

# Historic Aviation Memorial Museum



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(non-voting board member)

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## Museum Staff

Norm Walker——Interim Curator

Karon Gilmore ——Finance Mgr.



## HANGAR TEAM WITH AWARDS AT OUR CHRISTMAS DINNER

January 2016 started off with a bang! The Railroad Passenger Car Alliance Association with representatives from 13 states hosted their annual conference in Tyler and booked our lobby for an evening dinner and a museum tour for 130 to 150 people on January 15th. We pulled out all the stops and used all our tables and chairs to set up the lobby to seat 130-plus guests. The event was catered by Traditions. We also enlisted five Docents to assist our visitors and monitor the ramp. Of those who attended the event, 93 toured the museum. Throughout the evening, the lobby was teeming with people and the museum staff was extremely busy logging in and providing information about our displays, artifacts, and airplanes. All of our guests were appreciative for our support in setting up our lobby for their dinner and were extremely impressed with our museum.

## **PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

We also ended the year 2015 on a high note. Our Christmas Dinner meeting was both delicious and entertaining and the year was filled with a number of successful events and activities. It was also my first year as President and the learning curve was both intense and challenging. That said, managing the museum, working with our volunteers, and meeting our visitors has been a rewarding experience.

We began 2015 planning for an October airshow, the timing of which was quickly pushed back to April 2016, and was subsequently cancelled, due to the runway construction which would have put limitations on some performers. Unfortunately, the construction is not expected to be completed for another 1 1/2 years.

We did host a visit from the Collings Foundation in March. From our perspective, the event was very successful as we had many visitors during the weekend. From the Collings Foundation viewpoint, the weekend was a disaster due to the weather (low ceilings) which kept both the B-17 and the B-24 on the ground until late Sunday afternoon when each airplane was able to make one flight each. The P-51 flew two flights each day and the UH-1E made numerous flights as the pilot was able to stay beneath the clouds.

The next event we supported was the Wings over Cedar Creek during the 4th of July weekend. During the past few years, we have had a number of aircraft deploying to Tyler Pounds Field to fly in the event. We were disappointed this year as only two aircraft that were flying in the airshow staged from Pounds Field, an SA-16 Albatross and a C-7 Caribou.

## **RECOGNITION OF OUR MEMBERS**

### Norm Walker

Norm is a Life Member of the Museum, its Curator and also serves as a Docent. He is a retired USAF Colonel, married to his childhood friend, who both pursued separate lives and careers, lost mates, and then crossed paths forty-six years later when they re-kindled old romantic affections, and married.

He has over 8,000 flying hours in 24 different airplanes. Nearly half of his time spent in the Air Force was as Instructor Pilot/Flight examiner. His assignments took him to numerous posts both state-side and overseas. Norm's career responsibilities included Operations Officer, Maintenance Officer, Training Officer, Flight Manager, Flying Safety Officer, Flight Commander, Courts Martial Attorney-in-Fact, Aide-de-Camp, and Standardization/Evaluation Pilot for three different major commands, and even an UFO Investigator. He also served as Executive Officer to the Deputy Chief of Staff for Plans and Operation at HQS USAF in the Pentagon and then as Assistant for Northern Europe in the Office of the Secretary of Defense. His awards are too numerous to list.

Norm retired from the USAF in 1980 and worked in the International Aviation Business for a number of years. He and his wife, Pat, now reside in Garden Valley, which is near Lindale.

## HANGAR REPORT

The hangar crew is really turning in some outstanding work. Unless you have monitored their activities and/or routinely visited the Restoration Facility to view the work that has gone into restoring the F9F Cougar, you cannot imagine the results. The aircraft is now being painted and is about 60 percent complete. Our plan is to eventually mount it on a pole on the East side of Airport Drive, near Route 64. We will keep everyone apprised on the Cougar unveiling.

During our General Meeting on 27 February, photographs of the Cougar as it appeared when it first arrived and as it is currently, will be shown.

The crew is also continuing to work on finishing the Tail section of our Mig-17. This Mig was donated to the museum after the owner died tragically in an airplane accident. At the time of the accident, this aircraft had been undergoing restoration and all plumbing and electrical wiring had been replaced or repaired in preparation for flight. However, several years ago, we acquired another Mig Tail section that had been removed due to a fire. It was decided to repair and paint the damaged Tail section and install it on our Mig for display. The good Tail cone will be stored in case it is needed by one of the operational Migs at our hangar.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

**Richard S. Howard**

**Charles H Blakeslee, Jr.**

**Jack Gustafson**

## IN MEMORY

**Hope Ferrell** - Hope passed away on January 29,2016. She was a life member of HAMM and her contributions to HAMM's mission will never be forgotten. She was married to Ben Ferrell.

## BRICK BY BRICK

Become a part of the Historic Aviation Memorial Museum's Memory Courtyard, which is located at the old North Terminal, Tyler Pounds Regional Airport. With your donation, a brick will be engraved with your personalized dedication, installed in the courtyard and serve as a lasting legacy for your family and friends. Recent additions to our Memory Courtyard include:

**Colonel Ben Ferrell**—USMC Retired and past president of the Historic Aviation Memorial Museum.

**Tamara Sue Dickson** - Wife of Davis Dickson, Tyler Pounds Regional Airport Manager.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The museum is currently seeking volunteers to fill a variety of positions, including **Docents, Gift Shop / Greeters, Library / Administrative Assistants**, and volunteers for our Restoration Facility to assist with **Aircraft Restoration**. The museum also needs volunteers to prepare

**GRANT** requests. Your help would be greatly appreciated: additionally, you may be surprised at how much you will enjoy meeting and talking with our visitors.

**CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS**

<b>FEB 17</b>	<b>Board of Directors Meeting</b>	<b>4:00 pm</b>
<b>FEB 27</b>	<b>General Meeting</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>
<b>MAR 18</b>	<b>Collings Foundation Arrival</b>	<b>12:00 pm - 4:30 pm</b>
<b>MAR 19</b>	<b>Collings Foundation</b>	<b>9:00 am - 4:30 pm</b>
<b>MAR 20</b>	<b>Collings Foundation</b>	<b>9:00 am - 4:30 pm</b>
<b>MAR 23</b>	<b>Board of Directors Meeting</b>	<b>4:00 pm</b>
<b>MAR 27</b>	<b>General Meeting</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>

**LUNCH (FEB 27)**

<b>CHILI CHEESE HOTDOGS</b>	<b>or</b>	<b>CHILI CHEESE FRITOS</b>
<b>CHERRY PIE</b>	<b>or</b>	<b>APPLE PIE</b>
	<b>TEA</b>	

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