

# Historic Aviation Memorial Museum



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- Ken Toby-----  
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- Warren Moore, VP-----2022\*
- Michael Hilgert-----2020\*
- Wyley Smith-----  
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- Chip Williams-----2020\*
- Jack Downing—(Secretary)

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## Museum Staff

Chip Williams—Curator

Karon Gilmore —Finance

# We're Open!



The **Historic Aviation Memorial Museum** re-opened its doors to the public on the 8th of May, 2020 — to coincide with the **75th Anniversary of the Allied Victory in Europe**.

Until further notice the Museum will be open **Fridays and Saturdays only**, from **10:00 am to 4:00 pm**. The expenses remain the same while the income is greatly diminished. **Please consider making whatever financial contributions you can to help us through this difficult time.**

## **In case you missed it:**

The last election cycle resulted in the election or reelection of three members of the Museum's Board of Directors. Congratulations to **Lou Thomas, Ken Toby, and Warren Moore** whose terms of service are effective through 2022. Lou, who has been President for the past five years, is weaning himself off the lion's share of responsibilities by stepping down to Vice President and offloading some of his collateral duties (including responsibility for publishing the *Prop Wash*) onto other members. Have patience as those of us not quite as awesome as Lou figure these things out.

**Bob Strong** is our new **President**. Despite his name he'll be needing all the support we can give him piloting the Museum through uncharted territory.

Former Vice President **Chip Williams** has taken on the challenges of **Curator**, a job where there's always a dozen or more things to be done before it's time to move on to the next project that needs to be done.

Our other Vice President, **Warren Moore**, is now responsible for **Hanger Operations**.

**Gail Strong** continues to organize and operate the largest collection of aviation-related books you'll ever see.

**Karon Gilmore** is still the person to ask if you want to know what's going on.

***Have you ever noticed it's the same names over and over again? Yours should be on here.***

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*If you don't know history, then you don't know anything.  
You are a leaf that doesn't know it is part of a tree.*

## **Why an Aviation Museum?**

- Recognize the aviation pioneers of yesterday
- Serve as a tribute and source of pride for those serving their country and pioneering aircraft for personal and military use
- Help ensure future generations will proudly recognize the aviation advancements of Texans and the citizens of our nation
- Ensure that the aviation history of the 20th Century and beyond is not forgotten

In addition to preserving history and educating the public, HAMM also places a great emphasis on generating interest and educating young people on opportunities in aviation. Tours for school groups, the flight simulator, and the week-long Aviation Camps in the Summer are all methods used by our volunteers to reach out to youth in Tyler and surrounding areas.

**Volunteers are sorely needed to keep the Museum functioning.** Whether you're a people person, an organizer, a history buff, love airplanes, or just want to *tinker in your workshop and be left alone*, **your talents are needed.**

If you have a newly retired husband getting on your nerves, there's a job for him here. If you're a young person going to school and/or working part time needing to network and build your resume, this is where you belong.

Even if this isn't for you, you know someone who needs to come check out the Museum with an eye toward volunteering. One day a week is all we ask, and that isn't too much of a contribution to make to help preserve—and perpetuate—our rich aviation history.

With the reopening of the Museum, COVID-19 guidelines have been implemented and so far everything seems to be going smoothly. Following the guidelines requires more volunteers to monitor visitors, provide services to individuals and small family groups, and engage in ongoing cleaning and sanitizing. In the past, visitors would often group together at a particular exhibit, and would almost always be combined to tour the static aircraft displays. Due to social distancing requirements we can no longer permit this.

For now we are open only two days a week. If the Museum is to survive we'll need to be open more frequently, and to do that we need more volunteers.

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The **Aviation Camp** scheduled for late June this year has been **cancelled** due to COVID-19 concerns and guidelines.

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**We're not the only ones who just reopened.** The eatery formerly known as the Skyline Café has reopened with a new owner and a new name. The *Sky's the Limit Diner* is now open Tuesday through Saturday from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. Breakfast, our favorite meal of the day, is served all day Saturday. To get the full benefit of a tour of the Museum, plan to start at 10:00, take a break for lunch at the **Sky's the Limit**, then come back to resume your tour.

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**The Vintage Warbird Expo is still on!** The **Magnificent Seven** will be here for the festivities July 2nd—5th, and they will be even more magnificent than usual because they're bringing eight planes instead of seven! Be sure to check the web site **tylerhamm.org** for more details.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Board Meeting (3:00 pm)	May 20, 2020
General Membership Meeting (10:00 pm)	May 23, 2020
East Texas Modelers Meeting (1:30—3:30 pm)	June 6, 2020
Magnificent Seven, Vintage Warbird Expo	July 2-5, 2020

Welcome to our **new members**:

**Ben Earnest**, Waco TX

**William and Kelly Skillings**, Tyler TX

In case you've forgotten, membership has its privileges. In addition to the satisfaction of knowing you're helping preserve history and shaping the future of our nation, membership also entitles you to free admission to the museum, lending library privileges, and discounts in the Gift Shop. We also have monthly membership meetings with interesting guest speakers and lunch is available for a token donation to help pay for the food. The fellowship is free.

These privileges are for **all members**, not just the volunteers.

Membership comes in three flavors: Individual Yearly memberships, Family Yearly memberships, and Individual Lifetime memberships. So if you have to shop for that impossible-to-shop-for person in the Tyler area, consider the unique gift of an annual membership to the Museum. Or a lifetime membership. Go to our web site [tylerhamm.org](http://tylerhamm.org) for more information.

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