

# "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 New Year!

January is the month of resolutions and commitment. We are always asking for help with maintenance, docents, research and more. The Museum of Flight is predominantly a volunteer organization and to continue our ongoing mission, your hands, experience, and love of aviation is of value. Weekly, monthly, occasionally, you are part of the continued success of this organization. For those that already lend a hand, we can never truly thank you enough. Kudos!



It is with a heavy heart that we share the passing of [Johnny Shook, age 97](#). He was a MOF life member with of love of aviation. His passion for sharing his WWII experience and knowledge with both young and old museum visitors will be greatly missed. Be sure to check out the Member Spotlight in this issue, a reprint from a few years ago.

*Rebecca McAllister*

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Communications, MOF

The Amazon Smile logo, featuring the word "amazon" in black and "smile" in white on an orange background.

**FYI – Amazon Smile will end on February 20, 2023, but will accrue funds until that date so be sure to shop using Amazon Smile.**

Amazon Smile It is a simple way for you to support your favorite charitable organization every time you shop, at no cost to you. They will donate 0.5% of the purchase price from your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the Museum of Flight.

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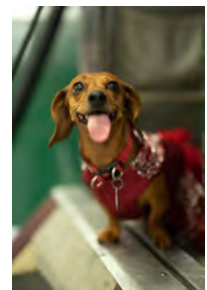
The inside aviation, military memorabilia and outdoor displays are open 10-4 (Tues-Sat) at the Paulding County Airport.

**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](#).

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

**New Office Address**  
7022 Shallowford Rd.  
Suite 1 #146  
Chattanooga, TN 37421



Mascot: *Quimby*

## Museum Donations



Matt Fox donated several items for our displays. Matt donated three gunner helmets from WWII that show the progression of the helmet’s improvements over time. He also donated an Iraqi mannequin in a full Iraqi uniform for our Desert Storm Display.



Tony Neal, one of our board members donated his Hummer!



## ICAS Convention

Every year, The ICAS (International Council of Air Shows) convention gives hundreds of air show professionals an opportunity to come together, network and share information. Great job, Joel Megginson and Pete O'Hare for taking classes and promoting the museum at our conference booth and scheduling our upcoming airshow season!



## Donate!

Donate  
Now!

*Your donations help teach children about aviation and bring like-minded adults together.* Purchase a membership for a gift, help the Raise the Roof Campaign or help with the general budget. You can make your tax-deductible donation [online](https://mofts.org) or drop a check in the mail to the Museum of Flight, 7022 Shallowford Road, Suite 1 #146, Chattanooga, TN 37421

# Museum Happenings

Winter maintenance run up, compression test and oil change on the Alpha, December 10, 2022. We truly appreciate our volunteers that help with maintaining these aircraft.

(Pictured: Jason Beaver, Gil Espy and Frank Fry)





# GALA 2023: Note the Date Change!

Purchase your tickets, today! <https://ticketstripe.com/MuseumGala>



*Museum of Flight*

423.228.2FLY  
[www.MOFTS.org](http://www.MOFTS.org)

**SAVE THE DATE:**  
**April 29 (new date!)**



**OPEN HANGAR GALA**

**WHEN:** Saturday, **April 29**, 2023  
**WHERE:** Museum Hangar (RMG)  
 304 Russell Field Rd. Rome GA 30165  
**TICKETS:** [www.ticketstripe.com/museumgala](http://www.ticketstripe.com/museumgala)



# Safety & Maintenance Stand-down Schedule

1000 – 1600 Each Saturday & Sunday from December 3 (except 24 & 31) – February 25, 2023  
Meeting called by Museum Manager

Attendees: All Museum Members and Guests

Please read: Read Ahead Documentation Provided by Instructors

Please bring: Happy, Fun Personality & Willingness to Learn & Work **NO GROUCHES ALLOWED**

1000 – 1130	Aircraft Maintenance	CLASSROOM SATURDAY NLY
1130 -1245	Burger burn, pizza party, pulled pork, etc. Museum Director, Christine Lewis classroom instruction –see schedule below Designated instructor	READY ROOM SATURDAY & SUNDAY
1200-1600	Aircraft Maintenance Frank Fry	HANGAR SATURDAY & SUNDAY

*CLASSROOM SCHEDULE \* subject to change \**

Date	Class	Instructor
December 03	Personal Protective Equipment	Pete O'Hare
December 10	Ground Support & Hand Signals	Gil Espy/Jason Beaver
December 17	TBA	Scott Ducker
January 07	TBA	Jess Evans
January 14	TBA	TBA
January 21	Airshow Ground Operations	Dave Biloz
January 28	Aircraft Passenger Safety Brief	Pete O'Hare
February 04	TBA	TBA
February 11	Facility Safety & Security	TBA
February 18	Fire Suppression	Jim Emerson
February 25	Mandatory Pilot Briefing	Mike Etlinger



## Member Spotlight: Johnny Shook

Reprinted from Volume 7: Issue 5

Each newsletter will now feature a member spotlight. No one deserves to be featured more than Johnny Shook, one of the most familiar faces seen around the museum. From a young age, Mr. Shook familiarized himself with both bravery, and sacrifice for country. A month short of turning eighteen Mr. Shook took the Army’s cadet exam, he passed on the spot and began training for the aviation cadet program, part of which included ten weeks at the University of North Carolina for college training. But Shook found himself blindsided, just after the United States gained control of France the cadet program was cut. Shook knew that because his position was cut, there was a probability that he would be moved to infantry, but Mr. Shook has loved aviation since he was old enough to fly a model plane. Shook approached his colonel, offering to act as a gunner. The colonel accepted his proposition since there was a heavy need for gunners in the invasion of Japan.



*Shook supervises maintenance on the T-28.*

Mr. Shook had to complete another training program to qualify for the position. On one of Shook’s first flights as gunner, Colonel Tibbets dropped the Atomic Bomb. His major made the announcement over the plane’s intercom, and the flight was immediately directed to return to the base. Mr. Shook has experience in a variety of aircraft. He flew in the beast known as the T-6 during the aviation cadet training program. Although, he didn’t complete training in it he was familiar enough with it to know that he loved it. He also flew in the BT-13, which looks like the T-6, but is less practical because of its sixth gear. As Shook recalls its sixth gear makes it operate like a flying washing machine.



*The BT-13*

Yet, Shook had a booming career outside of the Army. A talented trumpet player, he made all-state the spring before he joined the Army. Even once he joined the Army, every base had an off-duty band that was usually staffed with musicians from big named bands that had enlisted. This is where Shook says he really learned to love jazz. He promised himself that once he got out of the Army, he would tour as a professional trumpet player, and he did just that, touring from 1946 to 1953.

He returned from war and immediately went on the road. He began playing jazz for names like John Edward, Jimmy Dorsey, and Tommy Dorsey. It wasn’t until he met his wife that he decided to stop touring and put roots down. He became a teacher and taught for over thirty years, he spent twelve years teaching in Alabama, twelve years at West Rome High school, before opting for a change and teaching seven years of theater school. One of his former students is a professor of music at Berklee in Boston and even toured with Natalie Cole on her last tour. Although Shook was busy teaching music he never stopped playing it. He played in both a Georgia band called the Georgians and our local Rome Symphony for over forty years.

## Member Spotlight: Johnny Shook (continued)

Now ninety-two years old Shook continues to live a life full of action and adventure. After attending the Rome air show last fall, he immediately became a member at our Museum of Flight. He can be seen many Thursdays out at the museum giving tours to guests and visitors. Maybe it's just in his blood? After all, a man that rode his motorcycle through every US state and Canadian province must live for adventure.



As the family received guests, a guard was posted casket side. Mr. Shook was buried in his MOF flight suit and wearing his veteran hat.

Johnny was an integral part of the MOF family, and we were blessed to have him as part of the team, volunteering regularly and sharing his experiences with young and old.

Until we meet again...

[Obituary for John Hiram Shook](#)







Tickets for the Open House can be purchased online -  
<https://ticketstripe.com/MuseumOpenHangar>



# Museum of Flight



## SATURDAY

## MAY 20, 2023

### WARBIRDS



- MUSEUM TOURS
- MILITARY VEHICLES
- SPECIAL EXHIBITS
- FOOD
- ACTIVITIES
- SPECIAL GUESTS



### THRUST VS TORQUE DEMO



SEE A  
CAR  
RACE  
A  
PLANE

### HUEY & COBRA RIDES



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## 2022 Calendar of Events

*All dates are subject to change. Check future newsletters for additional events.*

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
April 21-23	MCAS Beaufort Airshow	MCAS Beaufort, SC
April 29	Open Hangar Gala	Rome, GA
May 20	Museum Open House	Rome, GA
June 17	Calhoun Fly-In	Calhoun, GA
August 10 - 15	American Legion World Series Fly-bys	Shelby, NC
October 6	Crossville, TN Fly-In	Crossville, TN
October 14	London Corbin Fly-In	London-Corbin, KY
October 21	Murder Mystery Dinner	TBA
<b><i>There are more dates in the works, so check back next month.</i></b>		

**– New MOF BANSHEE T-Shirts in Stock –**

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## LIFETIME MEMBERS

Fred Amicangioli  
David Ball  
Shawn Barber  
Paul Barnett  
George Barron  
Jeanne & Tony Bass  
Wain Bates  
James Beaver  
Jason Beaver  
Brayden Becker  
Ray Bell  
Ernie & Nancy Betancourt  
David Biloz & Family  
Jason Bostic  
Mark & Sam Brereton  
James Brown  
Andy Butler  
Ed Callahan  
Thomas Calvanelli  
Danny Camp  
Anthony Carson  
Phil Cataldo  
Dr. Donald H. Chamberlin  
Keith Clingan  
Nancy Coddington  
Brendon Connor  
Easy Cragg  
Richard Dean  
Erich DeHart  
Logan DeHart  
Peyton Dehart  
Ron Dobbs  
Scott Ducker  
Thomas & Barbara Ducker  
Mike Ellis

Vance Engle  
Gil Espy  
Jesse Evans  
Rick Ferrin  
Matt Fox  
Frank Fry  
Benjamin Gillam  
Richard Gonzalez  
James Greene  
Richard Hafner  
William Hall  
Carson Hawkins  
Robert & Cindy Henninger  
Tim Herren  
Mark Homen  
James Howard  
Jarid Ison  
Dave Johnston  
Christopher Keefe  
Carrol "Chip" Lamb  
David Lawson  
Greg and Jennifer Leach  
Anne Lewinson  
Christine M. Lewis  
Arthur Matthews  
Kent Matthews  
Pamela McAllister  
Rebecca & Sean McAllister  
Joel Megginson  
Russell & Leigh Ann Miller  
Spencer Morgan  
Scott Murray  
Tony Neal  
Jeffrey Newcomb

Peter, Susan, Hanna & Savannah  
O'Hare  
John Osterhage  
Clarence Greer Parramore  
Edward Perman  
Susan Reed  
Ben Rees  
Hollis Reese  
Tim Rhyne  
Gerad Riester  
Rob Riester  
Brant Robinson  
Karl Schwelm  
Peter Serodino  
Dr. Daniel Serrato  
Don Shepard  
Harold Slemple  
Woodrow Smith  
Sol Snyder  
Cooper Stewart  
Tim Stoker  
John Sullivan  
Kenny Thomas  
Kerry Tidmore  
Stratton Tingle  
Jorge Verdias  
Wayne Vick  
Alan Ware  
Kim Watkins  
Gary Watson  
John Webb  
David Wells  
Brent Westfall  
Doug & Terri Woodruff

## Gone West

Voron Baughan  
Darrell Baxter  
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  
Lois and Richard Robinson

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