly needed. If you are interested in assisting with the restorations, please call the Museum.



T-28 COLLECTOR CLOCKS

Thanks to our member, Frank Kalinowski, we have the opportunity to purchase something very special. There will be **T-28 Collector Clocks** and **Museum Logo Clocks** available for purchase at a price of \$19.95 each. Price for Members will be \$14.95. If you are interested in one, please call the Museum and place your order as soon as possible.



SEPTEMBER LA FAYETTE FLY-IN

We have been invited to attend a fly in at the LaFayette Airport in LaFayette, Georgia, on September 20. At present, plans are underway to have the T-28 Bravo to participate. We will be there for the day!

SEPTEMBER 13TH- HUEY AND COBRA RIDES



Just a reminder that we will be hosting the Army Aviation Heritage Foundation (AAHF) "Sky Soldiers" at the Museum site at 1765 Thrasher Pike on September 13th for Huey and Cobra Rides. Don't forget that members get an "early bird" discount for rides until September 1st!



Prices are:

Huey Rides: Members \$69.00 Non Members \$82.00

Cobra Rides: Members: \$429.00 Non Members \$589.00

TICKETS ARE NOW ON SALE! Please phone the Museum at (423) 288-2fly (2359) to obtain your tickets now!!

BTD 1 DESTROYER RETRIEVAL



Information was sent to members in regard to the retrieval of the BTD-1 Destroyer which was taken apart and transported back to the new Museum site at 1765 Thrasher Pike. It was scheduled from July

21st through 28th. It gave a detailed accounting of the work schedule and listed those who would be making the trip and laboring long



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hours. Hope you followed it along on Facebook so that you could feel you were a part of the project. If you would like to put in some volunteer time, there will be a lot of opportunity in seeing to putting this special plane back together to where it will become another great addition to our static displays for the community to get to see. We thank those who made this trip: **Christine Lewis, Ron "Gunny" Cox, John Sullivan, and Nick Gross.** Even Christine's brother came one day to help with the project!

Here are some details on this new addition we received from the Wings of Eagles Discovery Center in Elmira, NY.

Douglas BTD 1 Destroyer



This aircraft was developed as a torpedo bomber by the United States Navy during World War II. On 20 June 1941 Douglas Aircraft was commissioned for two prototypes of a two seat dive bomber to replace the Douglas SBD Dauntless and new Curtiss SB2C Helldiver. The design team was led by Ed Heinemann. It was a large, single-engine, mid-winged monoplane. It had laminar flow gull-wing and a tricycle undercarriage. It was fitted with a bomb bay and underwing racks for up to 4,200 lbs. while defensive armament consisted of two wing-mounted 30 mm

cannons and remote controlled turrets, each with two 50 in. machine guns. It first flew on 8 April 1943, demonstrating excellent performance, being much faster and carrying nearly double the bomb load of the Helldiver. Orders for 352 SB2D-1's quickly followed. The United States Navy changed requirements wanting a single seat carrier, torpedo/dive bomber without defensive turrets. Douglas reworked the SB2D, removing the turrets and second crewman while adding more fuel and armor, producing the BTD 1 Destroyer. The orders for SB2D's were converted to BTD 1's which first flew on 5 March 1944. By the time that Japan surrendered in August 1945, only 28 had been delivered. Production was cancelled along with other types single-seating planes such as the Martin AM Mauler. None saw combat action. Heinemann and his team were already working on developing the single-seat BT2D that became the Douglas A-1 Skyraider.



DOUGLAS BTD 1 DESTROYER DETAILS:

Top Speed: 334 MPH

Wingspan: 45'

Length: 39'

Height: 13' 7"

First Flight: 8 April 1943

Introduced: 1944

Retired: 1945

Engine Type: Wright R-3350 Duplex-Cyclone Radial



Local Artist Comes to Visit

Local artist Norman Davis came to visit us at the museum and spent several hours sitting in and photographing 752 and talking with members. This is the results of his art study from that day. Here is a little information about Norman.

The artwork is charcoal on color-toned paper and took 3 days to complete. The entire artwork was completed at the Cleveland Regional Jetport - watching aircraft come and go. The day it was finished, I was able to befriend a TN National

Guard counter drug task force unit and their OH-58D Kiowa with mast mounted sight. I train in artwork every day, either in practice and/or study, and I also attend weekly drawing sessions at the Townsend Atelier in Chattanooga. I have been drawing and making art since the 2nd grade.

I first got interested in aviation by learning how to fly radio controlled aircraft at the Bradley County RC Flying Club when I was 14 years old. This interest has carried on with me most of my life, and my father and I still have 3 RC aircraft. I love flight - either watching aircraft or being inside them, or simply throwing a frisbee or maple seed.

My dad, James Davis, is a Navy Veteran. He didn't fly aircraft, but was sometimes around aircraft carriers and



drone helicopters. His ship, DD-719, was one of the vessels trained in recovering the space capsule, in case they were called in to recover the capsule. He served four tours of Vietnam and was active in Cold War activities before being released and flown back to San Francisco in 1968. He was also a boxer in the Navy.

UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- August 9 Open Air Kangaroo Court and Hamburger Fry
- All August Saturday – Sundays – Work days for C45 – RMG
- September 13 Wings, Wheels and Water Huey and Cobra Rides
- September 20 LaFayette Air Port Fly-In, LaFayette, GA
- October 17-19 Rome, GA Air Show, RMG
- November 1-3 Stuart, FL, T28’s in Virtual Viet Nam Show
- December 6 Toys for Tots Drive
- December 13 Blood Drive

Lifetime Members

Bass	Jeanne & Tony
Baughan	Voron
Beaver	Jim
Chamberlain	Dr. Donald
Coddington	Nan
Creel	Dr. James
DeHart	Peyton
Kalinowski	Frank
Keefe	Christopher
Matthews, Sr.	Arthur
Pilkington, Sr.	Scott
Sullivan	John
Tingle	Stratton
Verdias	Jorge
Wade	Brent
Wells	Dave
Whitmire	Jody
Wilson	Judy
Woodruff	Doug

