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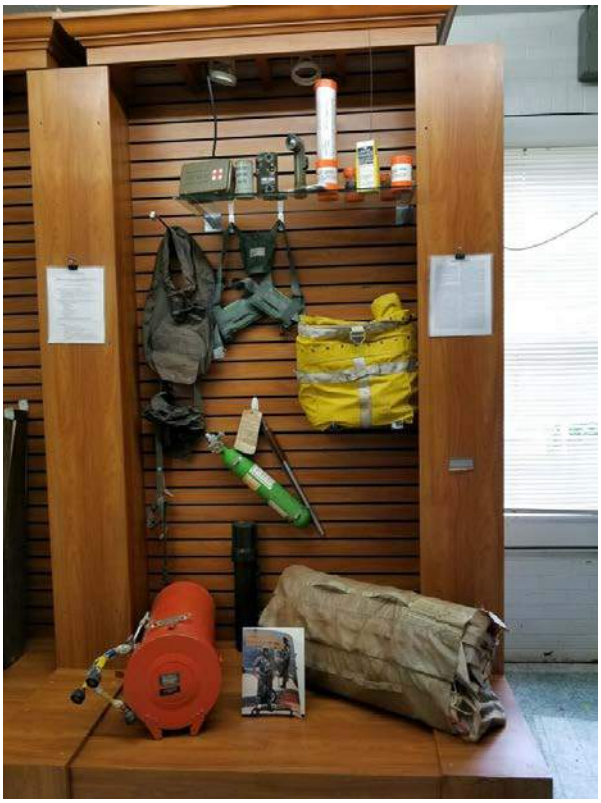
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Our Mission is to increase the public's awareness of aviation through the flight of historical aircraft, while supporting our local children's hospital.

The Ready Room is Dressed to Impress

The ready room is looking better than ever! The museum has come a long way, and now it truly looks the part. The Wings of Texaco replicas have been displayed thanks to donor Bob Saxon. The shelving has been positioned and the Museum of Flight Merchandise is neatly hanging. A large thank you is due to Cecilia Ratke, the curator. She has been hard at work inventorying and displaying donations, replicas, and exhibits. There is still plenty of work to be done. If you would like to help Miss Ratke, please email her at cecilia.ratke@vikings.berry.edu.





Wings of Texaco scale replicas donated by Bob Saxon

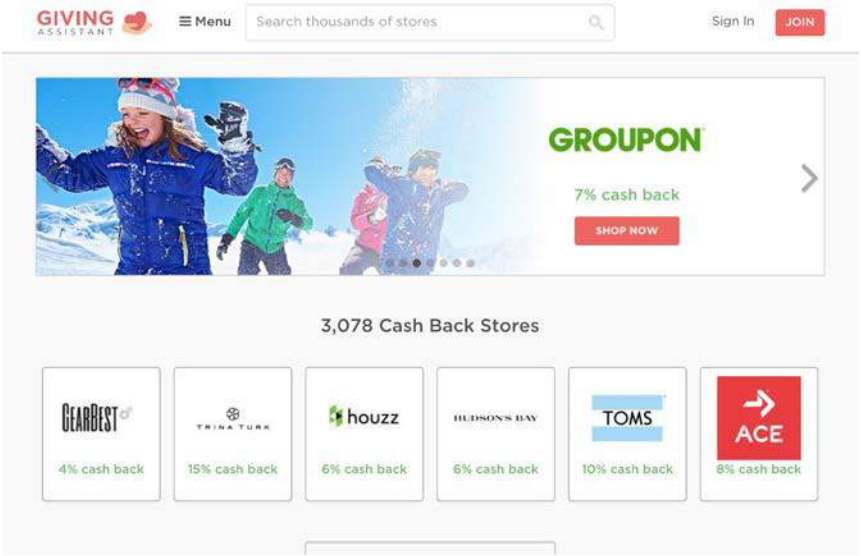


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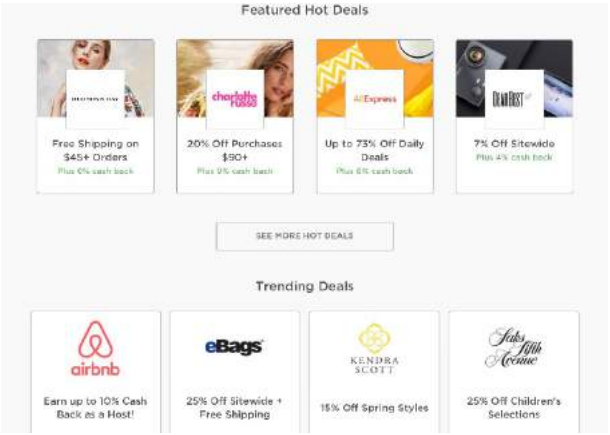
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Donate to the Museum with Online Purchases

Donating to the museum is now easier than ever thanks to Giving Assistant and AmazonSmile. If you create an account through Giving Assistant you can earn cash back at over 3,000 stores, and enjoy coupons at over 6,000 stores. When cash back is earned it can be donated to the museum. Click here to create an account and start donating. AmazonSmile is just as easy to use. The AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of items bought through Amazon. All you need to do is buy the products through smile.amazon.com instead of amazon.com and select Museum of Flight, Hixson as your preferred cause. Click here to register.







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Help get the F-14 Tomcat Home!



Call 423-800-3455 to reserve your paver today!

The F-14 is almost here! We are planning for "Sweet Little Miss's" arrival and display. There will be a special memorial brick walkway around the aircraft. Donate your brick today to be laid in the F-14 memorial walkway! Small bricks are $100, medium bricks $200, and large bricks are $300. Please call 423-800-3455 to order your brick today! Thank you so much for supporting the Museum of Flight!







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Museum of Flight Happenings



Left: Father, daughter team Eugene and Annalyse Pearson worked together to install sparkplugs. Below: Tony Summers, David Ball, and Jason Beaver test gap spark plugs for the T-28.







Museum members are becoming increasingly efficient at turning a tightly packed hangar into an elegant venue. The Nine O'Clock Cotillion hosted the kickback. The hangar proved to be the superlative 'hipster' locale.

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Pete "Wheeler" O'Hare was interviewed on behalf of the Museum of Flight by Elizabeth Davis of the Good Morning Rome radio talk show. Wheeler took full advantage of the golden opportunity to interact with the public.



Peyton DeHart's recent safety standdown lesson focused on the importance of check lists and how to properly utilize them as a tool to optimize efficiency and even mitigate risk.



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Robert Henniger's Retirement Party

After pilots from near and far had settled in and pancakes were served the museum got down to business. Museum members honored CWO-4 Robert Henninger. It was a joyous celebration, where all took part in commemorating his career. We were ecstatic at being able to share in this part of his life. Congratulations Henniger!





Do you have a story of a picture that you want to share?
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Museum Spotlight: Darrell Baxter

Darrell Baxter is the man behind the fly-in pancake breakfasts. Although the breakfasts are a relatively new event they have seen an unprecedented rise to popularity. People from across the south have jumped at the chance to fly to the museum and enjoy bacon and pancakes. Baxter, however, says the real draw is the comradery. It is a time for people from different airports, with different talents to gather and exchange ideas and stories.

Baxter is not new to cooking for the masses. As a firefighter he was often the designated cook for his battalion. This is also where he says he learned many of his values and skills, which he later supplemented by becoming a certified mechanical draftsman. Although, Baxter is a Floyd County native it was not until he saw an article in the *Rome News-Tribune* featuring the museum's BTD-1 Destroyer that he learned that there was an aviation museum in his back yard. He had even considered traveling to Florida to assist in aviation restoration projects. The museum is grateful that Darrel decided to invest his valuable sweat equity in our MOF.



Darrell with Hanna Whitefield at a fly-in pancake breakfast. If you would like to help with the breakfasts contact Darrell.

Baxter's abilities transcend the mechanical, as he is also a long time musician. He records and releases music regularly with his group of fellow musicians. Their primary focus is Christmas music. One of their popular tunes called *Santa for a Day* featured Jimmy Hall. Outside of Baxter's music career, he likes to fish, hunt, and he and his wife are also antique hunters. They have a great appreciation for Art Deco and anything Americana. They even dubbed themselves 'amateur archaeologists.' Baxter is also a proud father of two boys, family is the thing of highest importance in his life. It is also a reason why he is part of the museum. He recognizes that the community is what keeps the museum alive. We thank Darrell for everything that he has done to ensure that our community is stronger than ever.





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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**
March 24-25	Wings Over Atlanta	Dobbins AFB	
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 19	Good Neighbor Day Fly-in	KPDK	
May 26	Pancake Fly-in Breakfast	Museum	
May 26	Open House	Museum	
TBD; May/June	Airshow	Calhoun	
June	Museum Open House	Rome, GA	
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 21-22	Wings Over North Georgia Airshow	Rome, GA	
October 27	Pancake Fly-in Breakfast	Museum	
October 27-28	NAS Jax Airshow	Jacksonville	
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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