



“READY ROOM”

NEWSLETTER

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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.

Happy New Year!

2020 was difficult for the museum in many ways but we also had many bright moments and opportunities. Like many non-profits and museums, we have persevered and are happy to ring in the new year with hope for the future.

We started off the month of December saying farewell to our dear friend and longtime member, Tony Sommer. He has returned to his homeland, Australia. Thank you, Tony, for your years of dedication to the MOF. We wish the best as you settle in your new home.

Also, in December, the Museum of Flight Social was held and widely attended. The Hawaii themed afternoon featured the official ribbon cutting of the Paulding Airport museum display area, lots of Polynesian snacks and beverages and the wonderful [Ladies for Liberty](#). Quimby, always willing to meet and greet, made friends with attendees and canine pals alike.

We are so fortunate to have so many passionate people supporting the museum. We hope you will take the time to stop by the new facilities and enjoy the collections.

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

Appointments:
[\(423\) 228-2FLY](tel:4232282FLY)

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

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

Mascot: Quimby



MOF Sighting: 4077th M*A*S*H Beer



With the new facilities, each area is now dedicated to a specific war, event, person or equipment. In the Korean War (1950–1953) display, one of the featured items is a 6 pack of 4077th M*A*S*H Beer. Why, beer, you might ask?

A little background for those born after the 1970's. M*A*S*H is short for Mobile Army Surgical Hospital. The books, film, tv shows and play were loosely based on the historic 8055th MASH unit written as a semi-autobiography of Richard Hooker (the pen name for former military surgeon H. Richard Hornberger and writer W. C. Heinz). The popular tv series ran from 1972 to 1983, more than three times as long as the war it chronicled. The final episode in 1983 was the most watched in television history.

"You've gotta understand I'm not working on sick people here. I'm working on hurt young people, with essentially healthy bodies that have been insulted by ammunition." BJ

The beer brewed in the last 70's to early 1980's is now 40+ years old. Many were brewed by the James Hanley Brewing Co., Ft. Wayne, IN, while some others were brewed by Pearl Brewing Company, San Antonio, Texas. Both were subsidiaries of S&P Corp., along with Falstaff, General and later Pabst Blue Ribbon. The S&P breweries often brewed each other's brands.

M*A*S*H allowed a generation to see the war from a different side. Wikipedia states it well, "...to relieve the pressures of duty in a field hospital close to the front and the attendant horrors of war, the staff engage in humorous hijinks, frivolity, and petty rivalries off-duty."

"Don't mind Pierce and Hunnicutt, they're both first rate surgeons. Sure, they'll show up to role call in their bathrobes. They keep a still in their tent. Once they ran all my underwear up the flagpole. But I want you to understand it's an honor to serve with these men."
Margaret



The impact of this show was so significant, that two complete TV sets (The Swamp and the O.R.) plus hundreds of props are now at the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of American History. They were incorporated into an exhibit called "Binding up the Wounds" which was open from 1983 - 1985. When the exhibit closed, the sets were packed up and placed in storage. You can read more at the [Smithsonian Institution Archives](http://www.smithsonian.org/learningresources/exhibitions/binding-up-the-wounds/).

Events at the Museum

Saying Goodbye

We gathered at Sam’s in Armuchee to say goodbye to Tony Sommer and wish him the best as he moved back to Australia.

According to his Facebook page, Tony survived the two weeks of quarantine at the hotel and started the new year with his family.

He has started some new aviation adventures. Tony now lives near the Caboolture Warplane & Flight Heritage Museum, where he has already taken an active role as a docent.



Did you know? Our museum’s F-14 Tomcat called Sweet Little Miss, is one of the few remaining F-14 fighters. December 22, 2020 marked the 50th first flight anniversary. Sweet Little Miss was also the last Tomcat to land on an Aircraft carrier, specifically, the USS Theodore Roosevelt in the Atlantic Ocean. The F-14 was officially retired on Sept. 22, 2006, after 32 years of service to the fleet.

MOF Ribbon Cutting and Social Event

The afternoon started off with the presentation of a check for \$1500 to the Anna Shaw Institute. This money was raised at the Gala where items were auctioned off in a silent auction.

The official ribbon cutting of the MOF with the Paulding County Chamber of Commerce was held shortly afterwards.

Visitors enjoyed the beautiful voices of the Ladies for Liberty, browsed the historical collections and the “Wall of Fame” in the outer lobby and hallway.

Gifts were given to some of our docents, mechanics, pilots, and other volunteers. Meanwhile delicious Polynesian and Hawaiian hors d'oeuvres and drinks were served by Ole Tymer BBQ of Armuchee, GA.



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 - Rome
1/16	Safety & MX Stand Down - Aircraft Ground Handling/Tug Training: Pete O’Hare	MOF - Rome
1/23	Safety & MX Stand Down - History of The Museum’s Aircraft: Gil Espy, Johnny Shook, Wain Bates	MOF - Rome
1/30	Safety & MX Stand Down - Airspace & FAR Review: Joel Megginson	MOF - Rome
2/06	Safety & MX Stand Down - Personal Protection Equipment (PPE): Ben Gilam	MOF - Rome
2/13	Safety & MX Stand Down - T-28A Engine/Prop: Kenny Thomas	MOF - Rome
2/20	Safety & MX Stand Down - All Pilot Training Session: Fred Amicangioli	MOF - Rome
2/27	Safety & MX Stand Down - Insurance: Pete O’Hare	MOF - Rome
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



Saturdays at 11am EST, Garth Haver is presenting a weekly series called History of Flight. This will be broadcast live on the MOF Facebook page or you can attend in person and get a \$5 discount on your tour of the museum.



LIFETIME MEMBERS

Fred Amicangioli
Shawn Barber
George Barron
Jeanne & Tony Bass
Wain Bates
James Beaver
Ray Bell
Ernie & Nancy Betancourt
David Biloz and Family
Jay Bostic
James Brown
Ed Callahan
Thomas Calvanelli
Phil Cataldo
Dr. Donald H. Chamberlin
Nancy Coddington
Richard Dean
Peyton, Erich & Logan DeHart
Ron Dobbs
Scott Ducker
Mike Ellis
Vance Engle
Gil Espy
Jesse Evans
Rick Ferrin
Matt Fox

Ben Gillam
Deming Gray
James Greene
Bill Hall
Carson Hawkins
Rob & Cindy Henninger
Mark Homen
James Howard
Larry Jarrett
Dave Johnston
Chris Keefe
David Lawson
Greg & Jennifer Leach
Anne Lewinson
Christine M. Lewis
Arthur Matthews
Pamela McAllister
Rebecca & Sean McAllister
Rusty & Leigh Ann Miller
Spencer Morgan
Scott Murray
Tony Neal
Jeffrey Newcomb
Pete, Susan, Hanna &
Savannah O’Hare

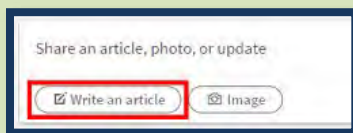
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Clarence Greer Parramore
Edward Perman
Susan Reed
Hollis Reese
Tim Rhyne
Gerad Riestler
Rob Riestler
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Peter Serodino
Dr. Daniel Serrato
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John Shook
Woodrow Smith
Sol Snyder
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Kerry Tidmore
Jorge Veridas
Wayne Vick
Alan Ware
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Gary Watson
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Brent Westfall
Terri & Doug Woodruff

BLUE SKIES AND FAIR WINDS Gone West

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Lloyd Blackwell
Dr. Gary Caldwell
Ronnie Cox
Dr. James Creel

Frank Davey
Jimmy Eskew
Frank Kalinowski
Mark McAllister
Grady McDowell
Patricia O’Hare

Richard Robinson
Conrad Schalk
Jasmine Sommer
Bill Wallace
Sylvia Wygoda



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.