

“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,

How exciting that the MOF was able to finally display aircraft and ground transportation vehicles this weekend at the airshow at Cherry Point, North Carolina! The airshows expand our reach in sharing our mission to educate, raising funds and build relationships. Many don't realize that our membership is not localized. We have members throughout much of the southeast and occasionally from other regions of the United States.



The first airshow in more than a year for the MOF! MCAS Cherry Point North Carolina first Marine Corps air show since the COVID virus outbreak.

Did you see the new addition to the museum collection? On loan from Byron Clarke, we have a beautifully restored Chevrolet Jet A fuel truck that was owned by Howard Hughes. See more in this edition of the “Ready Room”.

Be sure to check out the weekly Facebook live from the museum. These short episodes are great for those that enjoy history. It is also a time to share with your family. Recently the topics have revolved around the Vietnam era with some fascinating information. All of the past shows are on the [MOF Facebook page](#).

The cooler weather arrived dramatically this year and these mild temperature days make it so nice to be outside. Plan a visit to check out the museum and the static displays or make an appointment to visit the Rome hangar and see our flying aircraft in the WWII hangar.

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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](#).

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

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



Quimby is checking out the new Howard Hughes fuel truck.

Mascot: Quimby

Howard Hughes Jet A Fuel Truck

By Becky McAllister

So, I received a call from our amazing director, Christine Lewis telling me about this new truck that was to be on loan to our collection! Unfortunately, she stated the wrong ‘double H’ named celebrity, and we mused a long-eared, bowtie bunny might be appropriate to be part of its artwork.

Thankfully, we were corrected in our thinking. 😊 This 1960’s Chevy was previously owned by movie and aviation mogul Howard Hughes.

We wish to give a huge thank you to Byron Clarke for loaning the Howard Hughes Jet-A fuel truck and to Johnny Hardy and [Hardy Chevrolet Buick GMC](#) for donating his time and truck to deliver it to the museum.



Display Pads at Paulding

A current project is creating display pads for our static display area. Nate and Dimetre worked hard creating a level surface while Quimby supervised.



Paulding County STEM Day

The museum was visited by students from five Paulding County High School, ranging from twenty to fifty students from each school!



Did you know?

T-34C “TURBO-MENTOR”

Though a thorough inspection of the T-34C aircraft’s log books will reveal where, and with whom, our bird served, the thumbnail sketch indicates that it was built in 1978. It ended its’ flying life and sat outside, with five other sister ships, on an out-of-the-way piece of flight line at Oceana.

So if it was a trainer aircraft, what was it doing at a front-line fighter base like Oceana? Three missions have been mentioned by those in the know. It was used for low-cost instrument check rides for Hornet pilots; at units that would have been hard pressed to accomplish that mission in their own single-seat F/A-18’s (with no place for the check pilot to sit). It was also used by pilots to refresh spin recovery techniques; again, tough, expensive and dangerous to perform in a Hornet but benign in a trainer plane. Lastly, they were used as safety observer aircraft on the bombing ranges Oceana squadrons use. As the jets would practice dive bombing a bulls-eye target, the T-34C would orbit the area at 10,000’. Any Hornet that descended below the T34C’s altitude would be commanded by radio to “knock it off,” discontinue the run and begin the recovery climb to their initial “perch” (the high altitude from which they dove).



2021 MOF Calendar

As we 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
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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Jay Bostic
James Brown
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Ed Callahan
Thomas Calvanelli
Danny Camp
Phil Cataldo
Dr. Donald H. Chamberlin
Nancy Coddington
Easy Cragg
Richard Dean
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Ron Dobbs
Scott Ducker
Mike Ellis
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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.