



"READY ROOM"

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Our Mission is to increase the awareness of aviation through the flight of historic aircraft, while supporting the Anna Shaw Children's Institute.

Members and Friends,

Christmas is just around the corner and the New Year is right behind it. Where has the time gone? 2020 has been a challenging year but also a year of change. So much has been happening!

Much of the months of October and November were working toward the Heart for Heroes Festival at the Paulding County Airport. This soft opening of the inside displays had us scrambling to unpack boxes, build new displays, hang the pictures, wire the sound system, and figure out the various electronics. The amount of work needed to accomplish this transition totaled hundreds of man hours. An enormous thank you to everyone that pitched in.

The Heart for Heroes Festival was amazing. A steady stream of visitors, young and old, toured the inside and outside displays, learned about the aircraft and vehicles and took advantage of the cockpit tours.

Of course, stuff happens. We need to repair a part on the C-45. When dealing with vintage aircraft, it isn't just a trip to the auto parts store. The good news? It can be repaired. The bad news? This repair is estimated to be over sixteen grand. You heard that right. \$16,000.00. If you can help with a small or large donation, please take a moment mail a check to our office or make your [donation securely online](#). As always, it is tax deductible.

Our Safety & MX Stand Down starts in January so check out the dates on the calendar. Some interesting topics will be discussed. I also heard that dates are popping up for 2021 airshows. Keep your fingers crossed!

We are looking forward to a fresh 2021 with great expectations and hope. From all of us, we wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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Communications, MOF

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Museum: Airport
Parkway Dallas, GA
Open 10-4 (Tuesday -
Friday)

Appointments:
[\(423\) 228-2FLY](#)

Hangar: 304 Russell
Field Rd NE
Rome, Georgia 30165
423-228-2359

Office: 1824 E. Crabtree
Road, Hixson, TN 37343

Mascot: Quimby



Quimby oversees the team as they organize the displays.

Moving an F-14

By Peyton Dehart



Collecting and displaying aircraft in a museum setting are extraordinarily difficult activities that require the acquiring organization be well-versed in regulations and administrative oversight of former-military assets. Finding, requesting, negotiating and signing-for, are all parts of the collecting process. Displaying, in the right place, is a logistics exercise that requires movement of sometimes multi-ton, oversized aircraft significant distances from where they were found or obtained, to where they will be displayed. Addressing the "how do we get it from there to here?" question involves concerted effort from human muscle power integrated with heavy Material Handling Equipment (cranes, forklifts, flatbed trucks, bulldozers, graders and the like).

Museum Of Flight is practiced in acquisition and movement of aircraft to best accomplish the goals to: "increase the awareness of aviation through the flight of historic aircraft, while supporting the Anna Shaw Children's Institute."

From beginnings in Hixon, TN at Dallas Bay Airport (which it rapidly outgrew) to movement to Rome, GA (where it continued to grow in numbers of aircraft and in complexity of presentation display cases and use of mannequins), to current embarkation of assets by combination of trucking and self-powered movement to Paulding County Airport, the museum has served as a focal point of interest and education for every community it has called "home."

Trainer planes, warbirds, an attack helicopter, supporting ground vehicles, elaborate displays had all made the trip from Rome to Paulding by the middle of October, save one... the imposingly large and impressively heavy F-14 Tomcat that was moved from Richmond, VA to Rome two years earlier. It needed one more hop to get to Paulding on the 20th of October, 2020. The "need for speed" in the move process was replaced by the need for expert maintenance crew like Jeff Branch, John Ronkartz who worked on the Tomcat for 25 years and Gerry Fellows a senior Delta maintainer, to disassemble various large components from the jet at the point of origin, with reassembly at the new display location; all while keeping structural integrity of the airframe uncompromised and no one injured while working on or around the project bird. Once reduced to elements that have common names like wing, tail and fuselage, that can be lifted and moved separately, our expert logisticians Dave Biloz picked up the heavy metal objects by forklift and placed them on 18-wheeler tractor trailer rigs overseen by Sheridan Carter the driver.

Cradled and secure, the bird traveled decidedly slower down the road than the 1500 mph advertised top speed in flight. Once at Paulding, it was meticulously re-assembled by Gil Espy, Bill Smathers, Elizia Flessas, Jason Beaver, Anthony Diletti, Tim Herron, Richard Gonzolas, Terry Tibbets and others, restoring its' look as an icon of American military aviation power. Fierce and imposing where it sits, wherever it sits.

Events at the Museum

Holly Simmons and TJ Tucker install our signage from Blue Anchor Signs and Lighting for FL Graphics.



Building History Displays

With this new building, we have a very nice display area but it also is considerable work putting all the displays together. Everyone was hard at work but there was a lot of laughter and humor as well. *Image 1: Christine Lewis works to get the WWII dummy standing on his new shoes. Image 2: Volunteers help get the displays ready for the upcoming soft opening for the museum.*



Hearts for Heroes Festival

The Hearts for Heroes Festival was an opportunity to salute our veterans and first responders. It also was the first open event for our inside museum. Numerous people visited the displays and commented on the history that was presented. The “petting zoo” was open, cockpit tours were available, and our planes did a flyover for the event. It was the perfect opportunity to share the museum with the citizens of Paulding County.

Why I Love the Museum of Flight

Shared by Terry Tibbitts, Airport Director, Paulding Northwest Atlanta Airport

We woke up this morning with a shiny new Black Hawk under our Christmas Tree. Unfortunately, we can't keep it.



Last night [Oct. 27, 2020], the ANG had a maintenance issue and had to set down here. They called this morning asking for logistical support. One call to Pete O'Hare set things in motion and the museum made their Humvee available to the military to use as a tug so that they [could] reposition the Black Hawk over some of our heavier tie-downs for the coming storm.

Now for the rest of the story.

The guy that called this morning is the head of maintenance for all ANG units in Georgia and we had a great conversation about fueling them at night. It looks like we can work something out and David Ross is willing to shift to an evening shift when they are scheduled for fuel. Now that we can take the government air card, we may be in the military fueling business.

More to follow and a big thank you to our museum for being willing to help out!





2021 MOF Calendar

As we have learned in 2020, all events are subject to change

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
1/09	Safety & MX Stand Down - Controlled Flight Into Terrain (CFIT): Jim Brown	MOF - Paulding KPUJ
1/16	Safety & MX Stand Down - Aircraft Ground Handling/Tug Training: Pete O'Hare	MOF - Paulding KPUJ
1/23	Safety & MX Stand Down - History of The Museum's Aircraft: Gil Espy, Johnny Shook, Wain Bates	MOF - Paulding KPUJ
1/30	Safety & MX Stand Down - Airspace & FAR Review: Joel Megginson	MOF - Paulding KPUJ
2/06	Safety & MX Stand Down - Personal Protection Equipment (PPE): Ben Gilam	MOF - Paulding KPUJ
2/13	Safety & MX Stand Down - T-28A Engine/Prop: Kenny Thomas	MOF - Paulding KPUJ
2/20	Safety & MX Stand Down - All Pilot Training Session: Fred Amicangioli	MOF - Paulding KPUJ
2/27	Safety & MX Stand Down - Insurance: Pete O'Hare	MOF - Paulding KPUJ
4/17	Museum Gala	Paulding KPUJ
4/22 - 4/25	MCAS Beaufort Air Show	Beaufort, SC
5/14 - 5/16	Wings over Atlanta	Dobbins ARB
5/19 - 5/23	PDK Good Neighbor	DeKalb Peachtree (PDK)
6/4 - 6/6	Great TN Airshow	Smyrna, TN
6/12	Museum Fly-In	Paulding KPUJ
7/3	Pops on the River	Chattanooga, TN
7/15	Fallen 5	Chattanooga, TN
7/15 - 9/1	Mid-Season Maintenance and Projects every weekend	TBA
9/10 - 9/12	Crossville, TN Fly-In	Crossville, TN
11/4 - 11/6	NAS Pensacola	Pensacola, FL
11/12 - 11/13	Hearts for Heroes	Paulding KPUJ
12/4	Santa Flies into Dallas - KPUJ	Paulding KPUJ

Welcome

MOF Director Christine Lewis has a new Administrative Assistant. Please welcome Barb Letts to the MOF family.



LIFETIME MEMBERS

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George Barron
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Wain Bates
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Have a story to share? Maybe a bit of history? We would love to have you write it up for a future edition. Send the story and any pictures you wish to share to Becky McAllister, communications@mofts.org.