



# “READY ROOM”

## NEWSLETTER

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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.*

### ‘Sweet Little Miss’ Gets Her Wings

Sweet Little Miss got her wings! A huge thank you to John Ronkartz, Mark Stiegler, and Jeff Branch for coming all the way from Virginia and Ray Noe for coming all the way from Florida to restore our F-14 to her glory. She was truly the greatest Christmas gift that the museum could have asked for.



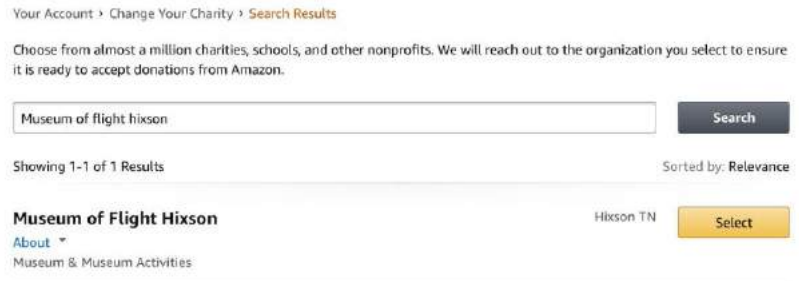
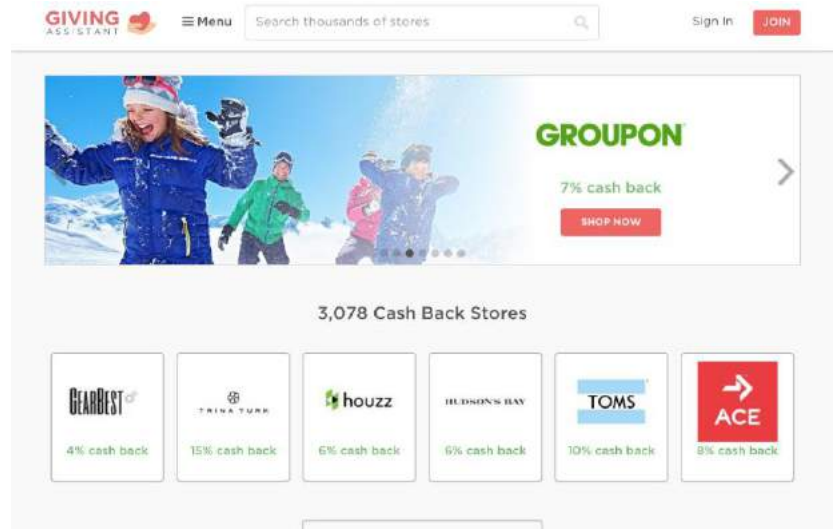


# Donate to the Museum Through Purchases You Already Make

Donating to the museum is now easier than ever thanks to PayPal, AmazonSmile, and Giving Assistant. If you create an account through Giving Assistant, you can earn cash back at over 3,000 stores and enjoy coupons at over 6,000 stores. When cash back is earned, it can be donated to the museum. Click [here](#) to create an account and start donating.

AmazonSmile is just as easy to use. The AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of items bought through Amazon. All you need to do is buy the products through smile.amazon.com instead of amazon.com and select Museum of Flight, Hixson as your preferred cause. Click [here](#) to register.

PayPal is also kicking the holiday giving season kicking into gear. PayPal users in more than 180 countries donated over \$1 billion during their annual holiday campaign. With #Giving Tuesday coming up, the museum can get an extra 1% from each holiday donation made to benefit the museum of flight through [PayPal's donate page](#) and the [PayPal app](#) from November 27 through December 31.





# Museum of Flight YouTube Channel










## Uploads



*Glasair conditional inspection is completed and ready for flight. Thank you to Justin Goss, Kevin Duncan, Jason Beaver and Frank Fry.*

The Museum of Flight's YouTube channel is really taking off. [Subscribe](#) to the channel to receive the latest MOF news.

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Plane On Main - Street that is.....  
109 views · 2 years ago
- 
Dr. Caldwell's Glasair  
1.1K views · 2 years ago
- 
T28 Resurrection Part 2  
1.9K views · 2 years ago
- 
Honduran T-28 Final Flight Prior to Restoration  
271 views · 2 years ago
- 
Honduran T-28 Alpha Final Flight  
175 views · 2 years ago
- 
T 28 Resurrection Part 1 of 2  
4.2K views · 4 years ago
- 
HFM+Chopper+Rides  
89 views · 4 years ago

Time is running out for this year's incentive hours.

We have plenty to do at the hangar. To still get hours please contact Kevin Duncan, Christine Lewis or Lorie Diletti for more information.





# Hangar Happenings





# Maintenance and Inspection Season



The nip in the air can only mean one thing: the beginning of maintenance and inspection season. The long months of winter offer both a reprieve from the hot pavement of airshows and the down time necessary to properly inspect and maintain the aircraft. So, if family is wearing on your nerves this holiday season an escape can be found at the Museum of Flight. At the museum there will always be wrenches to turn and wings to be polished.







# Museum of Flight

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James Howard



## Ninth Annual Open Hangar Gala

**RMG** April 20, 2019

**Dress:**

- \*Military Dress Mess or Dress Blue
- \*Civilian Cocktail Attire
- \*Museum Blazer & Tie

**Reception**

1800 - 1900



### Anna Shaw Children's Institute Silent Auction

The silent auction benefits the Anna Shaw  
Children's Institute and the museum  
1800 - 2030

### The Main Event

1900

- Invocation
- USMC Color Guard
- Brief Program
- Dinner Catered by ~~Old Tyme Rome~~

### Dance The Night Away

2000-2230

- Dancing By THE BEATERS
- DJ & Sound BY  
Matrix Music



### Let Us Capture You



In A WarBird Cockpit  
Pictures by Amilia



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## 2019 SAFETY & MX STAND DOWN PRESENTATION SCHEDULE

- JAN 5- \*Personal Protection Equipment (PPE)  
\*Tool Control & Mx Safety: Kevin Duncan
  
- JAN 12- Aircraft Ground Handling
  
- JAN 19- Passenger Safety and Pre/Post Flt Briefings
  
- JAN 26- Security...Aircraft, Airport, Visitor & Personal
  
- FEB 2- MX Of Older Aircraft Presentation: Peyton Dehart
  
- FEB 9 & 16-\*Inadvertent IMC Entry: Gerad Riester
  
- FEB 23- \*Pilot's meeting with Insurance Representative  
\*All pilot training session
  
- MAR 2 or 9- History Of The T-28: Jamie Trudeau
  
- MAR 16- History Of The Museum's Aircraft: Gil Espy, Johnny Shook, Wain Bates

\*Flight Safety...Encompasses all aspects of a mission from block-out to block-in...ie, pre-flt, hand signals, safety equipment, wx, ATC, local airspace, airshow procedures. Review Jan 19 brief on pax safety/briefing



## Museum Spotlight: The Story of the F4U Corsair



*Above: Captain Thomas Hudner.*

In a world that feels like it is becoming more divisive, a donation from Fred Amicangioli reminds us of the true American spirit. Amicangioli recently gave the museum a signed F4U Corsair, now proudly displayed in the ready room. Yet, this F4U Corsair is more than just a heavy-duty carrier-based aircraft. The plane represents the stories of Captain Thomas Hinder and Ensign Jesse Brown, two American heroes.

Hudner, a child of privilege, was born in Massachusetts, where he attended the Phillips Academy before attending United States Naval Academy. Hinder started flying the F4U Corsair as part of Fighter Squadron 32. Hudner flew support missions from the aircraft carrier, USS Leyte after arriving near Korea in October 1950.

Brown's childhood could not have further contrasted Hudner's. Born to a poor family in Mississippi, he graduated as salutatorian of his high school, later being awarded with a degree from Ohio State University. Brown enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1946, becoming a midshipman. On October 21<sup>st</sup>, 1948 he became the first African-American aviator in the U.S. Navy. He was assigned to Fighter Squadron 32 aboard the aircraft carrier USS Leyte, where he would meet Hudner.

On December 4<sup>th</sup>, 1950 during the heat of the Battle of Chosin, Brown's F4U Corsair took fire and crashed on a remote mountaintop while supporting ground troops. Hudner intentionally crashed his own plane in an attempt to save Brown from his burning aircraft. Unfortunately, Brown succumbed to his injuries and Hudner was forced to evacuate. Hudner's heroic efforts that day earned him the Medal of Honor.



*Above: Jesse Brown*



*Left: The pilots discuss Fred's donation*





*Above: Fred's donation*

Fred's donation, seen above and below, will remind volunteers, members, and the local community of true sacrifice in the name of country and brotherhood. The museum thanks Amicangioli for bestowing us with this gift. Brown and Hudner have transformed the F4U into a symbol of unity. A symbol that the museum will protect for generations.





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<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
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
June 23	London-Corbin Airport Open House	London-Corbin Airport	Complete
June 30	Floyd County Wildlife Club Flyover	Floyd County	Complete
July 3	Pops on the River Flyover	Chattanooga, TN	Complete
July 14	Nooga Strong Memorial Ride Flyover	Chattanooga, TN	Complete
July 28	Pancake Fly-in Breakfast	Museum	Complete
August 25	Pancake Fly-in Breakfast	Museum	Complete
September	1970s Hangar Dance	Rome, GA	Complete
September 14-15	Rome Hot Air Balloon Festival	Rome, GA	Complete
September 22	Pancake Fly-in Breakfast	Museum	Complete
September 22	Fly-in	Lafayette, GA	Complete
September 29	Fly-in	Crossville, GA	Complete
October 13-14	Wings Over North Georgia Airshow	Rome, GA	Complete
October 27	Pancake Fly-in Breakfast	Museum	Complete
October 27-28	NAS Jax Airshow	Jacksonville	Complete
November 3	Toys for Tots & Mess Night	Museum	Complete
November 24	Pancake Fly-in Breakfast	Museum	Complete
December 29	Pancake Fly-in Breakfast	Museum	





## LIFETIME MEMBERS

Shawn Barber  
George Barron  
Jeanne & Tony Bass  
Voron Baughan  
James Beaver  
James Brown  
Ray Bell  
Ernie & Nancy Betancourt  
Ed Callahan  
Thomas Calvanelli  
Phil Cataldo  
Dr. Donald H. Chamberlin  
Nancy Coddington  
Ronnie Cox  
Dr. James Creel  
Richard Dean  
The DeHart Family  
Ron Dobbs  
Scott Ducker  
Mike Ellis  
Vance Engle  
Phil Gilliland  
Deming Gray

James Greene  
Robert Henninger  
Mark Homen  
Larry Jarrett  
Chris Keefe  
Frank Kalinowski  
David Lawson  
Jennifer Leach  
Anne Lewinson  
Christine M. Lewis  
Arthur Matthews  
Pamela McAllister  
Brian McNiece  
Spencer Morgan  
Scott Murray  
Tony Neal  
Peter & Susan O'Hare  
John Osterhage  
Clarence Greer Parramore  
Time Rhyne  
Gerad Riester  
Peter Serodino  
Dr. Daniel Serrato

Don Shepard  
Woodrow Smith  
Sol Snyder  
John Sullivan  
Jorge Veridas  
Wayne Vick  
Kim Watkins  
David Wells  
Brent Westfall  
Terri & Doug Woodruff

### **Gone West:**

Joan Beaver  
Lloyd Blackwell  
Dr. Gary Caldwell  
Ronnie Cox  
Mark McAllister  
Grady McDowell  
Patricia O'Hare  
Conrad Schalk  
Sylvia Wygoda