

"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,

The weather is expected to be 98° today, so I am grateful to sit her in my air-conditioned office writing this current issue of the "Ready Room", now in the middle of its 13th year of publication.

There have been several writers, editors, and contributors of this newsletter, from Joan Beaver to Savannah O'Hare. Contributors like Payton Dehart and Mark McAllister added a special touch over the years. Check out my musings in this edition, looking at the vision and beginnings of the museum. How far we have come since then!

At Pete O'Hare's visitation, it was like old home week with faces I haven't seen in years, so many friends and acquaintances from Hixson, Rome, Paulding, all came together to pay tribute to a fine man that shared a vision.

We are still in need of docents, once a month? Once a week? Once in a while? Your participation is important to the mission of the museum.

Rebecca McAllister

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Communications, MOF

Peter O'Hare: Interment at Arlington National Cemetery

Due to Marine Corps support issues the funeral for Peter O'Hare had to be changed to **September 20, 2023 at 11 AM.**

Details for hotels etc. will be updated as soon as Susan has had a chance to make the necessary changes. If you wish to be notified of further details, please contact Christine Lewis director@mof.ts.org or Becky McAllister, communications@mof.ts.org.



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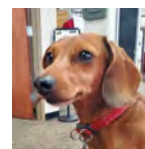
The inside aviation, military memorabilia and outdoor displays are open 10-4 (Tues-Sat) at the Paulding County Airport.

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](tel:4232282FLY).

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

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



Mascot: *Quimby*

A Bit of Museum "Memory Lane"

by Becky McAllister



Archived Ready Room newsletters dating back to 2013 can be found on the [MOF website](#). As I was putting this newsletter together, I went back to browse some of the information of the past, feeling a bit nostalgic after Pete O'Hare's visitation where I greeted people I hadn't seen in years, all joined together to honor a man who was an integral part of the museum's history, a Marine, a husband, father, and friend to so, so many.

About 10 years ago, my husband, Mark and I joined the Hixson Flight Museum at the Rome Air Show. The museum facilities were in Hixson, TN at the time, and Mark was thrilled to be around the aircraft and spend time with aviation enthusiasts.

How time flies with memories of our first visit to the Hixson hangar and my first interaction with Pete O'Hare who handed over the website to me within the first hours of meeting us, and our subsequent training to docent under the tutelage of Jim Beaver.

As I browse through these old editions, I read (in the July 2014 issue) about the humble beginnings of the museum and the initial restoration of a 1958 Apache which started the idea of the museum, later to be followed by the T-28B. A 1946 Taylorcraft was discovered in a barn in Iowa, while a "project plane" the 752 was recovered in pieces and assembled in July 2012. June 2013 added the T-34C, which was recovered from NAS Oceana. The first hints of the BTD-1 were mentioned in the July 2014 issue which was delivered to Rome on September 24, 2015, in a few pieces. As the years progressed, the membership grew.

Browsing through more editions, I remember the move to Rome (which made us, personally, very happy to have the museum in our "backyard"), the F-14 Tomcat found at the Virginia Aviation Museum, adding Paulding to the locations during COVID with the outdoor display area, playfully called "the petting zoo".

More members, more tours, airshows, and fly-ins, we have come a long way. The future is bright and I for one, look forward to what the future holds for this unique, flying museum with its incredible displays, historic aircraft, vehicles, and most of all, the people that make up the membership and support of the ongoing efforts of the Museum of Flight.

MOF Special Visitors

The Villa Rica Parks and Rec summer camp visited the museum for a tour, and a Special Needs group from Polk County enjoyed the hands-on opportunities.



Peter O'Hare's Celebration of Life

Pete's Celebration of Life was full of sadness, celebration, and many memories. The family graciously hosted friends from all walks of life; friends of the family, Marines, and Museum members from Hixson, Rome, and Paulding filled the rooms and flowed into the central hall. Museum members were invited back to the home of Director Christine Lewis, where they raised their glasses and shared their stories and adventures involving Pete. He lived a life filled with impact, you are missed, Pete "Wheeler" O'Hare!



Wings and Wheels, Calhoun

A big thank you to the volunteers that handled the Wings and Wheels Fly-In Event: Dave Biloz and Naji Cooke flew the T-28, while Jason Beaver, Gil, and Sandi Espy helped with tours and providing information.



Tim Godbee, [Calhoun Times](#) (Used with permission)

2023 Calendar of Events

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
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
<i>All dates are subject to change. Check future newsletters for additional events.</i>		



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