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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.

2017 year in Review

Before we continue to march through 2018, let's take a pause to reflect on 2017. 2017 was an important year for the Museum of Flight. The museum, due solely to the joint effort from members and volunteers, was able to accomplish a variety of goals including; expanding our member base, the outreach program, the catalog of aircraft, and the interaction and aid to both the local and global community. A huge thank you is warranted for each and every person that helped the museum become the thriving organization that it is today. Included below are some of the highlights of 2017. 2018 is sure to be another exciting year. **Check out the event list at the end of the newsletter for more information**.





The 2017 Annual Hangar Gala, was another in a long line of success. The gala has all the makings of an elegant black tie event, but what makes it even more spectacular is that at its heart its philanthropic. Last year $3,500 was raised for the Ronald McDonald House to help sick local children and their families.







Hurricane Harvey was ruthless. It displaced more than 30,000 people, and prompted more than 13,000 rescues. The museum family took to the ground running. In total the museum brought 6 box trucks stuffed with donations to people in need, and directly completed, or help to complete 39 air missions. We were able to transport thousands of pounds of supplies including; food, water, propane, blankets, and so much more

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Although the box truck is not the museum's most awe-inspiring piece of machinery, it is one of the most helpful. Without it, airshow attendance would be nearly impossible. It helps make the world go round.







Although not home yet, the F-14 Tomcat is on its way. We are incredibly lucky to be able to host the last F-14 to land on an aircraft carrier, since it was displaced due to the closing of the Virginia Aviation Museum. Help the museum cover the $40,000 shipping cost by donating to the GoFundMe page. It is only a matter of time until Sweet Little Miss is safe and sound in the hangar.







Pictured above are just three of the twenty-three airshows that the Museum of Flight attended. Countless members, volunteers, and members of the public helped to make the museum's success at airshows possible. From left to right: the Rome Airshow, the Thunder in the Valley Airshow, DeFuniak Springs Marvel of Flight Airshow.


Museum of Flight
423.228.2FLY (2359)
SAVE THE DATE
OPEN HANGER GALA
When: Saturday, 14 April 2018
Where : Museum Hangar (RMG)
304 Russell Field Rd. NE, Rome, GA 30165
Call early to make it a weekend - special lodging rates

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Another F-14 Tomcat Update!



The F-14 Tomcat is preparing to make the long and very expensive trip home. The fuselage is being readied for shipping at the National Guard, where the wings were prepped before they were removed. Some of the last parts to be removed before the wings were both verticals, and the left horizontal stabilizer. Against all odds Sweet Little Miss is joining the official museum catalog, but that will not happen without major expenses. If you have not yet donated to help cover the $40,000 shipping cost please consider doing so. This is an invaluable aircraft with a rich history. You can find the F-14 Tomcat GoFundMe page here.







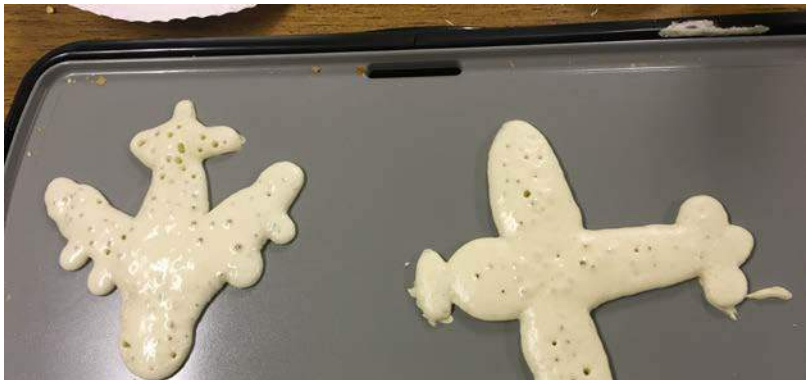


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Happenings at the Museum

Pictured here was just another in a long line of successful pancake breakfast fly-ins. Airplane pancakes and landing strip bacon were the special of the day. Darrel Baxter led the charge, we wouldn't want another person behind the grill.







The hangar was transformed for the Harbin clinic. The museum was proud to host the evening. Harbin employees and volunteers alike worked to get the hangar camera-ready.





Tony Summer and Peter O'Hare prep for the clinic.

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The Hangar gets a Facelift

The ready room recently received quite the facelift thanks to the team that went to recover the cabinetry. Although it took a little imagination and creativity, the ready room now looks like a true museum. There are now a variety of small exhibits and Museum of Flight merchandise. A big thank you is warranted for all the hard work.











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Safety Standdown & Inspections

It is that time of year again; the nip in the air marks the long months dedicated to annuals and safety. While we have a short break from airshows and fly-ins, volunteers and members have been hard at work preforming annual exams on the aircraft and educating themselves about the most important aspect of aviation; safety. **There will be safety presentations and demonstrations every Saturday through March. <u>All pilots wanting to fly in 2018 must attend the presentation (and pancake breakfast) on February 24th. See the 2018 schedule for more info.</u>**











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Museum Spotlight: Peyton DeHart

Peyton DeHart is a true polymath, meaning he is incredibly knowledgeable about a variety of difference subjects. If you have read the newsletter before it is likely that you have read at least one article written by DeHart. He is a master of diction and grammar and is able to marry his experiences and expertise to the English language to capture the attention of readers. Don't let his natural talent for language fool you, he is also a math whiz. DeHart is a graduate of Villanova University where he honed his intellectual abilities. His aviation abilities are just as impressive. He has a vast variety and a great quantity of experience; being both a Naval Aviator and a Cobra pilot.





Left: Dehart surveys the F-14 Tomcat.



Peyton has completed numerous combat tours from everywhere to Grenada to Saudi Arabia and everywhere in between. After he finished his military career he began his commercial career, he is currently flying for NetJets. Peyton is good at many things, but sitting still is not one of them. When he is not working he is responsible for a variety of duties. Here at the museum he is the vice president of the board of directors. As the vice president of the board he is responsible for annually presenting director candidates to the president of the board. You can also catch DeHart flying one of the museum's T-28s. He is also involved with our hangar neighbors, the TigerFlight Foundation, he owns and flys an Alon. The TigerFlight crew preforms at a variety of events, while helping local children reach their full potential.



Somehow DeHart also manages to volunteer for the Army Aviation Heritage Foundation, which continues to preserve Army history. DeHart is in large part a reason why the F-14 Tomcat will soon be added to the museum collection. His hard work helped coordinate the efforts of volunteer organizations in the recovery. The museum is thankful that a man like Peyton dedicates his valuable time to further our cause. Its men like DeHart that ensure that we continue to grow with each passing year. Thank you Peyton!

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2018 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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	
February 3	Safety Standdown TBD	Museum	
February 10	Safety Standdown TBD	Museum	
February 17	Safety Standdown TBD	Museum	
February 24	Pancake breakfast & Maditory Pilot Meeting for all Pilots flying in 2018	Museum	
March 3	Safety Standdown TBD	Museum	
March 10	Safety Standdown TBD	Museum	
March 17	All Hands on deck for upcoming Airshow	Museum	
April 7-8	Thunder in the Valley Airshow	Columbus, GA	
April 14	Museum of Flight Gala	Museum	
April 28	Pancake Fly-in Breakfast	Museum	
April 28-29	Joint Base Charleston Expo	North Charleston, SC	
May 26	Pancake Fly-in Breakfast	Museum	
May 26	Open House	Museum	
TBD; May/June	Airshow	Calhoun	
June	Museum Open House	Rome, GA	
June 19	Good Neighbor Day Fly-in	KPDK	
June 23	Pancake Fly-in Breakfast	Museum	
July 28	Pancake Fly-in Breakfast	Museum	
August 25	Pancake Fly-in Breakfast	Museum	
September 15-16	Owensboro Airshow	Owensboro, KY	
September	1970s Hangar Dance	Rome, GA	
September 22	Pancake Fly-in Breakfast	Museum	
September 22	Fly-in	Lafayette, GA	
September 29	Fly-in	Crossville, GA	
October 27	Pancake Fly-in Breakfast	Museum	
October 27-28	NAS Jax Airshow	Jacksonville	
November 3	Toy's for Tots & Mess Night	Museum	
November 24	Pancake Fly-in Breakfast	Museum	
December 29	Pancake Fly-in Breakfast	Museum	

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