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FOFM Wins Best Lighted Float!

By Darryl Coit

Freedom of Flight Museum won Best 2013 Joplin Christmas Parade. The float was also entered in the Webb City Christmas Parade. The Bomber was used by covering it with lights and plastic wrap. It gave the plane an iridescent look. Thanks again to K.C. Brockman who was chairperson, Rick Brockman, Sandy and Tom Meadows, John Humble, Angie and Matt Paige, Colvin and Cooper Paige, and Darryl and Darlene Coit. We had a great time.



Dauntless Bomber

For those of you not familiar with this project, the Bomber is a 1/2 scale replica of a WWII torpedo bomber. It has been used as a promotional attraction at several local events including Third Thursdays.

Some of you have volunteered time to work on the Dauntless Bomber. The next step will be to cover half of it, leaving the other half open to view the frame. This work will be done at Coit's Shop.

If you are interested in working on the project, please contact us at contactus@freedomofflightmuseum.org or Freedom of Flight Museum on Facebook.

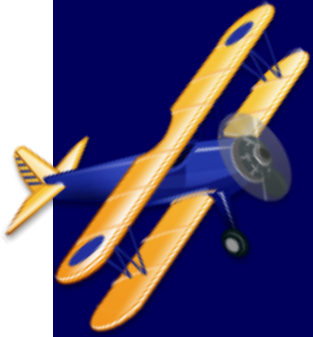


Science Fair

Missouri Southern State University and Animal Sciences, Plant Sciences, and Physics and Astronomy.

Freedom of Flight has volunteered to judge for the event and if you are interested, you need not have experience in the fields. Volunteers will be paired up with an expert in each field. Fields include: Behavioral & Social Sciences, Cellular, Molecular and Microbiology, Chemistry and Biochemistry, Computer Science, Engineering, and Mathematics, Earth and Environmental Sciences, Human

Email us at Contatus@freedomofflightmuseum.org by Feb 21st if you are interested in helping.



Joplin Business Expo

On January 21 and 22, Freedom of Flight Museum participated in the Joplin Business Expo at the Holiday Inn Convention Center. Thanks to Steve Stockam we were able to use part of the Joplin Regional Airport booth space along with Mizzou Aviation and Alpha Air Center. John Humble, Rick Brockman and Darryl Coit visited with many people about the museum's mission. At the end of the two day show FOFM had received the contact information for about 30 people that were interested in our project.

Flying Through the Four-States

Plans are moving forward to develop FOFM's first major exhibit. It will be located at the General Aviation Terminal (the old terminal building) at the Joplin Regional Airport. The theme of the exhibit will be "Flying through the Four-States" (A historical view of contributions to aerospace by local people).

lead on this display.

If you are interested in helping with this project by researching, writing, donating artifacts or photos, or just lending a hand, notify us on e-mail or Facebook. First phase completion is scheduled for early summer of 2014.

The first display of the exhibit is nearing completion. It will chronicle the history of the Royal Air Force base at Miami, OK. The base was in operation during WWII and trained British pilots for the RAF. Thanks to Jason Denno for taking the



Help Us to Make the Museum a Success!



Website Development

If you would enjoy finding or creating activities that parents can do with their kids that can be connected to aviation or air and space and teaches a concept from Science, Technology, Engineering, or Math, please let us know.

Kid's Day

The Joplin Family YMCA will be hosting a Kids' Day on May 24, 2014 from 10:00 a.m. To 12:00 noon. FOFM has been invited to participate by setting up a couple of activities the kids can do. Thanks to Sue Pitts we already have some exciting activities in the works. If you would like to help by working at the booth on May 24, please e-mail us at contactus@freedomofflightmuseum.org or contact us through Facebook at Freedom of Flight Museum.



Open House/Kids' Pavilion



Consideration is being given to sponsoring a second Open House at the Joplin Regional Airport. The museum will partner with Mizzou Aviation, Alpha Air Center and Joplin Regional Airport. As last year there would be a Kids' Pavilion and static aircraft display. A mid-summer date is favored. If you are interested in being involved with this project please notify FOFM by e-mail or FB.



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The Freedom of Flight Museum Inc. is a dedicated group of flight enthusiasts focused on stimulating and fostering an interest in aviation in our community.

Mission

Our mission is to acquire, restore, preserve, and display aircraft and spacecraft related artifacts. Through these activities, the museum serves the public interest by providing educational opportunities and programs specifically focused on the history, technology, math, science, and human aspects of flight.



Us on Facebook!

Upcoming Events

- March 25th MSSU Science Fair
- May 24th Joplin Family YMCA Kid's Day
- Work on the Dauntless Bomber is ongoing
- Work on "Flying through the Four-States" ongoing



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Imagine a place where your children or grandchildren can go and freely explore, examine and create their own projects in a hands-on, open environment. A place where adults with the same interests can encourage and guide them in their learning. A place that fosters enthusiasm for science, technology, engineering and math.

Imagine a place that preserves and shares the rich aerospace history of the four-state area with exhibits featuring local manufacturers, historic artifacts, astronauts, famous pilots and our veterans.

Bringing this place to our area is the purpose of the Freedom of Flight Museum. If you are interested in helping us complete this mission, please consider getting involved.

2014 looks to be a very busy year for the museum. Take a look at some of the activities and projects that are planned.

Let's get started.

Darryl Coit

President – Freedom of Flight Museum