

“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,

This year has been flying fast for me! January was a blur. February isn't far behind.

As I sit at the museum as the docent for the day, surrounded by history and the sound of the occasional aircraft, I know that the sounds and sights are a joy for many children and adults.

The museum allows kids to try on a parachute, sit in seats that were once on an aircraft carrier, envision themselves flying when they see the F-14 or T-34 aircraft, or sit inside the jeep and pretend they are driving to their next destination.

This museum gives children a sense of wonder with the numerous opportunities to become airborne. Veterans who visit relive memories of comradery, while adults see aviation and military history in the numerous artifacts throughout the museum.

I encourage you to visit this special museum, schedule a group tour, or bring your children or grandchildren. Your support helps us continue our mission to increase awareness of aviation.

If you couldn't attend, the Murder Mystery Dinner was a sold-out success, and everyone seemed to enjoy the evening of food, fun, and laughter.

If you follow on Facebook, you can see that the annual inspections have been happening. Kudos to those volunteers help maintain the flying aircraft and keep them in good condition.

Until next time!

Becky McAllister

Communications, MOF

You can join or renew your Museum of Flight membership at the website.

Join or Renew!



<https://mofts.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
1759 Thrasher Pike
Hixson, TN 37343



Mascot: Quimby

Murder Mystery Dinner

Everyone seemed to have a wonderful time at this year’s Murder Mystery Dinner. From crazy antics to [random kissing of the cook](#), we all laughed and enjoyed the evening figuring out “who done it.”

Great job to everyone involved: the cast, the director, the catering, the Master of Ceremonies, and the volunteer kids who helped sell tickets for the giveaways; it was a group effort. Thank you to our sponsors: Hardy Family Dealerships, Ragsdale Heating Air and Plumbing, Piedmont Bank, and the Honorable Angela O’Conor.

CAST - Sandy Kaecher, Angela O’Conor, Ashley and Jodi Henson, Jarid Ison, Yolanda Newell, Phillip Martin, Jennifer Tadlock, Andrew Gratz, Melanie Duncan, Lee Turner, and Terry Tibbitts, DIRECTOR - Jody Martin, SOUND MAN - Randy Foster, GRAPHICS AND DECORATIONS Rachael Hammer, MOF executive assistant Barb Letts, James and Jacob Martin server/ticket sales, Celia Teague from the Pizza Shack at the bar and Valerie Alberson and Sandi Espy caterers with An Occasional Affair!

If I forgot anyone, please accept our sincere thanks!





Quimby's Corner



Miss Magnolia and I knew that Dr. Rank (Played by Lee Turner, Anna Shaw Children's Institute Counselor) did not kill Eleanor, the wealthy grand matron of the arts, in the murder mystery dinner.

Signed,
#1 Sleuth Quimby

Museum Docent Positions Open

Individual training and a museum guidebook will assist you in giving tours. No long-term commitment is necessary. Weekly or once or twice a month is possible. Help to share in the mission of the museum.

Contact Gil Espy at 706-974-8335 to learn more.

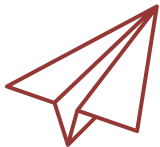
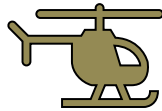


Jamari and Brannigan Visit the Museum



Jamari and Brannigan came to visit the museum for the day. The Director, Christine Lewis, had her hands full but still looks forward to the day that we can have a after school STEM program for kids.

Notice that Quimby is right there watching their antics!



Hangar Tetris

Director Christine Lewis writes, “Hangar Tetris with three T-28s, a C-45, and a twin Comanche! Beautiful weather, and Mario Bros. got nothing on my team yesterday preparing for today’s storm. Thank you, Phil Martin and Kirby, Jimmy, Don Shepherd, Naji Cook, Shelly Ambler, and Andrew Gratz, for your hard work!” All this is in preparation for inspections.



Donate! Your ongoing support means we can continue the museum’s mission and impact the next generation. Your financial gifts keep the lights on, the aircraft flying, and new programs and ideas flowing. [Click the button to lend a hand.](#)



2024 Calendar of Events

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
TBD	MOF Annual Gala	Rome Hangar
May 11	Good Neighbor Day Airshow 2024	DeKalb-Peachtree Airport
May 11	Cherry Point Air Show	MCAS Cherry Point
<i>All dates are subject to change. Check future newsletters for additional events.</i>		

Museum Flashback



On a snow day in January 2024, Christine shared a look back on Dallas Bay in Hixson, TN, the original location, and the site of the very beginnings of the Museum of Flight.

You can make out the runway in this picture. That hangar was tiny but held many memories for the founders and volunteers at the museum so long ago.





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