

## THE STARLINER

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### SPREADING THE WORD

Over the past year, I have had a few opportunities to talk to the local community about the 1940 Air Terminal Museum and the history of Houston Aviation. Generally my visits have been to various church groups and service clubs.

Typically these presentations involve a lunch where I get to meet and chat with people of varied interests. Normally, but not always, I display a slide show that highlights our marvelous exhibits, explaining the history of Houston Avia-

tion. The opening comment about the first flight in Texas on February 18, 1910 usually is a surprise to the groups. This took place in a field by Spencer Highway and Old Galveston Road and was the subject of a special display at the Museum this year. We then display and talk about the museum items up through the terminal closure in 1954.

Mostly the audience is unfamiliar with our museum so it is a wonderful opportunity to educate the group

and spurs their interest to visit, join or contribute. Sometimes there is a special moment that even I cannot predict. At one of my presentations an older gentleman related that his first visit to Houston was in 1939 while a graduate student at MIT. He shared with me that there was no terminal (the previous wooden terminal had burned). And he seemed to remember coming into a Quonset hut structure. The real surprise though was the reason as to why he had come to Houston. His

roommate was the son of Joseph Finger, the architect of our terminal. It was under construction at that time. You never know what kind of connections the people of Houston may have to our museum and it always a pleasure to hear their stories.

I enjoy making the presentations and always welcome opportunities. Interface with new people and sharing the knowledge of the 1940 Air Terminal Museum is a great pleasure to me.

BY: GREG KELLEY

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS- APRIL 2ND 2011 FOR THE 2011 POPS & PROPS ANNUAL GALA

The 1940 Air Terminal Museum is pleased to announce the 7th Annual Pops & Props Gala and Silent Auction on Saturday, April 2, 2011, at 6:30 p.m. This black tie optional event will be held at the 1940 Air

Terminal Museum at 8325 Travelair Road on the West Side of William P. Hobby Airport.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Houston Aeronautical Heritage Society, we invite

you to be an Underwriter or Table Sponsor.

The 1940 Air Terminal Museum will be your gateway into a bygone era. As night falls on the airport, guests will arrive and be greeted by tuxedoed waiters bearing trays of delicious canapés and flutes of champagne.

Vintage aircraft will be spotlighted on the Museum's tarmac and vintage automobiles will be displayed around the Terminal. A 1940's style big band will play hits from Glenn Miller and other 1940's big band

leaders as swing dancers warm up the dance floor. After a multi-course seated dinner, guests will be invited to bid on a unique selection of once-in-a-lifetime vacations, art, antiques, aviation collectibles and more on the Silent Auction tables and dance the night away.

You can participate in the 7th Annual Pops & Props Gala:

As a **Pops & Props Underwriter** (\$7,500.00\*) you will receive two

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### “FLYING TIMES”

BY: AMY ROGERS

As many of you already know, the air terminal celebrated its 70<sup>th</sup> birthday this year in September. In honor of this monumental occasion we decided to do a special art contest and exhibition to coincide with our anniversary. The exhibition featured aviation themed art sent in from around the country.

success. Next they began searching for and contacting artists and studios in order to garner excitement for the show and to encourage entries.

“Flying Times” ended up with 14 pieces on display; an impressive showing for such a new event at the museum. (The only other art exhi-

by her proud grandfather, to very advanced pieces done by professional artists.

contest was also done on opening night and the winners are as follows:



The opening for the art contest and exhibition was held on the evening of September 17. Many of our members and volunteers, along with the show’s sponsors, gathered to view the show and enjoy some light

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: Dave Cox
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Kent Titcomb
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Jessica Woche
- 1940 Air Terminal Award: Dave Cox
- Women in Aviation Award “Women Love the Sky”: Jonathan Frank

Leading up to the contest Megan and intern Meggy O’Neal worked diligently towards attaining sponsorship for the event to ensure its

bition held at the museum was in 2004.) There was everything from a painting, done by a 9 year old girl submitted



refreshments. An enthusiastic Facebook fan even joined us for the opening, which was his first visit to the museum.

- Anson Air “Spirit of Learning” Award: Johnie Wade
- A.J. High Golden Age of Aviation Award: Jonathan Frank
- Popular Choice Award:



The judging for the

**“FLYING TIMES” CONTINUED...**

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The “Flying Times” Art Exhibition was on display at the museum from

**Coats & Evans PC  
Anson Air  
Women in Aviation-  
Space City Chapter**



September 17 through October 31. The contest was a great success and we received a lot of positive feedback on the exhibition from museum visitors.

The show would not have been possible without the support of our sponsors and the amazing pieces submitted by our participating artists.

Thank you to all who participated in the show as a featured artist, volunteer or a visitor. We want to give a special thank you to all of our sponsors:

Yet another exciting and successful event held at the 1940 Air Terminal Museum!



**HOW IS YOUR MEMBERSHIP?**

We have recently added the family tier to our membership program to reflect our exciting 2010 year.

If you are an annual member, please check below to see the great benefits you’ll receive each year in addition to a discount in the gift shop, discounts on monthly events, and invitations to members-only events and special days.

**Observation Deck - \$75**

Every year, Observation Deck Members will receive a t-shirt with that year’s newest design. This year’s t-shirt features a vintage postcard rendering of the terminal. *In accordance with IRS guidelines, the reasonably equivalent value of an Observation Deck membership is \$5.00.*

**Barnstormer - \$194**

Every year, Barnstormer Members will receive a hardcover, signed copy of the annual promoted book. The current book is “Amelia” by Ric Gillespie. *In accordance with IRS guidelines, the reasonably equivalent value of a Barnstormer membership is \$15.00.*

**Travelair - \$500**

Every year, Travelair Members will receive one (1) raffle ticket for the annual Win-A-Plane raffle contest and their choice of that year’s museum t-shirt or promoted book. *In accordance with IRS guidelines, the reasonably equivalent value of a Travelair membership is \$25.00.*

**Family - \$150**

Made for 2 adults and chil-

dren, every year Family Members will receive their choice of a child’s toy from the gift shop, along with their choice of a DVD from the available selection. *In accordance with IRS guidelines, the reasonably equivalent value of a Family membership is \$25.00.*

**Clipper - \$940**

Clipper Members will be permanently honored with a granite tile bearing their names in the museum atrium. *In accordance with IRS guidelines, the reasonably equivalent value of a Clipper membership is \$50.00.*

**Starliner - \$1940**

Starliner Members will receive a limited edition reproduction print of a frieze from the 1940 Air Terminal, and a granite tile bearing their names in the museum atrium. *In accordance with IRS guidelines, the reasonably equivalent value of a Starliner membership is \$100.00.*

**Texanaire - \$5000**

Texanaire Members will be permanently recognized on marble wall tiles in the Museum atrium, receive a reproduction print of all four friezes surrounding the building, and a reserved table for all future Pops & Props gala dinners. *In accordance with IRS guidelines, the reasonably equivalent value of a Texanaire membership is \$500.00.*

**Contact the Administrator for more details, or visit us at [www.1940airterminal.org](http://www.1940airterminal.org)**

# SPOTLIGHT ON MUSEUM GIFT SHOP

BY: AMY ROGERS

As the holiday season is upon us it is the perfect time to start thinking about finding that spe-

Our varied selection offers something for everyone; toys for children, books and films for the



cial gift for the aviation lover in your family. We all know how daunting of a task it can be to find an aviation related gift that will be different from the collection they already own. We all want to feel as if we found the perfect present that will create a lasting holiday memory for our loved ones.

history buff, museum tees, puzzles, etc. We have several different models, those that are already put together and those that you can assemble yourself. May we also suggest a membership to the museum, which really is the gift that keeps on giving in unlimited free admission, gift shop discounts, members' only special events and parties.



Our gift shop offers you the perfect spot to find just what you're looking for. If you have not vis-

With our new point of sale system we can get you in and out of the gift shop very quickly. We accept all forms of

payment with ease, as well as print you out a receipt. We will also accept returns, if for any reason you need to do so

further than the 1940 Air Terminal Museum gift shop. Stop by and browse our wonderful selection of civil and



and can certainly exchange the item or refund your money.

general aviation items, and enjoy the scenery of the airport as opposed to the bleak architecture of the modern shopping mall.

So when considering what to buy for that special someone, look no



## 1940 AIR TERMINAL MUSEUM HOSTS AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF MUSEUMS

The American Association of Museums is perhaps the largest and most well respected organization for museums in the nation. Every year the AAM holds an annual conference: "As the museum field's premier professional development opportunity in 2011, the AAM Annual Meeting & MuseumExpo™ will showcase the best thinking from both practitioners and visionaries on the major issues confronting us and the communities we serve. The world moves faster than ever, and museums must not only keep pace but forge ahead."



The AAM was excited to announce that in May of 2011 the annual meeting will be held in Houston at the George R Brown Convention Center near downtown Houston.

This event will bring over 5000 museum professionals to the

Houston area who are all looking to experience the museums and cultural institutions that Houston has to offer.

Museum administrator Megan Licklitter-Mundon has been invited to sit on the committee for volunteer coordination as well as the events committee, so our interests will be in the forefront.

The 1940 Air Terminal Museum is also extremely pleased to announce that we have been selected to host one of eleven evening events held during the conference.

Being selected to host an evening event is a major accomplishment for our museum and reflects our position as an emerging professional organization.

We are partnering with the Lone Star Flight Museum to host about 250 guests of the conference. They will arrive here on Wednesday, May 25th at 7pm by bus and see the museum lit from the outside and glowing from the inside. Upon entering, they will be ushered up to the



ticket counters where uniformed volunteers will guide them through the ticketing process and give guests a taste of what historical airliners were like. We feel this will resonate especially with our guests because most if not all will have recently flown to Houston to attend the conference. To complete the vintage immersion, we will have uniformed pilots, baggage porters, and other helpful volunteers to guide the visitors through the galleries and then out onto the ramp, where they can tour through the vintage aircraft we'll have on display.

Guests will have the opportunity to visit all of the galleries and experience the historical pictures SlideShow, take pictures in the photo booth, then enjoy snacks and beverages and the experience of being at the terminal!

We are so excited to be participating in this annual conference!

### *Hold Your Next Event at the Museum!*

Are you planning a party, wedding, meeting or special event in 2011?

The 1940 Air Terminal Museum is one of the most unique and interesting venues in Houston. Our atrium, with its art deco detailing and grand space, is sure to be an elegant backdrop to any event.

We can comfortably host small meetings or large receptions and everything in between.

If you haven't yet planned your Christmas get-together or company holiday party, please consider the museum for a unique event your guests will be sure to remember!

Our calendar is filling fast. Contact the museum today for details and to reserve your date!



**1940 AIR TERMINAL  
MUSEUM**

## FOCUS ON COLLECTIONS

Over my past few months as an intern here at the museum I have been able to accomplish many different duties ranging from assisting Megan in anything she might need to helping sell raffle tickets. One of the more interesting and enjoyable tasks is to help with donations and collections.

Our process of cataloguing collections includes receiving donations, documenting those arti-

facts, then seeing if we have an item, which would work in our exhibits. If it does not fit into a current exhibit we then package it properly and take it down to our archive room located in our hanger. It is a process, which I had learned at college, but is far more fun than I had anticipated. The different artifacts I have catalogued cover a wide range thanks to our donors. The museum survives on donations for our collections and I have learned more about civil aviation through my few short months of working with collections than I ever knew before.

One of my favorite experiences working with collections was when we received a donation of Chicago and Southern Airlines items from a woman who had been a stewardess. There were numerous pamphlets for C&S describing all the places this airliner could take you. A couple of tickets, and various other pieces of paperwork

including ticket sleeves and tips to make the flight more enjoyable were also included. There were several stickers, and then finally, a couple of pictures from the stewardess in her uniform. I spent at least half a day reading through all the pamphlets and looking at the tickets. This one donation could have filled most of the exhibit case we have on Chicago and Southern Airlines, and has also made us think over if we want to change the way our C&S case is displayed. This brings another aspect of collections management, which I find is the best part of museum work. Actually putting together an exhibit and getting to add to a current exhibit is I what I believe is most enjoyable out of all of my duties as an intern. This is the reason I wanted an internship at a smaller museum, and is also what I had in mind when I began taking courses in college. Our smaller environment means that

interns and volunteers wear many hats at our museum, and is a great benefit for anyone who wishes to get involved at the terminal.

Another exciting opportunity I have had during my collections work is to see how our museum would benefit from using the cataloguing software, PastPerfect. I downloaded the free trial version, and was surprised at all it has to offer. Many museums use this software, and the many different features of PastPerfect are a great way to not only keep track of our collections, but also get word out about the museum on the web. I was given the task of looking into how this would better our collections process, and even signed up for a tutorial on the software. The people at PastPerfect were great giving me several hours of their time to go through a webinar, and showing me how a smaller museum would gain from this program. This software

**BY: MEGGY O'NEAL**

### *Interested in Internships?*

If you need credit for your museum studies course, or are simply interested in the daily running of museums, then this opportunity might be for you! The museum extends the offer for non-paid internships in the following areas:

- ⇒ Development
- ⇒ Curatorial Work
- ⇒ Administration
- ⇒ Event Planning
- ⇒ Educational Programs

Please contact the Museum Administrator on 713-454-1940 or email info@1940airterminal.org.

***FOCUS ON COLLECTIONS CONTINUED...***

would greatly benefit our archives and make our collections process more efficient. Currently the museum is looking into different fundraising options to be able to afford this software, and this will greatly help our museum.

Hopefully, this article will help you all see that the donation and collection process is why our museum is able to have all of the great exhibits on civil aviation. We operate the museum with volunteers, but without donations we would be unable to display anything to the public. Our

collections process includes donor information, with a few other steps as I mentioned previously. Hopefully, once we are able to purchase the PastPerfect software we will be able to make our collections and archive process more effective in cataloging the donated artifacts. I would like to thank all of our donors

who have donated any artifacts and encourage others to do so. Donations keep our museum able to depict the glory days of civil aviation, which is our goal in our exhibits. Hopefully, we will be able to purchase the PastPerfect software and this will be another tool in helping our museum grow.

**POPS & PROPS 7TH ANNUAL GALA***....CONTINUED FROM PG 1*

Reserved tables for ten, an invitation for a private tour of the 1940 Air Terminal, ten invitations to the Underwriters' Cocktail Reception, recognition in the Pops & Props Souvenir Program and prominent recognition on a personalized banner to be displayed throughout the event.

- As a **Pops & Props Table Sponsor** (\$1,940.00\*\*), you will receive a reserved table for ten, recognition in the Pops & Props Souvenir Program and prominent recognition on a Table Sponsors' Marquis to be displayed throughout the event.

In order to preserve the magic of the event, we

are limiting the size of the gala to no more than 200 attendees. The reviews and comments on the first five Pops & Props were universally spectacular. Tables are selling fast and we believe this year's event will sell out in short order.

For airport security reasons, all tickets to the event must be purchased in advance and will not be available on the day of the event.

We look forward to your participation in the 7th Annual Pops & Props Gala and Silent Auction.

Please reserve your tables soon, and feel free to share information about Pops & Props with your friends and

colleagues, and encourage them to contact us to reserve their sponsorship or table as well.

Checks can be sent to the museum. All of the

net proceeds from Pops & Props will be dedicated exclusively to the 1940 Air Terminal Museum. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call (713)

454-1940 or email info@1940AirTerminal.org. We look forward to seeing you in April!





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The Museum is located just east of Telephone Road, on the west side of Hobby Airport. We are open 10-5, Tuesday-Saturday and 1-5 on Sunday afternoons. Admission is \$5.00 for adults and \$2.00 for kids. Admission is free for Museum Members, law enforcement, fire fighters, military and their families.

Wings & Wheels Saturdays, on the 3rd Saturday of each month, feature special aircraft and vehicle displays, ramp tours and more. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids, and includes lunch.

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### **A LOOK BACK AT WINGS & WHEELS 2010**

BY: AMY ROGERS

As the year comes to an end let us reflect back on our monthly open houses.

Over the years our Wings & Wheels events have become very popular and are widely attended.

One of our volunteer favorites is "Raffle Day" which is held in the month of July. Out on the ramp, we had several fly-in visitors including the Aero Commander of Coats & Evans, Gale Haskins' PT-19,

along with a Cessna 172H and a Cessna 170 tail dragger! Out front, we broke the record for the most cars in our parking lot! There were cars of all makes and models, and all of them looked great in front of the museum!



We look forward to all of next year's monthly themes, as well as finishing out the year with our "HoustonSpotters & Volunteer Appreciation" Day this month. This is another of our most popular themes that we all look forward to all year. !

**Wings & Wheels is held the 3rd Saturday of every month.**

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