



"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.

Open Hangar Gala

April 9, 2016

The Museum of Flight held its sixth annual Open Hangar Gala on April 9, 2016 at Wilson Air Center. Sunny 92.3's James Howard emceed the event. The Biba's restaurant and catering company provided a magnificent dining experience. Lastly, the Ladies of Liberty, reminiscent of the Andrew's Sisters, provided wonderful entertainment and music allowing guests to dance the night away.

One of the highlights of the evening was a special appearance by the 1954 P2V Neptune, used as an aerial fire fighter. Many guests were awed to be able to see this plane up close.

The gala included a silent auction and raised \$2,000, benefiting both the museum and the Erlanger Children's Hospital. The museum would like to thank all those who attended and participated in the silent auction.

The event, which was featured in Chattanooga's magazine, Chatter, was a huge success and many praises were heard from those in attendance.



Open Hangar Gala



James Howard, emcee, in the cockpit of the P2V Neptune.



The Ladies of Liberty



Chattanooga's magazine, Chatter, featured the Open Hangar Gala.



UTC ROTC Color Guard

Pepperell School Trip

Pepperell Middle School special needs class visited the Museum of Flight on April 22, 2016. Museum volunteers and members assisted in showing the class around the museum, allowing the children to learn about the wonder of flight. A special thank you to Joel Megginson, Don Trammel, KiWan Thrash, Shelly Ambler, Sean McAllister, Phil Gilliland and Christine Lewis for their assistance during the children’s visit.

“This was one of the most rewarding class trips I have done so far,” said Christine Lewis, Museum Director. “Some of them were so afraid to get in the airplanes and seeing their smiles when they accomplished beating their fears was awesome.”



Thunder in the Valley Air Show

The Museum of Flight made an appearance at the 2016 Thunder in the Valley Air Show in Columbus, Georgia on April 16-17. The warm spring weather and sunny skies provided a perfect environment for both pilots and air show enthusiasts alike. Pete “Wheeler” O’Hare, Shawn “Thud” Barber and Peyton “Ironman” DeHart participated in a stunning joint performance of Rescue at Dawn with the Army Aviation Heritage museum. This performance took the crowd straight into a rescue simulation completed during the Vietnam War. The simulation left many speechless as they watched the T-28’s fly in formation around the Huey Cobra helicopters.

The museum offered cockpit tours and a display of a variety of ammunition and other items used during the Vietnam War. Thunder in the Valley was great opportunity to share the museum’s love of aviation history with a variety of air show attendees. All who attended had a great weekend.



Pilot Pete “Wheeler” O’Hare waves for the camera.

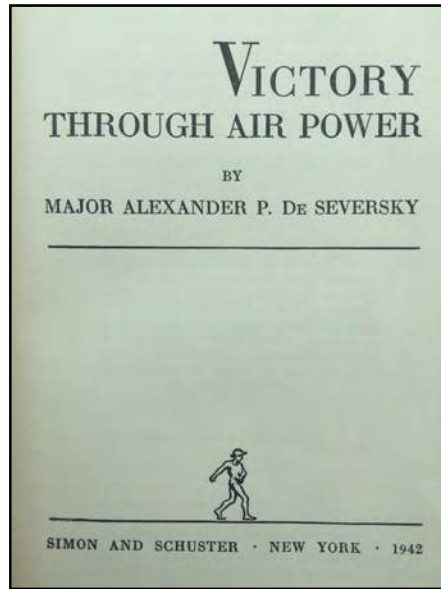
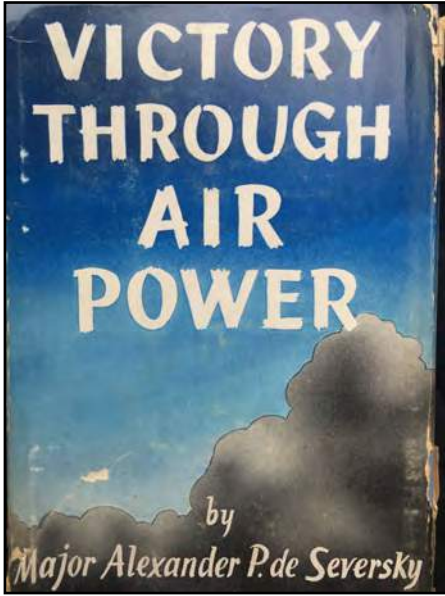


Museum member and communications assistant Katie Underdown poses with her father, Jim Underdown, during their tour of the T-28 Cockpit.



Victory Through Air Power

The Museum of Flight received a rare manuscript titled “Victory Through Air Power.” Lifetime member Mr. Wilson donated the manuscript. Written in 1942, shortly after the start of World War II, the manuscript is commonly known as the “Blueprint for winning World War II.” We greatly appreciate this donation and know it will make a wonderful addition to the museum.



C45 Wing Repair

Volunteer Larry Jarrett and his son Greg are currently working hard on repairing the C45 Wing. Over the past few weeks they welded the wing and plan to skin the wing the weekend of May 28-29. We appreciate all their excellent craftsmanship and dedication to the preservation and maintenance of our aircraft.



2015/2016 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>OWNER</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
Jan 5 - March 5	Aircraft Conditional & Annual Inspections	Rome Hangar	William Bannister	Complete
March 26	Grand Opening	Rome Hangar	Christine Lewis	Complete
April 9	Open Hangar Gala	CHA Wilson Air	Pete O'Hare	Complete
April 16-17	Thunder in the Valley Air Show	Columbus, GA	Pete O'Hare	Complete
May 14	Good Neighbor Days	PDK, Atlanta, GA	Pete O'Hare	Complete
May 30	Memorial Day Event	Coosa Valley Fairground	TBD	
June 4-5	Great Tennessee Air Show	Smyrna, TN	TBD	Canceled
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	

LIFETIME MEMBERS

Jeanne & Tony Bass	Logan DeHart	Scott Murray	Kim Watkins
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	

Welcome New Lifetime Member Kim Watkins!

Kim Watkins previously worked as a developer in Atlanta, Georgia and loves aviation. Kim was introduced to the Museum of Flight when he attended the Open Hangar Gala with lifetime member Scott Ducker. Needless to say, Kim was so impressed with our museum and it's mission that he decided to join as a life member! Welcome to our museum family, Kim! We are overjoyed to have you on board as a supporter.