

# Historic Aviation Memorial Museum



**PROP WASH  
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Last year, the Historic Aviation Memorial Museum (HAMM) held several events including the Rose City Air Fest during the July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend. HAMM welcomes 2022 with anticipation of an exciting New Year with new exhibits, currently on display at the Museum.

We are starting this year's Prop Wash by featuring one of our display aircraft, the F-4D Phantom II.



**F-4D "PHANTOM II"**

The Phantom II, pictured above, was developed and manufactured by McDonnell Aircraft, initially as a twin-engine, two-seat, long-range, all-weather attack fighter for the U. S. Navy, with the first delivery in December 1960. Trials in a ground attack role led the USAF to purchase the aircraft.

During the Vietnam War, 147 North Vietnamese MIGs were downed by Navy and Air Force F-4 Phantoms. Between 1966 and 1972, the Gunfighters, the 366th Tactical Fighter Wing, logged 18 confirmed MIG kills in Vietnam.

The Museum's Phantom II, serial number 66-812, was delivered to the U.S. Air Force 31 Jan 1968 and had a very interesting career including assignments to Southeast Asia. The following lists the dates and places the aircraft were assigned:

Feb 1968 Ogden Air Logistics Area, Hill AFB, UT

Mar 1968 To 366th Tactical Fighter Wing, Da Nang AB, Vietnam

Mar 1969 To 8th Tactical Fighter Wing, Ubon RTAFB, Thailand  
Aug 1974 To 432nd Tactical recon. Wing, Ubon RTAFB, Thailand  
Nov 1975 To 8th Tactical fighter Wing, Kunsan AB, Korea  
Dec 1981 To 457th Tactical Fighter Sqdn, Carswell AFB, TX  
May 1988 Dropped from inventory—transfer to museum status  
May 1988 To Pate Museum, Cresson, TX  
Mar 2005 To Historic Aviation Memorial Museum, Tyler, TX

This aircraft along with our other display aircraft, memorabilia and artifacts are part of our United States history and are available for viewing at the Historic Aviation Memorial Museum.

## **EVENTS PLANNED FOR 2022 SPRING AND SUMMER**

### **CHALLENGE AIR**

**MAY 14, 2022**

The Historic Aviation Memorial Museum, at Pounds Regional Airport, again will be hosting Challenge Air, a non-profit organization created to change the perception of children with Special Needs through the gift of flight. Since 1993, they have been committed to making a difference to these children with Special Needs. With a network of 3,500 volunteers nationwide, they continue to grow through events called “Fly Days”.

By eliminating the belief that they are limited, the children can grow to their full potential. They are given the opportunity to find courage within themselves and build in areas where they lack self-esteem. Challenge Air provides an unforgettable growing experience that opens the door to possibilities while allowing the children to see if they can fly a plane, they can do anything!

#### **Challenge Air Program Goals:**

- 1) To improve the quality of life for children/youth and families with Special Needs.
- 2) Arouse those children/youth to be excited about learning and inspired about their future.
- 3) Educate children/youth about the aviation industry and encourage them to consider occupational roles other than the customary ones to which they are generally directed.
- 4) Involve and promote civic and community engagement.
- 5) Create an environment for peer interaction for children/youth with Special Needs.
- 6) Promote local organizational resources to families with Special Needs.

#### **Pilots:**

If you want a great experience and a chance to give back to your community, please consider volunteering your time, your piloting skill and your airplane at a Challenge Air for Kids and Friends (CAKF) event. These events provide more than just airplane rides to Special Needs children. It allows them to actually take the flight controls! (Safety first!) The joy you can give these kids by donating your time and airplane for a day will be memorable. A typical “Fly Day” typically runs from 8 am until approximately 2 pm. You can expect to fly 5 or 6 sorties with a child and a family member.

#### **Pilot and Airplane Minimum Requirements:**

1. Minimum of 4 seats in your aircraft
2. The PIC must have at least 500 hours flight time (FAA Article 96-146)
3. Provide a copy of your Private, Commercial or ATP Certificate
4. Provide a copy of your current Medical Certificate
5. Provide a copy of your aircraft insurance (\$1,000,000 bodily liability + \$100,000 per seat, preferred)

**Register** on-line at [www.challengeair.com](http://www.challengeair.com). You will need to register an account, then register for the event. You will be asked during the event registration for the payload of your aircraft for planning purposes. This should be the weight of passengers you can carry (Useful Load less Pilot Weight less nominal fuel). Before the event date you will also need to post copies of your Certificate, Medical, and Aircraft Insurance to the secure CKAF website.

## AVIATION CAMP

**JUNE 21—25, 2022**

The Historic Aviation Memorial Museum (HAMM) will conduct an Aviation Camp for young adults ages 12 to 15. The camp will be held from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm each day from June 21 through June 25, 2022.

Classroom activities will include; the **History of Flight, How Airplanes Fly, Preflight an Airplane, Pilot experiences, Flying the Flight Simulator**, and a **Scavenger Hunt**. There will also be **field trips** to visit the **Airport Control Tower**, the **Fire Station**, the **Terminal Building** 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 25<sup>th</sup>.

The cost for the Aviation Camp will be one hundred thirty dollars (\$130.00). Because attendance is limited to only fifteen participants, please call to reserve a position and get directions regarding the application process.

HAMM is located at Tyler Pounds Regional Airport, 150 Airport Dr., Tyler, TX 75704. The telephone number is 903-526-1945.

## ROSE CITY AIR FEST 2022

**JULY 1—3, 2022**

On July 1, 2, and 3, HAMM and CAMPV will host the Rose City Air Fest 2022. It will be held at the Tyler Pounds Regional Airport, on the ramp area in front of the airport's old terminal building where the Control Tower is located.

We have scheduled a variety of aircraft to be present for the weekend, including a World War II B-29 "Superfortress" bomber, a B-25 "Mitchell" bomber, a F-51 "Mustang" fighter, a T-33 "Shooting Star", a T-37, two A-10 "Thunderbolt II", Three MIG 17s, four AT-6 Aero Shell aircraft, and a British Vampire.

The B-29 and the B-25 will be selling rides on Friday (10:00am - 3:00pm), Saturday, and Sunday (10:00 am – 4:00 pm). Information regarding ticket purchases on line will be available shortly.

The Air Show will be Friday evening, July 1st. The gates will open at 3:00 pm and the Air Show will begin at 6:30 pm with parachute jumpers, followed by the above-listed aircraft.

If you like airshows, you will definitely enjoy this one! All of the performers are experienced airshow performers and love to meet the public.

The weekend's activities will continue on Saturday and Sunday; the Museum and Ramp will be open from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm. So, come on out and enjoy the fun.

## CURATORS CORNER

This has been a busy time, having received many donations recently. These include 9 boxes of scale recognition models, both ships and aircraft. Among these are many rare models in 1/144 scale called "Pocket Models." these were use in areas where the usual 1/72 scale models were too big, such as in submarines. An unusual item is a China-Burma-India service medal. It was re-awarded after WWII to 1Lt Tindall by the Nationalist Chinese Government as a replacement for the original medal lost during the war. By this time, the Chinese government had relocated to Taiwan after the so called Mo revolution so the replacement was produced in Taiwan. We also obtained some German objects such as a Luftwaffe Pilots Badge, a German Paratrooper Gravity Knife and a pair of US Army paratrooper boots. Our biggest project recently has been the relocation of the Harry Brown/Bill Davis display to the Texas Aviation Pioneers exhibit area. This was done to accommodate the display of Harry Brown's wife Sylvia's wedding dress and a uniform blouse with Harry's medals, etc. on it. In between the two uniforms is a picture of their military wedding where they left the Chapel under crossed swords. Sylvia was also a nurse during WWII and worked at Consolidated San Diego on Catalinas and B-24s. Other objects will be added when received from the donor. We are also close to re-opening one of the flight simulators. The date will be announced in a later Prop Wash.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

East Texas Modelers 1:30-3:30PM

March 5, 2022

Board of Directors Meeting 3:00 pm

March 23, 2022

General Membership Meeting 10:00 am

March 26, 2022

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**Docents** - Guide visitors through the Museum, provide details of various displays, and escort visitors to our aircraft parked on the ramp.

**Gift Shop/Greeters** - Welcome visitors, process admission fees and Gift Shop purchases.

**Library/Administrative Assistants** – Assist in managing our Aviation Library and various tasks regarding Museum donations.

**Technically-inclined individuals** - work in our Restoration Facility helping to maintain our extensive aircraft collection and, when needed, assist with the restoration of these aircraft.

## NEW MEMBERS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>MEMBERSHIP</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>MEMBERSHIP</u>
Michael Bennett	Individual	Ralph Moss	Individual
Blayze Kowalski	Individual	Richard Byfield	Family
Charles Bishop	Family	Hollis Page	Individual
Bud Henderson	Individual	Darron Jackson	Individual
Bill Miller	Upgrade To Life	Alvin Morris	Individual