



# "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.*

## GRAND REOPENING

March 26, 2015

On a brisk and sunny Saturday in March, the Museum of Flight held their Grand Hangar Reopening. The hanger is now nestled in the hills of Rome, Georgia and is a welcomed addition to this tiny town. Approximately 1,200 people came to view the hanger and participate in the grand reopening events. "I am so glad the museum moved to Rome," said Becky McAllister, a volunteer at the museum. "My husband and I would gladly make the trip up to Hixson to volunteer at the museum, but it is a lot easier to have it close by."

The highlight event at the grand reopening was a Torque vs Thrust demo preformed by driver Pete "Wheeler" O'Hare in the museum's Corvette and pilot Joel Megginson. Winning by a landslide, O'Hare demonstrated the Corvette could indeed outrace an aircraft.

Home Depot attended the reopening, providing craft activities for the younger crowd. The Museum of Flight greatly appreciates the help of all volunteers and all those who attended, making the Grand Reopening a huge success.





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# BTD-1 Updates

Thanks to the volunteers and staff who worked very hard over the past few months, the one-of-a-kind BTD-1 plane was ready for display just in time for the Grand Reopening.

Volunteer and Maintenance Coordinator, Justin Gross, not only traveled to New York to help move the plane to Rome, but also helped to reconstruct the BTD-1.

"Ignore my worn out weak smile, but I stopped by the museum and helped them install the prop on the BTD-1," said Gross, pictured in the upper right photo. "She's going to look good for the Grand Reopening if I have anything to do with it."

Many hours of work went into restoring the BTD-1 and preparing her for display. Due to the generous help from volunteers, the BTD-1 was ready for display on March 25, just in time for the Grand Reopening.



## T28 Alpha Prop Repair

Maintenance volunteer Larry Jarrett worked hard to complete a feat that is rarely attempted. Larry completely repaired and reconditioned the propeller for the T28 Alpha. This kind of craftsmanship is rarely seen today. Thank you Larry! Your handiwork is remarkable and greatly appreciated!



## Helicopter Display

Preparations have begun to build a helicopter pad which will display a H1 Huey or a UH-1 Huey helicopter right in the front of the museum. These helicopters were flown during the Vietnam War and will be a great addition to the museum.



## 2015/2016 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>OWNER</u>
<b>May 14</b>	Good Neighbor Days	PDK, Atlanta, GA	Pete O'Hare
<b>June 4-5</b>	Great Tennessee Air Show	Smyrna, TN	TBD
<b>July 3-4</b>	Independence Day Fly-In	Chattanooga, TN	TBD
<b>September 17</b>	LaFayette (Barwick County) Fly In	Lafayette GA	Pete O'Hare
<b>October 17-18</b>	Boshears Skyfest & Fly-in	Augusta, GA	Pete O'Hare
<b>October 29-30</b>	Wings Over North Georgia	Rome, GA	Pete O'Hare
<b>November 5</b>	Mess Night	TBD	Pete O'Hare
<b>November 17</b>	Toys for Tots	TBD	Christine Lewis

## LIFETIME MEMBERS

Jeanne & Tony Bass	Logan DeHart	Scott Murray
Shawn Barber	Peyton Dehart	Pete and Susan O'Hare
Voron Baughon	Ron Dobbs	Scott Pilkington Sr.
Jim Beaver	Scott Ducker	John Sullivan
Ernie Betancourt	Phil Gilliland	Stratton Tingle
Dr. Gary Caldwell	International Aviation Services	Wayne Vick
Phil Cataldo	Larry Jarrett	Brent Wade
Dr. Donald Chamberlain	Chris Keefe	David Wells
Nan Coddington	David Lawson	Jody Whitmire
Ronnie Cox	Christine Lewis	Ed Woods
Dr. James Creel	Frank Kalinowski	Jorge Verdias
Erich DeHart	Art Matthews	Judy Wilson
Don Shepard	Spencer Morgan	Doug Woodruff

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## Welcome New Family Lifetime Member: Don Shepard

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The Museum of Flight is excited to welcome a new Family Lifetime Member, Don Shepard. Don served twenty years in the Air Force as a mechanic and flight engineer. He also flew as a Lockheed Martin C-130J Super Hercules Production test pilot and was a Captain for the Atlas Air 747. Welcome, Don! We are ecstatic to add you as a member and volunteer!