



# "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,

What do you think of when you visit the Museum of Flight? How would you describe it to someone?

Personally, I love to see how people react to the unique aircraft and displays. Their eyes get wide to know that the BTD-1 is the only one of its kind. It is also unique since it was the first AND the last off the assembly line, and that assembly line featured many "Rosie the Riveters", women who stepped up and filled the positions that were traditionally a man's job before the war. How about the fact that our F-14, Sweet Little Miss, was the last one flown off an aircraft carrier. I heard some gossip recently that we may be adding a celebrity owned vehicle to our transportation collection. Well, if that happens, you will catch the news and pictures in a future newsletter.

I had the opportunity to bring a group of local photographers from Rome to the Aviation Experience where they took pictures of the vehicles, aircraft and the young model, Lilly, dressed in a costume hinting of the 1940s and "Rosie". If you have a group that wants to come out to learn about the museum, the planes, vehicles or inside displays, we have incredible docents willing to share their knowledge and sometimes even their firsthand experiences with young and old. Groups are very welcome to visit the museum, no matter what age. Just call ahead to let them know the plans so they can be prepared.

This newsletter is packed with local events and the ongoing hard work of our members keeping the planes and displays in good condition. As we get closer to some upcoming airshows (always subject to change, of course), our pilots are refreshing their skills for MCAS Cherry Point Airshow in September and Crossville Fly-in in October. It is exciting to get back to airshows and sharing our love of history and aviation beyond our local community.

Enjoy this month's newsletter!

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*The Rome Photo Club visited this month and had a photoshoot with the cute model, Lilly.*



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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](tel:4232282FLY).

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

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



*Quimby is ready for the Parade.*

Mascot: Quimby

## What Goes into a Repair?

Lots of hard work! When it is necessary to do a repair, sometimes it takes some real patience and finesse. This is where Brenda Gratz, Frank Fry and Demetri Gratz lend a hand in maintaining the aircraft and vehicles. Pictured, they are repairing some damage on the C-45 and getting it ready for the upcoming air shows. Good job!



## The Navy Inspections



Many of our aircraft are on loan from the Marines and the Navy. Recently Navy contractors visited the MOF to do an inspection of the BTD-1 and the T-34. We were thanked for our hospitality and said our aircraft are in the top 10% of the aircraft they inspect.


We want to thank Andrew Gratz with the help of Brenda and their son, Demetri. They led the charge in getting the aircraft ready for the inspection. Andrew is also coordinating with the painter for the BTD-1 new paint job!

Also, a big thank you to Pete O'Hare for the new canopy cover for the T-34.

## 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade

The MOF was invited to be in the the First annual Independence Parade in Dallas Georgia. Our very own, Johnny Shook, a WWII Veteran, was also part of the festivities along with Captain America!



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Did you make it to the parade in Dallas on July 3? If so, you may have seen Mr. Johnny Shook. Sandy, our VP of Operations said, "What an HONOR to escort this WWII Veteran in the First Annual Independence Parade in Dallas! Thank you for service Mr. Johnny. ❤️ 🇺🇸"



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# Around the Museum



*Gil and Sandy Espy did some much-needed work on the memorial gardens entrance to the Aviation experience*



*Preparing for the parade! What a great crew!*



*Future Paint Scheme for the BTD-1*



*Welcome Life Member, Harold Slemph.*



*Danny Camp's Gold membership photo and plaque are added to the gallery.*



## 2021 MOF Calendar

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

<b>DATE</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
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
5/14 – 5/16	Wings over Atlanta	Dobbins ARB
5/28 – 5/30	Museum Open House and Fly-In (Note fly-in date change)	MOF – Rome Hangar
7/3	Pops on the River	Chattanooga, TN
7/15 – 9/1	Mid-Season Maintenance and Projects every weekend	TBA
9/25-26	MCAS Cherry Point Airshow	Havelock, NC
10/2	Crossville, TN Fly-In	Crossville, TN
November	Member Mess Night	TBA
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

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## 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  
Danny Camp  
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  
Harold Slempe  
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](mailto:communications@mofts.org).