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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.

NoogaStrong Memorial Ride & Flyby for Fallen Five

On Saturday, July 16 people from all cross the United States came together to honor the Fallen Five. Saturday marked the third anniversary of the terror attack that took the lives of Staff Sergeant David Wyatt, Sergeant Carson Holmquist, Lance Corporal Squire "Skip" Wells, Gunnery Sergeant Thomas Sullivan, and Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Randall Smith. Motorcyclists gathered at White Lightning Harley Davidson on Lee Highway to begin the memorial ride. Tickets were $20 per bike, the proceeds went to Wreaths Across America. At noon the bikers reached the Chattanooga National Cemetery where a presentation was given and respects were payed.

The presentation crescendoed with a Museum of Flight flyby, the warbirds streaking across the sky. The MOF team was humbled to have the opportunity to honor our local heroes. A huge thank you to our pilots Doc Sorato, Ben Gilliam, Rusty "Crash" Miller, Leigh Ann, Jim "Buster" Brown, Pete "Wheeler" O'Hare, and ground crew Shelly Chastity Lackey Ambler, Mike Ambler, Jason Beaver, and DeForest Ellis for all your hard work! Great work everyone!

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Pops on the River Flyby

Chattanooga knows how to celebrate Independence Day in style. On the third of July, the Chattanooga Symphony sponsors a free concert at Coolidge Park. A variety of patriotic performances are featured, everything from America's most influential classical music to folk music. Of course, no Independence Day celebration would be complete without fireworks. But, before the fireworks ended the night the Museum of Flight's warbirds soared across the a screaming crowd. The event is always remembered as one of the museum's favorites, and this year was no exception.

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US Navy Mr. Louis Kayo Erwin Flyby

On June 12 the Museum of Flight completed a flyby for Mr. Louis Kayo Erwin after request from the United States Navy. Mr. Erwin was a survivor of the USS Indianapolis. In the history of the US Navy, the USS Indianapolis marked the greatest single loss of life at sea from a single ship. On July 16, 1945, at the age of 20, Coxswain Erwin along with 1,196 shipmates on the U.S.S. Indianapolis departed the San Francisco Hunters Point Naval Shipyard on a top-secret mission. The mission was to deliver major bomb components and the enriched uranium to the Tinian Islands for the atomic bomb "Little Boy" which was dropped on Hiroshima.

With the mission successfully completed, the ship was sent to Guam to pick up replacements for crew members that had completed their tours of duty. After leaving Guam on July 28, she began her fateful journey to Leyte. At 15 minutes after midnight on July 30, 1945, two type 95 Japanese torpedoes ripped into the hull of the U.S.S. Indianapolis over the Mariana Trench. The ship was so damaged that it sank in just 12 minutes. Of the 1,196 only 317 survived. Erwin along with the 316 other sailors endured five nights and four days floating in shark-infested waters with only a life jackets, watching their shipmates die all around them. We thank Erwin for his sacrifices, and offer our deepest condolences to his friends and family.

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Hangar Happenings

Four pilots joined the ranks after completing training in the Alpha!

After a pancake breakfast some of our very hardworking volunteers were recognized for the number of hours they worked.

Frank fry: 50 hours hat
Eric Shaffer: 10 hours patch
Kenny Shaffer: 10 hours patch
Mike Ambler Sr: 25 hours patch and challenge coin
Shelly Ambler: 50 hours patch, challenge coin, and hat

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Our sweet little Taylorcraft needed some serious maintenance. One of our dedicated A&Ps cut a hole in the bottom of the fabric, so that someone could work inside of the aircraft. The only stipulation was that someone shorter than five feet and less than a hundred pounds was needed to fit into the tiny airplane. Luckily, our very own Christine Lewis was up to the challenge. Although she may be shorter than most, she packs way more of a punch per pound.

Above: *Christine Lewis, hard at work.*

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The Upcoming Balloon Fest September 14-15

The Museum of Flight is partnering with the Rome Balloon Festival on the 14-15 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!

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Museum Spotlight: Christine Lewis

Christine Lewis pictured with airport manager, Mike Mathews, and warbird pilot, Peter O'Hare.

It is hard to put not just the impact that Christine Lewis has had on the Museum of Flight, but who she is as a person into words. It is by no stretch of the imagination that without Ms. Lewis the museum would cease to exist. There is not one airshow, fundraising event, or oil change that Lewis isn't an integral part of. With eyes like a hawk, she oversees every part of museum operations. She is ready to offer help at a moment's notice. Her phone rings all through the day and into most of the night. Her day off is often the butt of a joke, as she can still be seen working fervently at the museum to avert an impending disaster. She goes above and beyond the job title of 'Museum Director,' she has given ever ounce of her being to the Museum of Flight and its mission.

This patriot was born in Ohio, she later attended the University of Toledo where she double majored in Psychology and Sociology. She is the proud mother of three Marines, which aptly earned her the call sign, 'Marine Maker.' Before joining us at the Museum of Flight she worked for TAC Air. In the five years that she has been with us she has helped us overcome insurmountable hurtles and reach lofty goals. She helped orchestrate countless hangar galas, open houses, the retrieval and the delivery of the Tomcat and so much more. She is not afraid to get her hands dirty, as demonstrated by her willingness to crawl in the cramped belly of the Taylorcraft pictured earlier in the newsletter. All the while she has worked to ensure that the members and volunteers feel like a valued part of the team.

The importance of Christine's role within the museum cannot be overexaggerated. Not only has she worked her fingers to the bone, but she has led by example all the while. Thank you, Christine for being the heart of our team! We cannot wait to see what you do next!

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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**
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	
September	1970s Hangar Dance	Rome, GA	
September 14-15	Rome Hot Air Balloon Festival	Rome, GA	
September 22	Pancake Fly-in Breakfast	Museum	
September 22	Fly-in	Lafayette, GA	
September 29	Fly-in	Crossville, TN	
October 13-14	Wings Over North Georgia Airshow	Rome, GA	
October 13-14	Atlanta Airshow	Atlanta, GA	
October 27	Pancake Fly-in Breakfast	Museum	
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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