



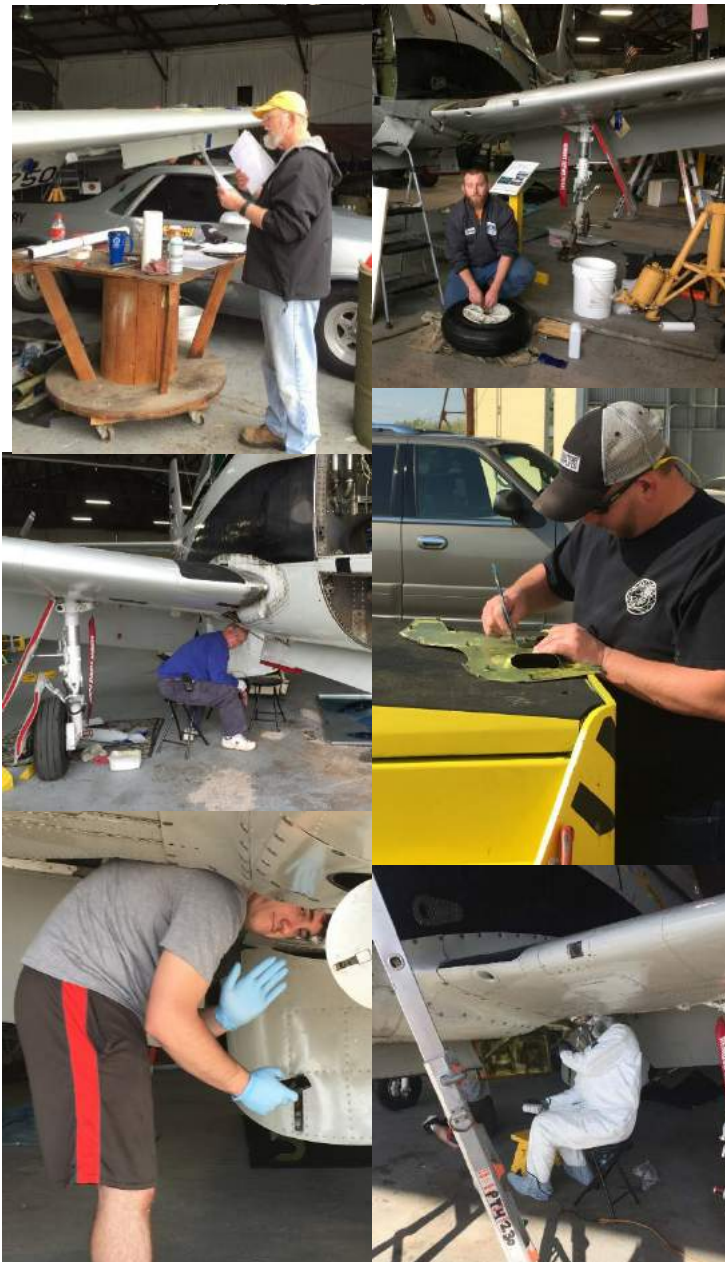
“READY ROOM”

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.

Conditional Inspections and Aircraft Beautification



Throughout the winter, the museum and the volunteers work to complete the conditional inspections needed. If you aren't familiar with this term, let me try to explain it in simple terms. Airplanes have many stresses, vibrations and other types of things that happen when they are moved or flown. If not inspected regularly, the aircraft would become unable to fly or worse, dangerous to fly. Though there is maintenance throughout the year, this annual inspection assures that nothing is overlooked and everything is repaired as needed for the next season of flying.

Each weekend and sometimes during the week, volunteers assist with these inspections under the guidance of A&P (Airframe and/or Powerplant) Mechanic and the planes are inspected by an IA (Inspector Authorization). Members do not have to have any certification or knowledge to assist in this process or to help around the museum. There is plenty to do, lots to learn, fun to be had and great friendships to be made.

The work doesn't end there. This year so far, over 410 man hours were logged in scraping, painting and cleaning of the aircraft.



BTD-1 Updates

The last few months have made a great impact on the BTD-1 as our volunteers and staff worked hard to get this one-of-its-kind plane ready for display.

The work was extensive, moving the airplane to the hut, re-installing the wings, the many hours of prep work and then the primer and paint. Kudos to the many volunteers that helped with this job!



Volunteers applying the primer



Wing Dock Day!



Getting primer



BTD-1 with new paint



Bill Darby and Darrell Baxter posing in front of the new paint job. They were two of the many helpers on this project.

What's Else is Happening at the Museum?



While the T-28's were getting their conditional inspections, the Jeep got some attention as well.

Each Saturday for the first few months of the year is called the "Safety & Maintenance Stand Down". The annual maintenance is done on the aircraft, training is offered to volunteers in a variety of topics and often, lunch is served.



Jason Beaver peeks out from the Alpha putting the oil screens back in after cleaning them.



Safety & Maintenance Stand Down: William Bannister teaches hand signals for marshalling aircraft.



Bill Darby wrestles with a T-28 tire.



Terry & Phil, the grease monkeys



Safety & Maintenance Stand Down: Mark McAllister is giving instruction in safety & security.



Bill Darby and Darrell Baxter removing inspection panels.

Field Trip of Anna Kay Davie Pre-K Students



One of the goals of the Museum of Flight is to educate people about flight and aviation history. What better way than to share the museum with enthusiastic children.

Forty-Four pre-K students from Anna Kay Davie School attended the museum field trip, climbed into the cockpit of the T-28 Charlie, learned about the airplanes, sat in the jeep, learned about the ordnance and some history of the museum planes. We look forward to hosting more schools and groups in the upcoming year.



“Once you have tasted flight, you will forever walk the earth with your eyes turned skyward, for there you have been, and there you will always long to return.”
— *Leonardo da Vinci*

Rosie The Riveter Photo Shoot

A World War II era aircraft, a historic Quonset hut, a photographer and beautiful models make for a fantastic combination. March is Women in Aviation month. To show the museum's appreciation the museum held a photo shoot that was a tribute to the working women that assembled the BT-D-1. The models braved the cold and got these great shots by TCH Photography.



2015/16 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>OWNER</u>
Jan 5 – March 5	Aircraft Conditional & Annual Inspections	Rome Hangar	William Bannister
March 26	Grand Opening w/Huey & Cobra rides	Rome Hangar	Christine Lewis
April 9	Open Hangar Gala	CHA Wilson Air	Pete O'Hare
April 14-17	Thunder in the Valley Air Show	Columbus, GA	Pete O'Hare
May 28	Good Neighbor Days	PDK, Atlanta, GA	Pete O'Hare
June 4-5	Great Tennessee Air Show	Smyrna, TN	TBD
July 3-4	Independence Day Fly-In	Chattanooga, TN	TBD
September 17	LaFayette (Barwick County) Fly In	Lafayette GA	Pete O'Hare
October 17-18	Boshears Skyfest & Fly-in	Augusta, GA	Pete O'Hare
October 29-30	Wings Over North Georgia	Rome, GA	Pete O'Hare
November 5	Mess Night	TBD	Pete O'Hare
November 17	Toys for Tots	TBD	Christine Lewis

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