



“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.

Flight line Fire Extinguisher

Donation

The National Commercial Aviation Museum in Atlanta donated a 1951 CO2 flight line fire extinguisher. With the help of David Ball, the fire extinguisher has been fully restored. The extinguisher would be used on or around the C45 in the 1950s. These two complementary pieces of technology work together to create a perfect replica of the period they belong to. They serve as a sort of time machine into aviation's past. The extinguisher acting as a reminder that safety is and always has been as big of a part of aviation as the aircraft themselves.



Greg Jackson Donates Paintings

Greg Jackson donated a painting of the 750 and the 751 that he himself painted. The painting depicts the aircraft soaring through the cloud-rimmed skies. Jackson's painting is just another testament to the members' wide variety of skills and talents. The painting will be a great addition to the ready room.



Open Hangar Gala

The annual open hangar gala was back and better than ever on April 15th with 216 guests in attendance. The evening had all of the great components of a perfect party; delicious cuisine catered by Bi Ba's, great music, and fabulous dancing. Although, the gala was more than a party. The silent auction raised \$3500 for the Ronald McDonald House, which will help keep sick and injured children together with their families when the children are in treatment. The beautiful and talented Ladies for Liberty also made an appearance. Yet, perhaps the highlight of the night was the appearance of the Mike Battery Marine Corps Unit.

The Mike Battery Unit lost four of their own at the hands of a terrorist on our home soil just over two years ago. A table at the gala was dedicated to the five servicemen we lost. In an example of the Marine's unwavering loyalty to protecting the people and the Constitution four marines demonstrated the traditional color guard formation evoking a tremendous sense of gratitude in all observers. In another testament to the Unit's bravery, a 152-millimeter Howitzer Iraqi-owned gun was captured by the Mike Battery Unit was on display during the gala. The Mike Battery Unit reminded all attendees that the reason that the museum is able to exist is because of the servicemen and women that dedicated their lives to protecting us.



The Mike Battery Unit and Ladies for Liberty.



Dancing by THE BEATERS and DJ & sound by Matrix Music



Thunder in the Valley Airshow

April 8th marked the beginning of the 20th Thunder in the Valley airshow. It was an action packed weekend in Columbus. The museum had the T-28A, T-28B, and the C-45 available for the public not just to view, but to crawl into the cockpits of the massive planes. Other exhibits included the Big Air Insanity FreeStyle Motorcross Team, Chris Darnell and the Shockwave Jet Truck, and the U.S. Air Force F-16 and Red Tail Squadron P-51 to name a few. The airshow drew a big crowd and was the perfect opportunity for the museum to engage with the public.



Captain USA with Peter O'Hare on the wing of the Museum of Flight's T-28.



The air boss' view of the Museum of Flight's lay out.



Army Recruits Attend

Thunder in the Valley Airshow

Recruits from Fort Benning in the midst of basic training took a field trip of sorts to the Thunder in the Valley Airshow. They enjoyed being able to sit in the cockpits of the aircraft, giving them a possible taste of the future. It is awe invoking to see young faces so excited about service.



This young man has been away from home for almost a year.

Happenings at the Museum



The flower ladies; Marliese, Chelsea, Amelia, and Karen set up for the gala.



Larry works on hanging the 751 engine.



Returning the C-1 COD home after the gala.

2017 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
March 11	Open House	Rome Airport	Complete
March 24-26	Airshow	Brunswick	Complete
March 31-April 1	Airshow	DeFuniak Springs	Complete
April 8-9	Airshow	Columbus	Complete
April 15	Open Hangar Gala	Rome Airport	Complete
June 10	Airshow	PDK Good Neighbor	Complete
September 23	Airshow	Lafayette, GA	
September 30	Airshow	Crossville, TN	
October 20-22	Airshow	Coosa Valley Fairground	

LIFETIME MEMBERS

Fred Amicangioli
 Capt. Don Bailey
 Shawn Barber
 George Barron
 Jeanne & Tony Bass
 Voron Baughon
 Jim Beaver
 Ernie Betancourt
 Bob Brodie
 Daniel Byrnes
 Dr. Gary Caldwell
 Phil Cataldo
 Dr. Donald Chamberlain.
 Nan Coddington
 Ronnie Cox
 Dr. James Creel
 Erich DeHart
 Logan DeHart
 Peyton Dehart
 William Diaz
 Charlie Dickens

Ron Dobbs
 Jack Douthit
 Scott Ducker
 Vance Engle
 Robert Fletcher
 Phil Gilliland
 James Green
 Larry Jarrett
 Jeffery Hatcher
 James Henthorn
 International Aviation Services
 Frank Kalinowski
 Chris Keefe
 David Lawson
 Christine Lewis
 Art Matthews
 Dawn Miller
 Spencer Morgan
 Scott Murray
 Pete & Susan O’Hare
 Scott Sr. Pilkington

Giovanni Pirozzi
 Gerad Riester
 Willard Robertson
 Don Shephard
 Woodrow Smith
 Sol Snyder
 Anthony Sommer
 John Sullivan
 Stratton Tingle
 Jorge Verdias
 Wayne Vick
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 David Wallace
 Kim Watkins
 David Wells
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 Jody Whitmire
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