

Historic Aviation Memorial Museum



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Museum Staff

Norm Walker—Interim Curator

Karon Gilmore —Finance Mgr.



HAMM hosted a visit by the Collings Foundation for March 13, 14, and 15. The foundation is a 501C3 corporation that flies a variety of vintage WWII aircraft and each year visits a number of communities across the country to allow people to tour and fly in these majestic aircraft. This year we had two bombers; a B-17 and B-24, a P-51 fighter, and a UH-1H helicopter. The visit provided a unique setting for our veterans and citizens of World War II to share their experiences with relatives and friends.

The aircraft were scheduled to arrive Friday noon but the weather did not cooperate and the first aircraft didn't arrive until 1:00 pm on Saturday with the remaining three arriving by 5:00 pm. The weather did not stop visitors from coming to the airport. We had a record

turn-out for Saturday and Sunday with more than 900 visitors for the two days. The visitors arrived early and left late. At times the lobby was so full of visitors and it was difficult to transit.

The weather curtailed the flying activities as the B-17 and the B-24 made only one flight late afternoon on Sunday. The P-51 fared somewhat better with two flights on Saturday and two on Sunday. The winner was the UH-1H. We lost count on the number of flights he made but he was in the air more than he was on the ground.

OTHER ACTIVITIES DURING THE WEEKEND

One of our members, Wyley Smith, a member of our BOD arranged to present tickets (valued at \$12.00 each) to the first 50 wounded warriors or war veterans visitors. Starting at 9:00 am on Saturday morning, he was out of tickets by 1:00 pm.

Tim Spence, one of our restoration volunteers, with the assistance of Red Griffin, collected a number of small items to include airplanes, photographs, and books to give away. Donations were accepted and they did very well.

The HAMM staff worked long and hard to make the weekend a success; greeting guests, talking to new and old friends from the Collings Foundations.

In all, the Collings Foundation visit was a resounding success.

AVIATION CAMP

HAMM will conduct an Aviation Camp for young adults ages 12 to 15 from 10 am to 3 pm each day from July 21 through July 25, 2015. The classroom activities will include: How airplanes fly, the history of flight, preflight an airplane, pilot experiences, flying the flight simulator, and a scavenger hunt. There will be field trips to visit the airport control tower, fire station terminal and one of the fixed base operators. With written parental permission, each participant will have the opportunity to take an orientation flight in an airplane on Saturday. The cost of the camp will be \$110.00 dollars. Attendance is limited to 15 participants.

For additional information call 903-526-1945.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 20	Board of Directors Meeting	4:00 pm
May 23	General Meeting	10:00 am
	(See below for details of presentation *)	
June 1	Docent Meeting	10:00 am
June 17	Board of Directors Meeting	4:00 pm
June 20	General Meeting	10:00 am
July 4	Thunder over Cedar Creek	6:00 pm
July 21-25	Aviation Camp	10:00 am-3:00 pm

* The May 23 presentation will be by several members of “F” Troop 8th Cavalry (“Blueghost”) community who flew the AH-1F Cobra helicopters. “F” Troop was what the Army called a “Bastard Cavalry Troop”. They were not part of an Air Cavalry Squadron or Regiment, but were totally self-contained. I will let the presenters tell you the rest of the story.

MAY 23 LUNCHEON

Hot Dogs	with/without	Chile
Frito Chips		Tea
	Cake and Ice Cream	

JUNE 20 LUNCHEON

Rounder Sandwiches		Chips
Tea		Cookies

RECOGNITION OF OUR MEMBERS

Gloria Kolb

Gloria has been a member of HAMM since it began in 1984. She and husband Jim were early contributors that helped get HAMM started. Gloria has lived in Tyler 50 years. She spent her first 23 years in Maine and Massachusetts, married a man from Arkansas, and lived in California and 9 years in Venezuela.

She is a retired registered Nurse. She has served on the HAMM Board of Directors and Special events Committee and continues to volunteer once a week at the museum.

Her wish for HAMM is that it will continue to educate and keep the history of flying in the hearts and minds of the young and older visitors to the museum.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Linda Hazelton Volunteers in the Gift Shop on Thursday

Stephen Thompson Docent volunteer

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The museum is looking for volunteers to fill the following positions:

Docent: Learn about the many historical items and planes we have at HAMM and share that history with our visitors.

Gift Shop: Meet and greet visitors and register sales from the gift shop.

Library: Assist in library with data entry.

Business Office: Assist with grant writing, mailings and miscellaneous activities.

Aircraft Restoration: Volunteer in restoration facility where HAMM's airplanes are refurbished, repaired, painted and keeping them in good shape for static display.

SKILLS REQUIRED

Desire to learn about our museum and interface with our visitors.