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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, Newsletter
Chuck Newell - Restoration
Bob Gluchman - Restoration
Steve Bartkowski - Director

Next Board Meeting:

July 24, 2021, 8:00 AM

Featured Aircraft: P-47 Thunderbolt (replica)

The P-47 Thunderbolt was the largest single engine fighter of WWII. It entered combat with the 56th and 78th Fighter Groups in April of 1943. There its shortcomings soon became evident. It could easily be out turned and out climbed by the

nimble German single seat fighters. On the plus side, it had a fantastic roll rate, tremendous hitting power and in a sustained dive, was unmatched. Its large size led to its being called the Juggernaut, which was quickly shortened to Jug. The plane soon developed a reputation for its toughness and its ability to return home, even after sustaining severe battle damage. Later models had use of a ventral drop tank which allowed it to escort bombers to the German border. Rate of climb was improved with the use of a paddle blade propeller. As introduced, the P-47 was called a Razorback. Because of a rearward visibility problem, a major design change brought about the Bubble-top canopy version you see before you today.



With the introduction of the P-51 Mustang as a bomber escort, the P-47 was switched to close air support where once again, its ruggedness and its tremendous hitting power were proven.

Replica is on loan from the Illinois Signal Corps Military History Museum, Burbank, IL.

Museum Attendance

The 2021 museum season has been very strong thus far; both weekend attendance and museum tour requests are up!! Many tours have been requested for weekdays, please contact Hank Winkler.

hwinkler@airclassicmuseum.org

COVID-19 Update

Though COVID-19 infection rates have improved, the pandemic is still far from over as new variants evolve and surges in cases occur in localized areas. Air Classics Museum is continuing to observe the latest guidance from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Illinois health professionals. Volunteers and visitors who have been **fully vaccinated** are no longer required to wear masks while at the museum. However, persons who have not been fully vaccinated are strongly encouraged to continue wearing masks and observe social distancing protocols. Thank you for your cooperation as we work to put COVID behind us one and for all.

Air Classics Museum Website

The new website has been completed!! The page has been refreshed with new photos, a streamlined new look and enhanced navigation. Additional new content will be added in coming months to help generate interest in our museum. You can visit the site at:
<http://airclassicsmuseum.org>.

Volunteer Opportunities

There are numerous opportunities to help out around the museum. Along with the weekend hours, many tours are given during the week. There are also small maintenance projects. Contact Hank Winkler
hwinkler@airclassicsmuseum.org



F-105 Thunderchief Rehabilitation

The project to restore the appearance of the F-105 on display is being headed by Chuck Newell. The aircraft is being thoroughly cleaned and prepared for sheet metal repairs and a new paint job. If you are interested in contributing to the effort, please contact Chuck directly.
cnewell@airclassicsmuseum.org



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.

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