

“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 month's newsletter is a little bit different. While it is still available in this PDF format, we are adding more to the monthly email to improve communications. Would love to hear from you about this change.

Weekly maintenance work is ongoing in preparation for the airshow season, which will be here before we know it. Kudos to our incredible team of volunteers who are out almost every weekend at the Rome hangar.

Of course, things are always happening at the Museum of Flight: administrative, planning, marketing, organizing, and coordinating. We want to extend a special thank you to Christine Lewis, the museum director, and Barb Letts, the executive assistant, for your tireless work behind the scenes.

Until next month,

Becky McAllister
Communications MOF



In the museum hallway is a coded teletype machine. The message would be sent, and when received, it would be decoded. I located an entire [website](#) on Navy Communications and the teletype machine, including manuals.

These two navy blue chairs and a table (not shown) are all that remain from the destroyer USS John Rodgers, DD-983.

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*

Quimby's Corner



Quimby and Jake want to buzz the strip while the guys do the annuals.

Gil Espy Update



Sandy and Gil Espy enjoy a fine dinner while promoting the Museum of Flight. Gil is on the mend, and we appreciate the hours he dedicates to the museum.

Special Needs Visit



... and you can see that Gil Espy is helping share his knowledge with these kids. We would love to have more volunteers as a docent! Call today to join our docent team! 423-228-2359

At the Museum

Director Christine Lewis in the Belly of a T-28



Everyone has a roll and Christine is small enough to handle the belly lubrication on T-28s.

Future T-28 Pilot and Maintainer



Bran, grandson of Director Christine Lewis, went to the hangar to help with maintenance while his dad did his drill weekend. We expect him to be a future T-28 pilot and maintainer.

T-28 Belly Views!



Prop AD for Charlie and Annuals



Outside the Museum

Paulding County STEAM Expo

Terry Tibbitts, Yolanda Newell, and Christine Lewis represented the airport and the museum at the Paulding County STEAM day.



Paulding Education Foundation's Denim & Diamonds Casino Royale

Dave Biloz, Phil Martin, and Christine Lewis attended the Paulding County Education Foundation fundraiser. All the proceeds go towards local scholarships and support of the Paulding County Schools and Community connections.



Meet DPS NSLI Phillip "Phil" Martin

In the world of aviation, stories often expand beyond the confines of cockpits and airports, embracing the human spirit of dedication, sacrifice, and familial legacy. 59-year old Phillip "Phil" Martin, a seasoned aviator and Delta Professional Services NSLI, epitomizes this narrative of passion and commitment that is transcending generations.

Phil's journey into the skies began as a young dreamer captivated by the allure of flight. In 1983, while still a senior in high school, he obtained his Private Pilot License, laying the foundation for a lifelong devotion to aviation. A graduate of Texas Tech University, Phil earned his degree in Business, all while supporting his aspiration to navigate the skies.

His career with Delta Air Lines reflects a range of experiences, starting from humble beginnings on the ramp in DFW in 1987.

Phil's path, however, diverged as he ventured into civilian and military aviation, piloting A-10s with the Air National Guard before returning to Delta in 1997.

For twenty-two years, Phil served as a steadfast presence in Delta's cockpit, embracing roles from First Officer on the MD88 to Captain on the A220. However, a pivotal moment in 2020 necessitated a bittersweet sacrifice – bidding farewell to his career to prioritize fatherhood. Phil's decision to embrace full-time fatherhood underscores the profound values that shape his character.

In January 2022, Phil embarked on a new chapter with Delta Professional Services. Transitioning from the cockpit to the classroom, he embraced the role of an instructor with unwavering enthusiasm. The bond within the A220 team quickly became a hallmark of Phil's professional voyage, accentuating the rewarding nature of his newfound endeavor.

"I am so thankful and grateful for this opportunity at DPS. I don't mean this to sound trite, but I really do work with the greatest group of people." – Phillip Martin

Outside of work, Phil splits his time between volunteering at the Museum of Flight and spending time with his two twin sons, Jacob and James. Phil began volunteering at the museum in January 2023 where he gets to work with the plane that both his father and uncle flew in the Navy, the T-28. A rare picture of his dad instructing his uncle in a T-28B at Whiting Field now hangs in the same museum. From flying the T-28A Trojan at airshows to earning his Type Rating in the T-28B, Phil's journey mirrors a poignant homage to his familial legacy.

In his free time, Phil enjoys skiing, jet skiing, and dirt biking with his sons who are also starting to follow in his aviation footsteps. His son James already has a Private License and is planning to begin the Flight Program at Liberty University. Jacob is currently attending KSU but will be transferring to Middle Georgia to attend a flying program. (Phil jokingly said he is gladly accepting donations!) In June, his boys will have the chance to parachute at Utah Beach for the 80th Anniversary of the D-Day Invasion.

Amidst the rigors of his career and the demands of fatherhood, Phil remains grounded in his commitment to community and service. His involvement with the Veteran BRG and contributions to the Museum of Flight underscore his unwavering dedication to preserving aviation history and honoring those who paved the way.



Photo: Phil, right, completes his T-28 Checkride with former Delta Capt. Bill Rourke, left.

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 or Facebook for additional events.</i> | | |

“When everything seems to be going against you, remember that aircraft take off against the wind, not with it.”

Henry Ford

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.](#)





Museum of Flight
Volunteers Needed!
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