



NEWSLETTER ~ JUNE, 2014

Candler Field
Museum



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VINTAGE DAY ONLY A FEW

DAYS AWAY

THIS COMING SATURDAY JUNE 7th IS THE DATE

Our annual Vintage Day will be held this coming Saturday June 7th. This year we are doing something new. We are going to present a music festival in addition to having a parade of flight. We will still have all of the regular events including the cake walk, biplane rides, vendors, good food, old cars and old airplanes. At this time we have 4 music groups scheduled to be with us - Shoulderbone Creek Orchestra, the Bonnie Ridge Bluegrass group, The Coleman Family, and the Dixie Dulcimers.

This year we will be asking for a \$10 per car donation to offset expenses. The proceeds of the money will be used to support the Youth Program that is part of the museum. We will also raffle a shotgun - tickets are \$20 each. A cash prize of \$1,000 will also be raffled with tickets \$20 each. There is plenty of room in the air history museum in the event of inclement weather. Festival food and 1920's costumes are part of the activities. Museum volunteers will be selling food all day along with the Barnstormer's Grill that will have a full menu should you care to dine. This will be an exciting day for the family - good music, lots of airplanes, and lots of things to do. Plan on coming out for the day.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 11:00 - open with Parade of Flight
- 11:45 - music Coleman Family
- 12:30 - cake walk
- 1:00 PM - music Dixie Dulcimers
- 2:15 - cake walk
- 2:45 - music Shoulderbone Creek Orchestra
- 4:00 - cake walk
- 4:30 - Parade of Flight
- 5:30 - music Bonnie Ridge Bluegrass
- 6:45 - Raffle of shotgun and cash

7:00 - Flight of Curtiss Jenny



Shoulderbone Creek Orchestra - photo by Bryan Burton



Bonnie Ridge Bluegrass

MUSEUM MEMBER LOYD COX PASSED AWAY



Loyd Cox was 90 years old when he passed away on May 20, 2014. Loyd was Candler Field Museum member #1. He prided himself on being the very first person to join the museum. Each year he would make sure that he renewed his membership so that he could retain the distinction of being number 1. Loyd and I flew together quite often with Delta Air Lines. I knew Loyd for well over 30 years and I never heard him mention his service in WWII. Loyd entered the U. S. Army in 1943 and trained as a tank commander with the Fourth Armored Division. This Division, part of General Patton's Third Army, spear-headed the attack on Bastogne, Belgium during the Christmas holidays of 1944. This attack resulted in some of the worst fighting during the Battle of the Bulge. Marching through deep snow and extreme cold temperatures, units of the Fourth Armored Division covered 150 miles in 19 hours to beat back the German drive toward Antwerp and relieve the besieged 101st Airborne Division, trapped in Bastogne. Sergeant Cox was severely wounded by a German mortar shell while leading his squad against a German counter attack near Bastogne. He was awarded the Purple Heart.

Loyd returned to the states and was sent to Percy Jones Army Hospital in Battle Creek, Michigan where he was cared for by Lt. Beulah Casey from Ramsey, Illinois. They fell in love and married a year later.

Loyd began his aviation training after WWII and in 1953 he was hired by Chicago and Southern Airlines which shortly thereafter merged with Delta Air Lines. Loyd was based in Chicago most of his career with Delta and in 1975 transferred to Atlanta. Loyd is survived by his wife of 68 years Beulah, his daughter Gail Godley and two sons Randy and Keith. Loyd was a good friend and we will all miss him.

FLAGS FOR MEMORIAL DAY

Every Memorial Day and Veteran's Day we display flags at Candler Field Museum. We also place them during our Vintage Day event. We have over 60 flags that are placed in honor of a veteran. A dog tag is also on display with each flag identifying the veteran who is being remembered. If you would like to honor a veteran - either living or dead - the cost of the flag and dog tag is \$50. The contribution is made to the museum.



YOUTH PROGRAM

by Jim Hoak

The Candler Field Museum - Youth Mentoring Aviation program has now been in operation for just over five months. This program is one of the main activities of the museum itself. Several EAA 468 members are participating in the program in different capacities.

To briefly review, the purpose of the program is to attract deserving young folks, ages 12 through 20, who are considering future aviation careers. We have had over 20 students sign-up with approximately 15 actually participating. The students work on mostly older aircraft under the guidance of mentors who also have deep interests in aviation. Through their work on the aircraft, the students earn future flying hours provided by the museum. Ultimately the students can become aircraft mechanics and or pilots. Some of the more active students have accumulated over 10 future flying hours. They will begin using these hours now that the better flying weather is here.

Additionally, the students participate in the museum hangar activities and events including cleaning and mopping the hangar and will probably participate in other facilities activities during the summer. Our first aircraft is a 1946 Piper J-3 Cub. The students disassembled the aircraft, removed the fabric covering, prepared the parts for recover and then went through the recovering process including rib stitching and spray painting. They are now in the process of reassembling the aircraft. During this phase they are learning about the various components and even some about aircraft hardware and terminology. The students will have the opportunity to actually fly in this aircraft when it is finished and flying.

We have now brought two additional aircraft into the program. The first is an Aeronca Champ which will be a complete rebuild, starting with covering the wings. The third aircraft will be a Piper Super Cub which also will be a complete rebuild project. Actually there is a fourth aircraft, a Brunner-Winkle, Kinner powered Bird which we have done some work on but it is of lower priority at this time. We will be working on all of the aircraft at the same time.

Along with all of this actual aircraft work, we are working toward expanding our facilities, including building shelving and other work space. We have also had to make a few revisions to our paperwork process and the scheduling of mentors and students. Over time we hope to develop a fine running and ongoing program.

So you can see, we are very busy with the students within the program. One of our greatest needs, in addition to obtaining funding for the program, is more mentors to help with the actual work sessions on Wednesday evenings and on Saturdays. The mentors do not have to be licensed mechanics or even licensed pilots to participate. The main qualification is the desire to help the museum and this great program prepare the young folks for a future in aviation.

Please come by the shop and look at the great job we are doing and I'm sure YOU WILL WANT TO JOIN US. BESIDES, WE NEED YOU!



*19th ANNUAL SOCIAL SECURITY RUN
STOPS AT CANDLER FIELD*



The Horseless Carriage Club's annual Social Security Run brought 58 antique automobiles to Candler Field. Antique autos of all makes and models. What a great collection. This was a rare opportunity to see some very unique cars.

RARE FOOTAGE OF CANDLER FIELD IN 1938

Jim Williams sent this link to a video filmed at the original Candler Field in 1938. The aircraft in the video are Eastern Air Lines DC-2's along with one of Delta's Travel Airs.

[CLICK HERE TO VIEW THE VIDEO](#)

PICTURE FROM BOSHEARS FLY-IN HELD IN APRIL



Picture courtesy of Dean Wingard

CANDLER FIELD FLYING CLUB

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