

"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,

I delayed a bit for this issue as we anticipated our trip to Arlington and the emotions that came into play for most of us who knew Pete O'Hare and his impact on so many of us. As a result, I will send out a separate edition specifically about Arlington, Pete, and saying goodbye to our friend and founding member of the Museum of Flight. If you wish to add something, a memory, photo, or story to that edition, send it to communications@mofts.org prior to October 15th.

Meanwhile, things are happening at the museum, and the future is bright. I am confident that the Board of Directors, staff, and members will continue with the mission. We are a vast team with a goal to share history and the joy of aviation. There is nothing like hearing the rumble of T-28s flying overhead, watching the joy of a child sitting in the cockpit for the first time, or the amazement as people stand beside the F-14.

Right now, a team of members and staff are flying at Crossville. Last week more pilots were added to the roster and events like Tacos on the Tarmac were very successful.

So until next month!

Rebecca McAllister

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Museum Docent's Needed

Retired? Homemaker? Enjoy People? Planes? History? We need museum docents in Paulding for the following day in October. Individual training is available, and no long-term commitment is necessary. Even once or twice a month is possible. Help to share in the mission of the museum. The following dates are available (10 am - 4 pm):

- **Tuesday, October 10**
- **Tuesday, October 31**
- **Saturday, October 7**
- **Saturday, October 14**
- **Saturday, October 21**



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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*

Ole Tymer BBQ Anniversary Event



Every year, Life Member Julie Owens has an annual block party at her restaurant, around the corner from the Rome hangar. Ole Tymer celebrated 39 years in business this year and the Street Chrome USA Reunion.

The 752 T-28 Trojan made the short trip to the parking lot for the event, giving exposure to the Ole Tymer restaurant and the museum with the visibility of traffic on Hwy 27. The T-28 “Charlie” enjoyed an evening rocking out to 80s music with the band “Aunt Betty” and “Mother Legacy.”



One of the visitors was Levi Lansdell, who was diagnosed with leukemia in 2022 and is thankfully now in remission. He is joined by Wyatt Littlejohn (cockpit) and Julie Owens, owner of Ole Tymer BBQ (behind Levi on wing).

The Uniform by Peyton Dehart

We were that day standing in Hixson, Tennessee, the initial location of the Museum of Flight. After an afternoon spent in manual labor of some sort at the hangar at Dallas Bay Skypark, Pete said, "Why don't we grab something to eat, and we'll swing by the store to get you a uniform..."

"A what?"

"Well, now that you are an officer of some type for the Museum of Flight," Pete said, "we need to get you in uniform."

"Uniform?"



"Yeah. All of our Docents, Board members, Executives, and basically any volunteer who wants to sport one can be in official uniform."

Since Pete and I came from a common military frame of reference, the Marine Corps, my mind flashed back to buying full sets of working and dress blue uniforms upon joining up. The tab for a full closet of Marine uniforms and regalia runs thousands of dollars. Most of us took out loans to pay for them and paid the balance down gradually.

"Who knows how much this is going to run me?" I thought, but it sounded like it was important to look the part when

needed.

"You like sushi? We'll get some just as soon as we're done," Pete said as he parked the car outside a storefront.

The store signage read "GOODWILL."

"Well, this'll be an adventure," I thought to myself.

"Come on down to the right. Find your size."

Pete stood next to a long rack of navy blue blazer jackets. Thirty to fifty jackets hung in a row on clothes hangers, all of slightly different sizes, made from slightly different cloth, with the slightest variations of shades of deep blue-black.



"The great thing about navy blue jackets is that Goodwill always has them in stock, a million of 'em, and as long as the fabric of one is more than two inches away from the sleeve of another, you can't tell the difference." Cocked head, broad smile.

I grabbed adjacent jackets and held them apart. Know what? He was right! They looked the same from a certain distance. I rummaged through the snarl of coat hangers, tried on a few blazers to check fit and to see if the sleeve ended by the first knuckle of the thumb (no tailoring needed then). Bingo! A wool jacket, good fit, reasonably perfect length.



The Uniform *continued*



"Do you have one of the patches we made for the museum?" he asked.

"You mean the one I bought a hundred of for us to sell in the museum shop?"

"Yeah... that one; you put that on the left side, right under the pocket opening."

"Got it."

"Uniform!" glowed Pete.

"That's it?"

"That's it."

We headed for the checkout counter.

"Just the jacket?" asked the attendant.

"Yes."

"That'll be five dollars."

"Five bucks... here," I said, marveling that the uniform outfitting process came in substantially under 'thousands of dollars.'

"You are official now," said Pete.

And so it was, in a process that undoubtedly played out the same way for many others who purposely or inadvertently stumbled into Pete's sphere of influence for the betterment of the aviation enterprise that is known as the Museum of Flight.

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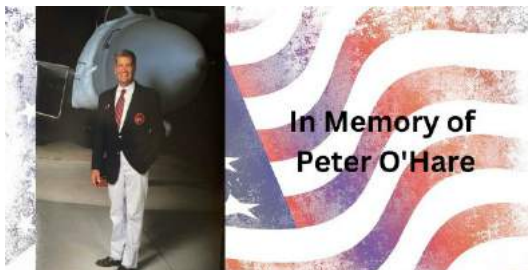
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1966 Piper Twin Comanche Prep

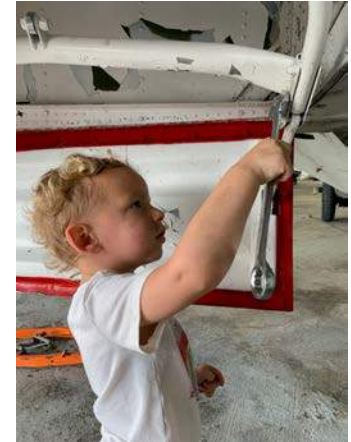
Pete O'Hare's 1966 Twin Comanche received an oil change, spark plugs, and a new battery at the Rome Hangar in preparation for being sold.



Pete O'Hare Memorial donations will help support his vision for the future of the MOF. "In Memory of Pete," donations can be made at this link: <http://bit.ly/MOFdonation>

A New Helper at the Maintenance Hangar

Saturdays are often workdays for the maintenance crew and MOF Director Christine Lewis. A recent Saturday at the Rome Hangar included Christine's grandson, Brannigan. He helped where he could, toured the aircraft and entertained the crew!



One More Roll

We toast our hearty comrades who have fallen from the skies and were gently caught by God's own hand to be with him on High. To dwell among the soaring clouds, they've known so well before. From victory roll to tail chase at heaven's very door. As we fly among them there, we're sure to head their plea. To take care my friend, watch your six, and do one more roll for me. — *Commander Jerry Coffee, Hanoi, 1968.*

American Legion World Series



A big Kudos to numerous people for a successful event. A huge thank you to our pilots, Rusty "Crash" Miller, Fred "Ammo" Amicangioli, and Dave Biloz, as they handled the fly-bys in Shelby, North Carolina. An extra special thanks to Justin Goss for coming from Charlotte to help with maintenance, plus Gil and Sandi Espy for ground support. Our flyovers were viewed on ESPN as they broadcast the series.

Of course, the appreciation doesn't end there. The Blaze Battalion made the "Ladies" clean and shiny for the visitors.

Golden Knights team lead Jesse Robins goes from flying in the T-28 Trojan with Fred "Ammo" Amicangioli to parachuting into Keeter Stadium! Then Mr. Jim "Hawk" Bridges added a little T28 time to his logbook, the first time since 1964. Thanks, Rusty "Crash" Miller, for the memories.



Mr. Jim "Hawk" Bridges with his logbook.





Rusty “Crash” Miller, Fred “Ammo” Fred Amicangioli, and Dave Biloz provided flybys at the American Legion World Series in Shelby North Carolina. *Click image to view video.*

2023 Calendar of Events

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
August 10—15	American Legion World Series Fly-bys	Shelby, NC
September 20	Pete O’Hare Internment	Arlington, VA
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>		



LIFETIME MEMBERS

Fred Amicangioli
David Ball
Shawn Barber
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George Barron
Jeanne & Tony Bass Wain
Bates
James Beaver
Jason Beaver
Mark Beaver & Family
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
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James Howard
Jarid Ison
Dave Johnston
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David Lawson
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