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Our Mission is to increase the public's awareness of aviation through the flight of historical aircraft, while supporting our local children's hospital.

The Georgia Blues Brothers

The Museum of Flight team works hard and plays hard. September was a hectic month filled with a nearly unsurmountable list of things to do. The Museum of Flight members decided to take a much-deserved break and enjoy a show by the Georgia Blues Brothers. The band features one of our very own, Joel Megginson. When Joel isn't occupied with the duties of a Museum of Flight pilot and lifetime member, he can be seen front and center in the band. The band is a Blues Brothers Tribute act based in North Georgia who has performed for over 20,000 people. Megginson's talent is a testament to the wide range of abilities and interests that our team encompasses.

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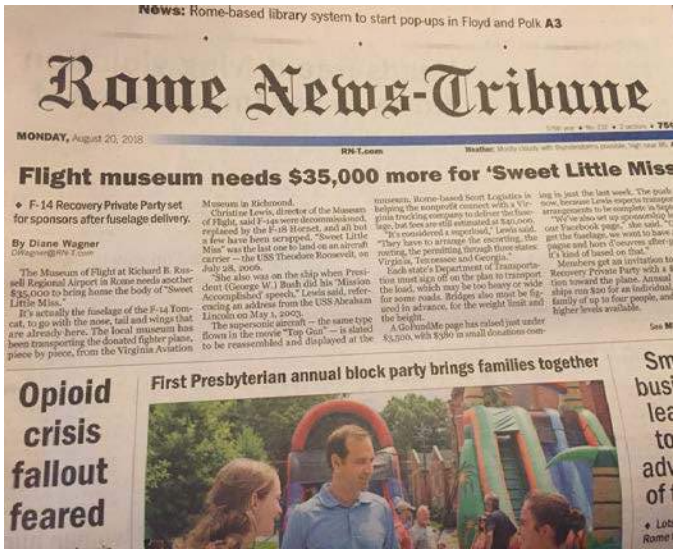
F-14 Tomcat Update!


News: Rome-based library system to start pop-ups in Floyd and Polk A3

Rome News-Tribune

MONDAY, August 20, 2018

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Flight museum needs $35,000 more for 'Sweet Little Miss'

F-14 Recovery Private Party set for sponsors after fuselage delivery.

By Diane Wagner

The Museum of Flight at Richard B. Russell Regional Airport in Rome needs another $35,000 to bring home the body of "Sweet Little Miss."

It's actually the fuselage of the F-14 Tomcat, to go with the nose, tail and wings that are already here. The local museum has been transporting the donated fighter plane, piece by piece, from the Virginia Aviation Museum in Richmond.

Christine Lewis, director of the Museum of Flight, said F-14s were decommissioned, replaced by the F-18 Hornet, and all but a few have been scrapped. "Sweet Little Miss" was the last one to land on an aircraft carrier — the USS Theodore Roosevelt, on July 28, 2006.

"She also was on the ship when President (George W.) Bush did his 'Mission Accomplished' speech," Lewis said, referencing an address from the USS Abraham Lincoln on May 1, 2003.

The supersonic aircraft — the same type flown in the movie "Top Gun" — is slated to be reassembled and displayed at the museum. Rome-based Scott Logistics is helping the nonprofit connect with a Virginia trucking company to deliver the fuselage, but fees are still estimated at $40,000.

"It's considered a superload," Lewis said. "They have to arrange the escorting, the routing, the permitting through three states: Virginia, Tennessee and Georgia."

Each state's Department of Transportation must sign off on the plan to transport the load, which may be too heavy or wide for some roads. Bridges also must be figured in advance, for the weight limit and the height.

A GoFundMe page has raised just under $3,500, with $380 in small donations coming in just the last week. The push now, because Lewis expects transport arrangements to be complete in Sep

"We've also set up sponsorship for our Facebook page," she said. "

get the fuselage, we want to have

plaque and hors d'oeuvres after

It's kind of based on that."

Members get an invitation to Recovery Private Party with a

tion toward the plane. Annual

ships run $20 for an individual

family of up to four people, and

higher levels available.

Opioid crisis fallout feared

First Presbyterian annual block party brings families together

MUSEUM

From A1

A $250 donation for "Sweet Little Miss" gets your name or company logo in the gala program. For $500, you also get a plaque and $1,000 gets you both of those, plus an invitation to the party.

Established in 2010, the Museum of Flight is still growing, Lewis said. In addition to a collection of historic flight and military memorabilia, it has several planes restored to fly, a M38A-1 Jeep and a tug. Among the planes housed in the hangar and on the grounds are a 1943 BTD-1 Destroyer, a T-28 Trojan Alpha Model, a 1984 Glasair pre-molded composite kitplane and a Beechcraft C-45.

Hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sundays from 1 to 4 p.m.

Peyton DeHart, vice president of the Museum of Flight's board of directors, disconnects the electrical and hydraulic lines on the wings of the F-14 Tomcat "Sweet Little Miss" at the Virginia Aviation Museum in Richmond in May.

F-14 mechanics and Museum of Flight members John Ronkartz (from left), Jeff Branch and Mark Steigler take the wings off "Sweet Little Miss" in Richmond for delivery to the museum at Richard B. Russell Regional Airport in Rome in this May 2018 photo. / Submitted

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The museum is closer than ever to having "Sweet Little Miss" here at home, but we still need another $35,000 to cover the transportation of the fuselage. The good news is our mission has gained more traction than ever. After a front page feature in the *Rome News-Tribune* donations continue to be made on the GoFundMe page. Read the full article here. The museum will also be throwing a **Members' Only F-14 Recovery Private Party**. The $50 cover charge will help to cover the cost of transportation. A $250 donation for "Sweet Little Miss" gets your name or company logo in the gala program. For $500, you also get a plaque and $1,000 gets you both of those, plus an invitation to the party. More information can be found below.

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Members' Only Private Recovery Party

Our newest recovery project is so close to completion, we have the wings, now we need the fuselage. The fuselage measures 22 ft. wide, it qualifies as a super-load. It will need to travel through three states, with police escort, before it arrives at the Museum of Flight. We have yet to meet our goal to bring it to Rome, which is an estimated $30,000 for the transportation. **Can you help?**

We are looking forward to a **Private Recovery Party** for our donors! What a night it will be, knowing you played a part in the recovery of this special addition to the MOF collection. The date will be TBD based on the delivery date of the F-14. **So don't wait to donate!**

For existing members, a donation of **$50** grants admission to the F-14 Recovery Private Party but we also have some other donation levels that will bring the F-14 to our doors just a little bit quicker. This is perfect for the local community to get involved, so please share and let others know of this special project.

$250 - Will get your name and/or company logo in the F-14 sponsor ad in Gala program
$500 - Will get your name/company name on a plaque, and your name and/or logo in the F-14 sponsor ad in gala program
$1,000 - Will get you all the above, plus admission to the F-14 Recovery Private Party

You can donate through our GoFundme Page or contact the new development director, JC at 423-800-3455 or at development@mofts.org to make your donation today!

Fly-in Pancake Breakfast

The Museum of Flight fly-in pancake breakfasts offer an opportunity for aviation enthusiasts to share their stories and learn from each over pancakes and bacon. As word has gotten, out we have seen more and more new faces taxing down the runway. It is an exciting opportunity to spread our mission far and wide. Don't forget to join us the fourth Saturday of every month.

The Upcoming Balloon Fest September 14-15

The Museum of Flight is partnering with the Rome Balloon Festival on the 14 & 15 of September at the Rome Airport, 304 Russell Field RD. This is going to be lots of fun! We are expecting 20,0000 people in attendance, and there are lots of opportunities for you to participate. People are needed to do everything from working with the balloon pilots as part of the flight crew, to information, to safety and security.

An added bonus is that if you participate as a volunteer you will have free access to the event. Signing up is on a first come first serve basis. The Balloon Fest needs 100 volunteers to make this event a success, they are asking the museum to provide at least 10 volunteers for Friday and Saturday. Please contact Shelly Ambler at amblerfam21@bellsouth.net if you are interested.

There are also amazing opportunities for sponsors, like local business owners, to generate awareness, with some fun added perks. To learn more about sponsorship contact the museum development director at development@mofts.org

Sponsor Packages

Bronze

$300 Sponsor fee includes: 1 Hot Air Balloon Ride, Company Brand on all Social Media Advertising.

Silver

$600 Sponsor fee includes: 2 Hot Air Balloon Rides, Company Brand on all Social Media Advertising, Company Brand on Website.

Gold

$1500 Sponsor fee includes: 4 Hot Air Balloon Rides, Company Brand on All Print Advertising, Company Brand on All Social Media, Advertising Company Brand on all Radio Advertising, Company Brand on Website, Company Brand Announced All Day on PA System Free Parking, Free Admittance for 4 Access to VIP Tent With Free Food & Drink.

Moon Glow Sponsor

$3000 Sponsor fee includes: 6 Hot Air Balloon Rides, Company Brand on All Print Advertising, Company Brand on All Social Media Advertising, Company Brand on all Radio Advertising, Company Brand on Website, Company Brand Announced All Day on PA System, Free Parking, Free Admittance For 10 people Access to VIP Tent With Free Food & Drink, Announcement Honoring Company Before GLOW! Premier Sponsor $5000 Sponsor fee includes: 8 Hot Air Balloon Rides, Company Brand on All Print Advertising Company, Brand on All Social Media Advertising, Company Brand on all Radio Advertising, Company Brand on Website, Company Brand Announced All Day on PA System, Company Brand Placement Throughout Festival, Company Branded VIP TENT for Balloon Pilots & Media VIP Tent Sponsorship Includes Lunch & Dinner Catering, Free Parking & Admittance For 20 People, Company Information/Sales Booth in VIP Tent.

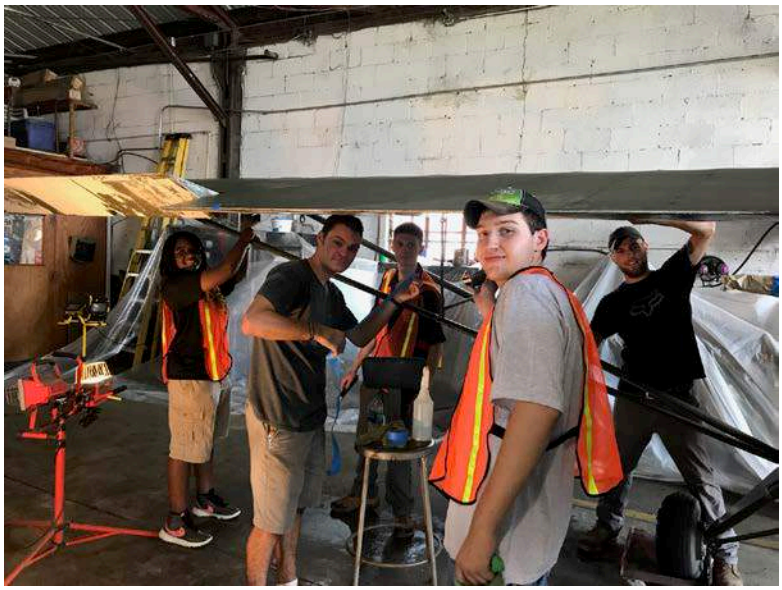
Happenings around the Museum

The Tesla charging station is the secret Museum of Flight celebrity. Although most come to celebrate our warbirds, the Tesla charging station is starting to attract an audience of its own. Travelers and locals alike can be seen exploring the MOF collection while waiting for their vehicles to charge

The Museum of Flight team is expanding, helping to meet the ever growing list of to-dos. Our Newsest member, Anthony Diletti, is working on his A&P, and has already played a major role in the Taylorcraft remodel. We cannot wait to see the great things that Anthony is going to do!

The Rosie the Riveters and the Floyd County master gardeners met on National Rosie Day to discuss roses and American heroism.

It has taken a village to begin the laborious process to restore the Taylorcraft to a L2 Grasshopper. Thanks to; Ashley Kanga, Ian Crow, Bryson Partin of the Sequoyah AF ROTC, Anthony Delietti, Sturges Creamer and many others the process is already well underway.



Museum Spotlight: Old Tymer BBQ

Ole Tymer BBQ has been a staple in Rome for decades. Georgia takes its barbeque seriously, anything less than the best won't make the cut. Ole Tymer BBQ has attracted a cult following, as it has set the bar for authentic southern barbeque. Yet, the restaurant and its team don't just serve up delicious food, they also have a heart for giving back to their local community. They epitomize a business with a cause.

The museum was honored to be able to help the restaurant celebrate the restaurant's 34th anniversary. The owner, Julie, hosts a charity fundraiser at the event every year. This year the museum was lucky enough to receive some of that generosity.

Pictured above & right: Ole Tymer BBQ's 34th anniversary fundraising party.

Next time you find yourself hungry in Rome, look to Ole Tymer BBQ. Conveniently located at 1000 N Broad St. it is the only place other than home where you can find true southern home cooking. To schedule catering for your next business meeting, birthday, or family reunion call 7062348000. Old Tymer BBQ has been an adamant support of the museum, and we love to support those who support us. Tell them the Museum of Flight sent you!

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	STATUS
January 1	Ground Handling Ops- Pete O'Hare	Museum	**Complete**
January 13	Airport Operations- Mike Mathews	Museum	**Complete**
January 20	Mishaps Lessons Learned- Gerad Riestar	Museum	**Complete**
January 27	Pancake Breakfast & Safety Videos	Museum	**Complete**
February 3	Safety Standdown	Museum	**Complete**
February 10	Safety Standdown	Museum	**Complete**
February 17	Safety Standdown	Museum	**Complete**
February 24	Pancake breakfast & Mandatory Pilot Meeting for all Pilots flying in 2018	Museum	**Complete**
March 3	Safety Standdown	Museum	**Complete**
March 10	Safety Standdown	Museum	**Complete**
March 17	All Hands on deck for upcoming Airshow	Museum	**Complete**
April 7-8	Thunder in the Valley Airshow	Columbus, GA	**Complete**
April 14	Museum of Flight Gala	Museum	**Complete**
April 28	Pancake Fly-in Breakfast	Museum	**Complete**
April 28-29	Joint Base Charleston Expo	North Charleston, SC	**Complete**
May 19	Good Neighbor Day Fly-in	KPDK	**Complete**
May 26	Pancake Fly-in Breakfast	Museum	**Complete**
TBD; May/June	Airshow	Calhoun	**Complete**
June 2	Museum Open House	Museum	**Complete**
June 23	Pancake Fly-in Breakfast	Museum	**Complete**
July 28	Pancake Fly-in Breakfast	Museum	**Complete**
August 25	Pancake Fly-in Breakfast	Museum	**Complete**
September 14-15	Balloon Festival	Richard B. Russell	
September 15-16	Owensboro Airshow	Owensboro, KY	
September	1970s Hangar Dance	Rome, GA	
September 22	Pancake Fly-in Breakfast	Museum	
~~**September 22**~~	~~Fly-in~~	~~Lafayette, GA~~	**Cancelled**
September 29	Fly-in	Crossville, GA	
October 13-14	Wings Over North Georgia Airshow	Rome, GA	
October 27	Pancake Fly-in Breakfast	Museum	
October 27-28	NAS Jax Airshow	Jacksonville	
November 3	Toys for Tots & Mess Night	Museum	
November 24	Pancake Fly-in Breakfast	Museum	
December 29	Pancake Fly-in Breakfast	Museum	

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