

"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.

Members and Friends,

Happy Spring! This has been a busy month with the annual inspections wrapping up, the Safety Stand Down trainings, pilot meetings, tour groups and getting ready for air show season!

The Saturday mornings Facebook live events continue. A few of our volunteers have been sharing information about aviation history. Last month focused on Black History while this month has been Women in Aviation. Do you know Betty Gillies or Cornelius Coffey? If not, stop by our [Facebook page](#) to watch the archives.



11th Annual Open Hangar Gala

April 17, 2021 1800 - 2030 Dinner, Silent Auction, Dancing and More.

Tickets on Sale Now

Be sure to get your tickets for the upcoming Gala! Every year, we raise money for the Anna Show Children's Institute, recognize some of our members, eat, drink and... ok, it's trite... we have a great time. Pull out your cocktail dresses dust off those suits or your military dress and dance the night away! It's a great cause. Purchase your tickets through [Eventbrite](#), \$100 pp or \$800 for a table.

The museum is looking for someone to be the volunteer coordinator at the MOF. This is a volunteer opportunity for about 10 hours per week. If you are interested, head to [Facebook](#) and apply or contact the director, Christine Lewis.

Shopping on @eBay? Did you know you can now donate proceeds to the MOF? Favorite us to start supporting our cause! Check out our [auctions](#) or [other listings](#) that benefit the MOF. [#eBayforcharity](#)

See you at the Gala!

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[YouTube](#)

The inside aviation and military memorabilia and outdoor displays are open 10-4 (Tues-Sat) at the Paulding County Airport.

Paulding Co. Airport
730 Airport Parkway
Dallas, GA 30157

Tours of our flying aircraft in Rome (Richard B. Russell Airport) by appointment only. [\(423\) 228-2FLY](#).

Hangar: 304 Russell Field
Rd NE, Rome, GA 30165

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

Mascot: Quimby



Quimby provided emotional support while Dave put Bravo back in the hangar!

MOF Sighting: WWII VM40 German Gas Mask



This month we are looking at part of the WWII collection, a VM40 German Gas Mask. This was issued by the civil defense in Nazi Germany for the civilian population. The museum is privileged to have this unique mask and the German instruction manual on display.

The VM40 was a replacement of the VM37 (manufactured from 1937 – 1940) as rubber materials became scarce. The VM37 covered more of the head like a helmet. The VM40 was cheaper to produce since it used rubber straps, and later, cloth straps. Production of the VM40 began around 1940. It came in two colors, green and black. They used every rubber they could locate. It had a four-point harness to tighten the face shield to maintain a tight seal against the face.

This mask was made in various sizes, for children, women, men and oversized. The eye lenses are made of clear cellulose eye pieces and have discolored over time to yellow. Some eyepieces have been known to turn red over time. The protruding piece at the top between the eyes is a “flutter valve” for exhaling. While wearing the mask, the valve makes a fluttering sound. It has a rubbered inhale valve and a foam ring that helped dry the intake piece from moisture and condensation.



VM37 Gas Mask

The metal piece on the front is the filter that contained various blocking substances that would absorb the chemical agents. Don't try to use these filters. They had a shelf life of about 5 years and even stored would degrade and contain mold. Many have been found to contain asbestos causing wearers to die from pleural and peritoneal mesothelioma. It increased the rate of cancer by 2.5 to 3.2 times the normal incidences.

Included with the mask is the instruction manual. Deutsche Volksgasmaske means "German People's Gas Mask". The instructions give information on the different parts of the mask, how to wear and maintain it. Online you can [read](#) a very similar version of the VM40 manual that was translated by a German collector.

Be sure to look for our German gas mask next time you're at the museum.



Boy Scouts Visit Rome

The mission of the MOF is to increase awareness of aviation and what better way to make that happen than to provide tours of our flying aircraft to a local boy scout troop.

So glad you could visit!



Adult and youth groups are a great way to share the museum with our communities. Be sure to let groups know we are open and happy to share aviation.



Around the Museum

During the month of February, we had the Safety Stand Down classes, the All-Pilot Meeting and Orientation, plus our maintenance volunteers finished up the annual inspections. All these members are behind the scenes keeping our planes safe and flying. Meanwhile we have docents giving tours to individuals and groups, plus others helping with administrative work. Did you know you can participate in many of these activities? Become a [MOF member today](#).*

*For safety reasons, not all activities are available to junior members.



Ben Gillum's Safety Stand Down class on Safety and Safety Equipment.



Frank Fry and Dave Biloz work on replacing the rivets on the panel for the C45.



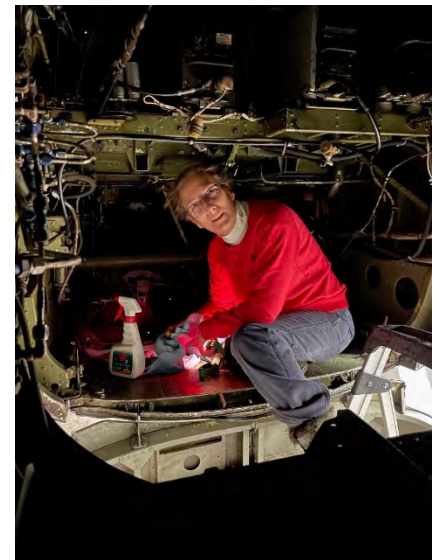
Scott Ducker, New Pilot Orientation



Servicing, cleaning, and lubricating the C45 for its annual inspection.



All Pilots Meeting



We are so lucky to have Christine! She does a great job as the executive director. She's also the only person that will fit inside the hell hole of the airplanes for service.



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2021 Gala Tickets

As you know, all entities have been hit hard due to COVID19, especially our Museum and the Anna Shaw Institute. Our annual Gala helps these two very important organizations. Order your tickets from [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com). \$100 per person, \$800 for a table. If you are unable to attend, your ticket can be donated, in your name, to Active-Duty personnel, Veterans, Law Enforcement, Firefighters, EMS personnel, etc.



Museum of Flight

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423.228.2FLY (2359)

Eleventh Annual Open Hangar Gala

TO BE HELD AT:



April 17, 2021

Dress:

- *Military Dress Mess or Dress Blue
- *Civilian Cocktail Attire
- *Museum Blazer & Tie

Reception

1800 - 1900



Silent Auction

1800 - 2030

Supporting the museum &
The Anna Shaw Children's Institute

The Main Event

1900

- > Invocation
- > USMC Color Guard
- > Brief Program
- > Dinner Catered by Old Quarter

Dance The Night Away

2000-2230

- > Dancing By THE BEATERS
- > DJ & Sound BY
Matrix Music



Let Us Capture You



In A WarBird Cockpit
Pictures by Amilia



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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 – <i>Purchase Your Tickets, TODAY!</i>	MOF 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



We have been making some changes to the website with more to come. It is now a secure website and you can also [renew your MOF membership](https://mofts.org) online or donate securely.

<https://mofts.org>



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
Andy Butler
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

John Osterhage
Clarence Greer Parramore
Edward Perman
Susan Reed
Hollis Reese
Tim Rhyne
Gerad Riester
Rob Riester
Brant Robinson
Karl Schwelm
Peter Serodino
Dr. Daniel Serrato
Don Shepard
John Shook
Woodrow Smith
Sol Snyder
John Sullivan
Kerry Tidmore
Jorge Veridas
Wayne Vick
Alan Ware
Kim Watkins
Gary Watson
John Webb
David Wells
Brent Westfall
Terri & Doug Woodruff

BLUE SKIES AND FAIR WINDS Gone West

Voron Baughan
Joan Beaver
Lloyd Blackwell
Dr. Gary Caldwell
Ronnie Cox
Dr. James Creel

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

Richard Robinson
Conrad Schalk
Martha Shook
Jasmine Sommer
Bill Wallace
Sylvia Wygoda
James Youngblood



Have a story to share? Maybe a bit of history? We would love to share your writing for a future edition. Send the story and any pictures you wish to share to Becky McAllister, communications@mofts.org.