



“READY ROOM”

NEWSLETTER

AUGUST, 2013

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

Summer is passing quickly and there have been a number of projects at the Museum that have kept our work force quite busy. We are very proud of what has been accomplished. Since resuming the responsibility on our newsletter, I have been working hard to update the distribution list. It still has some work to go, but the majority is in place. We now have 220 included in our list! **What do you want to know?** The newsletter is for your enjoyment and education, if you have questions or something you would like to see featured, please contact me at communication@hixsonflightmuseum.org. I will do my best to find what you are interested in reading about and include it.

T-34 CHARLIE took several work sessions but it is now set up in its new home at the Museum as a static display. The aircraft is on loan from the Nation Naval Aviation Museum at Pensacola, home to the Navy’s Aerial Demonstration team, the Blue Angels and the Pensacola Naval Aviation Museum.

Thanks to **Andreas “Hump” Montgomery**, who was the project manager, **Shawn “Bum” Woodward**, **Jim “Hydro” Beaver**, **Chris “Bling” Beaver**, **David Ironman** and **Deb “Jewl” Lawson**, **Tim ‘OneWay’ Warren**, **Rhett Morgan**, **Frank Davey**, **Cliff Evans** and **Bradley**.



Chris Beaver holding the front of the aircraft while the forklift repositions



First sunset at Hixson



One of the many possible locations

Jim Beaver and David Lawson service T-28 Bravo 752's port strut



1955 MERCURY PETTIBONE TUG. What was once a dull, powder blue piece of

machinery is now a bright, shining, bold yellow tug with black trim! Thanks to **Eddie Stanfield, Wayne Belk** who took care of mechanical work and a good bit of sanding, **David Lawson and Hal Randle (of the Medal of Honor Museum).** **Chris Beaver Frank Davey, Jim Beaver,** continued with the necessary finalization sanding and did the prep work before beginning the paint job giving it a true makeover. We now have a sharp-looking piece of essential equipment and it is mechanically sound. Thanks also to **Dan Payne** who helped to construct a paint booth and to **Frank Davey** who obtained restored the seats for it.



AT-11 CRASH SITE Daniel Buxton, Shawn Woodward and Devan Standish executed Wayne Belks Idea of taking the 1.2 acre wooded site; creating trails and a remote crash site that first responders can use for training. The location can also be used as a haunted house at



Halloween and a military vehicle ride

location during the Wings
Wheels & Water and
Hamilton County Fair events.



MOTOR POOL

by Devan Standish & Eddie Stanfield

On 13 August, **Devan Standish, Daniel Buxton, Shawn Woodward,** and new member **Nicholas Gross** headed to Knoxville, Tennessee, to retrieve the newest addition to the Museum's Motor Pool. It is a 1970 Jeep-Kaiser M35A2, also known as a Deuce and Half. Covering almost 220

miles and many hours of mixed driving, the Deuce got a true road test.

The M35 Deuces have served American Armies since 1951 to the present. It is now being phased out of service. Powered by a White Motor Company 7.81 Non Turbo Charged Diesel ("compression engine") churning out 134 hp and 330 ft-lbs of torque with power being transmitted through a 5-speed manual transmission mated to a 2 speed Rockwell Transfer case powering up to 3 axles. (a true 6x6)

Top speed is 45 mph in 5th gear @ 2,150 RPMS which does not exactly make the Deuce and a half a rocket. It does, however, get the job done with decent MPG for such a large and heavy vehicle. (Gross is approximately 13,000 lbs) Fuel is primarily Diesel, but it can run a plethora of other fuels ranging from recycled/filter motor oil, Jet A fuel, kerosene and cooking oil! Total 50 gallon capacity tank.



On Tuesday, we also received a brand new reproduction-built wiring harness for the 53 M38A1 (our Jeep) which, once installed, will further improve its vintage and operational status. Working Blackout lights, horn and trailer receptacle are just a few of the improvements this will aid.

The M274A-5 Mule. It leaks, it goes, it is awesome, still! We cannot wait until there is a trail built which will be worthy of its 2 cylinder air-cooled 14 hp 4 x 4 1,000 lb. carrying capacity!



With the onset of heavier machinery and complexity, we will be setting up classes sometime in the near future to familiarize folks on the operational care and of our machines that helps the Museum come alive.

If anyone wants to lend a hand be trained in any of the vehicles to be “checked out” for operational use of the Motor Pool Assets, just e-mail us. (PLEASE NOTE: A recent directive from the Safety Officer 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.) Motor Pool contacts: Eddie Stanfield eddiestanfield196@comcast.net Devan “Barf” Standish Foxinthehouse1@hotmail.com

MEMBERSHIP

We are delighted to announce that **Dave “Shrugs” Wells and Voron Baughn** are our newest Life Members of the Museum! We thank **Dave** for his recent donation of equipment, which is not only appreciated but is needed.

Voron Baughn dropped by the Museum in early August and received a tour of the facility. Voron joined the U. S. Army Air Corps in 1943. He retired from the U. S. Air Force in 1965. Voron was an aerial engineer for the C-45, C-46, C-47, C-54, B-24 and B-17, serving in the Pacific Theater and completed two tours in Korea at Kunsen, Tagu (now Deagu) and Kimpo. He retired as an E-6, turning down several promotions because that was the highest rank you could have and still work on airplanes!



Voron has promised to visit the Museum as often as possible.

His stories about the C-45 interested all the members in attendance. One story was about a C-45 potential bailout with a general officer. You have to ask him who was going out first.

ART'S PROJECTS

Art Matthews has been at it, again! If you are going to the Museum soon, take a look at the projects that Art has completed or has in the works! There is concrete that he has poured, tie downs he has installed, trees that he has cut, trees he has climbed, trees he has burned and fence posts he has erected. What a guy! He makes all of us look lazy!



WINGS, WHEELS AND WATER

This event is scheduled for Saturday, 14 September. We are all looking forward to our Third Annual event which features a car, motorcycle, and boat show, plus a fly-in with the planes. There will be activities for the children, refreshments for sale, plane rides will be available as well as rides in military vehicles. If anyone would like to sponsor the trophies for the winners, your name



or business will be engraved on the



plaque. A special welcome Buds Sports Bar as our anchor food and (adult) beverage vendor!!!!

WORLD'S BIGGEST LITTLE AIR SHOW

The next event will be the "World's Biggest Little Air Show" on 5 October. The runway at Dallas Bay Sky Park will be closed for use by its normal traffic and be at the disposal of those talented radio control enthusiasts. This will be our second time to host these devoted fans of radio controlled planes. Bring a lawn chair, sit back and enjoy the show, and have a great time.

WINGS OVER NORTH GEORGIA

October 12-13 will be the “Wings Over North Georgia Air Show at Rome, Georgia. We will be taking our planes down to participate. Due to sequestration, a large number of air shows have been cancelled this summer. Rome isn’t that far away and they put on an excellent show last year. This is a great opportunity to attend an air show. Check out their web site for more information.

TOYS FOR TOTS

In November, we will begin collecting toys for the Marine Corps’ Toys for Tots event on 23 November. Again, we will be having participation by those wonderful bikers who are members of the Christian Motorcycle Association, the Harley-Davidson Club, Scenic City Psychos, and others who come roaring in to Middle Valley and making Christmas better for the little ones. Santa will be on hand with refreshments and photo ops



NEW TO CHOW HALL A SNB NAVY OUTER WING ASSEMBLY

Thanks to **Devan Standish, David Lawson, Jim Beaver, Hal Randle AND David Wells** for their effort in hanging a SNB Navy outer wing assembly in the Chow Hall. Take a look at it when you are up there the next time.

KANGAROO COURT AND MUSEUM DONATION

On 17 August, a Kangaroo Court took place and several of our volunteer members earned their “call signs”. They are: **Tony “Stinky” Bass, Jeanne “Sweetie” Bass, Eddie “Weeble” Stanfield, Spencer “Captain” Morgan, Andreas “Hump” Montgomery, Sally “Smashed” Bast, Doug “Crash” Woodruff, Frank “Palladin” Davey and Daniel “Geep” Buxton.** **Tim Warren** did a great job as prosecutor and **Chris Beaver** served as defense, although everyone was judged to be guilty!



Also taking place that morning was the presentation of a \$2,000 check to the Pediatric Intensive Care unit at Children's Hospital by **Andreas Montgomery Board Member to Jim Coles.**

ICAS CONVENTION DECEMBER 2 – 5, 2013 AT PARIS LAS VEGAS

<http://www.airshows.aero/CMS/ICASConvention> If you are planning on attending the ICAS convention NOW IS THE TIME to sign up AND make airline reservations go to <http://www.airshows.aero/CMS/ConventionHotel> for additional hotel information and to be directed to make online reservations.

UPDATED EVENTS SCHEDULE FOR 2013 (updateable at any time due to maint, weather or 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
- September 28, 29 Hamilton County Fair
- October 5 World's Biggest Little Air Show – Dallas Bay Sky Park
- October 12-13 Wings Over North Georgia, Rome, GA
- November 7 Mess Night
- November 23 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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