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Hours:

Monday - Friday: CLOSED
Saturday & Sunday: 10AM-3PM
Group and Private Tours
Available by Appointment

Board of Directors:

Mike Lumen - President
Hank Winkler - VP/Curator
Bill Roth - Treasurer
Steve Ports - Secretary
Ken Kwiatkowski - Mktg/FundRaise
Ray Hicks - Membership
Chuck Newell - Restoration
Bob Gluchman - Restoration
Steve Bartkowski - Director

Next Board Meeting:

March 27, 2021, 8:00 AM

Featured Member: Hank Winkler

Long-time member, Vice President, and our museum curator, Hank hails from the south side of Chicago in the Back of the Yards and graduated from Chicago Vocational High School in 1962 as a qualified aircraft power plant mechanic. Afterwards, he served over five years in the US Navy as an Aviation Machinist Mate specializing on the A-4C Skyhawk. During this time, he deployed on board the USS Constellation (CV-64) and USS Ranger (CV-61) and completed two Vietnam conflict combat cruises. Following his military service, Hank first worked as a Chevrolet Mechanic while he



contemplated his future, then embarked upon a 37-year technical career with IBM. Hank joined the Air Classics Museum in 2003 and has worked in every imaginable function; from lawn care specialist, tour guide/docent, and finally (as he puts it) as a Lord High Mucky Muck. He continues his "jack of all trades" service as our museum's Curator and Vice President on a near daily basis, both in season and off to keep our museum up and running. We truly appreciate all that you do Hank!!

North American RF-86F Sabre USAF SN 51-13390

On loan to Air Classics from the National Naval Aviation Museum, our Sabre is a very rare bird. Only two examples of the F-86 photoreconnaissance variant remain in the United States.

The aircraft was constructed as an F-86F-25-NH by North American in Columbus Ohio and was accepted by the United States Air Force on 3 June 1953. After a short period assigned to the 479th Fighter-Bomber Wing at George Air Force Base, the aircraft underwent several depot-level modifications and was transferred to the Japanese Air Self Defense Force (JASDF). It was taken on JASDF strength on 28 March 1956 and assigned SN 62-742.

"Preserving the Dream"

COVID-19 Relief for ACM

Bill Roth has been pursuing opportunities to receive grants to help offset lost revenues resulting from the COVID delayed 2020 season and reduced visitor attendance. He applied for several and was successful in getting approved for the IL BIG Grant focusing on helping non-profits overcome pandemic related losses. We were awarded \$15,000, which has already been received. These funds are a big help in covering our operating costs. Great job Bill!!

Building 4 Mezzanine Reorganization

Hank Winkler has been engaged in a major project to reorganize the upstairs mezzanine and make it an efficient work area and storage space for reference books and items not currently on museum display. He has created a workstation for maintaining our model exhibits (Ray is very happy!!). The newly organized space will be a great benefit to our museum.

2021 Museum Opening

Air Classics Museum will reopen for the 2021 visitor season with regular hours on 10 April. Stay tuned for further announcements and volunteer opportunities to assist with the reopening. The gift shop will be well-stocked – desktop models, unbuilt plastic model kits, books, toys, as well as museum hats & polo shirts!



January 15, 2021

The aircraft was converted to RF-86F specification in 1962, receiving a K17 and two K22 cameras, installed in a compartment under the forward fuselage. The aircraft served the JASDF until 1979. After returning to the US, the aircraft was transferred to Naval Air Weapons Station, China Lake, California and used as a drone for the remainder of its career.



The museum received the aircraft in January 1998. The markings on our Sabre are representative of those that would have been applied at the time of its US Air Force Service. We are very fortunate to be able to display this classic aircraft for our visitors.

We Want YOU To Be A Member



We are actively seeking new members and encouraging all our current/past members to renew their memberships. We are also in the process of updating our membership database so we can keep you informed of current events and volunteer opportunities. There's never been a better time to become a Life Member!! Membership includes free Air Classics water bottle, unlimited free admission to the museum, 10% gift shop discount, access to museum library, and volunteer opportunities. Life Members also receive a 25% discount in the museum gift shop and after-hours rental of museum or its camping/picnic area. Current Annual and Life membership rates are as follows:

Student:	\$15	Individual:	\$40
Family:	\$50	Life:	\$350



Pandemic safety measures are still in place, it seems many are shopping online more than ever. Did you know that you can help our museum by doing so? Using smile.Amazon.com when shopping, our museum receives up to 0.5% of the price of your purchase in the form of a donation. Thousands of items are eligible. It's the same Amazon, with the same products and prices. It only takes a few moments to set up. Invite your friends and family too!