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NSM NEWS

The National Soaring Museum preserves and presents the heritage of motorless flight, and promotes through education, a greater knowledge of soaring, aeronautics, and related physical sciences for everyone.

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NSM Education Director, Norm Smith, takes our Chamber guests through the galleries

NSM Hosts its Third “Business After Business” Reception

On a rainy Thursday night, May 19, 2011, the National Soaring Museum formally opened its new exhibit, “In Plane View,” during a “Business After Business” Reception held at our location by the Chemung County Chamber of Commerce. We were pleased to co-host such an event, as our special relationship with the Chamber helps to achieve our shared mission of promoting prosperity and quality of life throughout Chemung County. With the representative voice of business in the area present, this was a unique opportunity for the Museum to showcase its role in local history and pride.

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“An unexpected treasure” ~ Nancy from Washington, GA



*The Whittman Chief Oshkosh/Buster,
an image from Russo's exhibit*

Behind the Scenes: Exhibit Installation at the NSM

This summer at the National Soaring Museum, we are very fortunate to house a superb traveling exhibit in our galleries. "IN PLANE VIEW/ Abstractions of Flight" is a collection of photographs by Carolyn Russo and comes to us from the Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum.

NSM Director Peter Smith heard about the traveling exhibit and met the artist about three years ago at a conference sponsored by the Smithsonian Aerospace Museum. "I found it interesting with stunning photographs... so we expressed an interest in it. This May was the first opportunity to host it. It was already booked up for two or three years," he said.

It's no wonder that this fresh exhibit is in high demand. The talented photographer showcases the aesthetic quality of some of the NASM's most iconic aircraft through a series of abstract images, some taken from angles the average visitor would never be able to view. NSM Operations/Education Director, Norm Smith has commented that "[Russo] was trying to pick out parts of planes that people would never recognize. You almost have to read about them to figure out what they are." Some of the unique and revered aircraft featured in the exhibition include the Lockheed 5B Vega, the Northrop Gamma Polar Star, the Boeing 307 Stratoliner Clipper Flying Cloud, the space shuttle Enterprise, the Apollo 11 command module Columbia, the 1903 Wright Flyer and the Ryan NYP Spirit of St. Louis.

When it comes to artwork, exhibit design can play a very important role in showcasing an artist's talent. On May 1, 2011, the exhibit arrived in a semi in several large shipping crates. NSM staff was bustling with excitement that the long anticipated arrival date had finally come - but the process of hosting a traveling exhibit had just begun! The next step was designing an exhibit that would reflect the artist's project and would be visually pleasing in our galleries. The 56 sleek, framed images are displayed down the long hallway in our lobby, hanging at different heights from black chain, keeping with the tone of industrial beauty that Russo so masterfully captures in her work.

The "In Plane View" Exhibition will be on view at the NSM until August 5, 2011, when it will move on to its next lucky exhibit space. Don't miss your opportunity to get up close and personal with some of the world's greatest aircraft!



*Peter Smith and Norm Smith prepare the exhibit space.
The NSM would like to thank volunteer Pat Helm
for all her help during the installation process.*

FACES OF THE NSM

NSM Elects New Board Leadership

This May's annual meeting marked a change in leadership as Edwin J. Funk Jr. succeeded Moses J. Acee in the position of Board President. Mr. Funk has previously served as a Trustee and Mr. Acee will continue to do so. The NSM would like to thank Mr. Acee for all of his hard work and dedication. The position of Vice-President has been filled by Walter Cannon. Dianne Black-Nixon and Jay McDaniel have also been appointed as new Trustees. We look forward to working with them in the coming year!



Former NSM President Moses Acee and his wife, Sophie, at our Hall of Fame Banquet

NEW NSM STAFF ANNOUNCED!

We are very happy to announce new full-time staff member **Sara Sirianni** as the Executive Assistant in our Administrative Offices. Sara is a recent graduate of The University of Western Ontario with a Master's degree in Public History and a strong background in social studies education. She is "very excited to be a part of preserving and presenting the great story of soaring that is alive here at Harris Hill."



We are glad to welcome new part-time staff member, **Davida Clark**. Davida is part of our weekend Windrider Gift Shop Staff and comes to us from Sayre, PA. She is currently working on completing her internship for a Medical Administrative Assistant degree from Genesee Community College. She has lived in this area all of her life and considers her time at the National Soaring Museum to be "an amazing opportunity!"

Community Soaring Luncheon 2011



NSM Treasurer and Trustee Jan van den Blink greets Mr. Santulli

On Friday, May 6, 2011, the NSM was pleased to host a large turnout of community members for our annual "thank you" luncheon, traditionally held on the first day of our Soaring History Symposium every May. Those present included local business owners, politicians, volunteers, and close friends of the museum. Speakers included NSM Director Peter Smith, County Executive Thomas Santulli, Senator Tom O'Mara, and Harris Hill Soaring Corporation President Mark Doyle. Once again, THANK YOU to the community for all that you do to make the NSM a great institution!

In Memorium: Robert E. Gaines

It is with deepest regret that the National Soaring Museum notes the loss of one of our greatest contributors and friends, Bob Gaines. He passed away on April 20, 2011 after a brave struggle with cancer. He had been associated with the Museum for many years, serving as an NSM Trustee since 1997, IVSM Chair in 2000, and Board President 2004-2007. He gave generously of his expertise, time, money and friendship. In order to honor his dedication to our institution and his great passion for soaring, his family has asked that donations be made in his name to the Robert Gaines Memorial Expansion Fund for the National Soaring Museum. He will be missed.

NASA Controlled Deep Stall Sailplane arrives in time for Hall of Fame Induction

On the evening of May 7, 2011, the National Soaring Museum held a banquet to honor **Einar Enevoldson** as the 2010 inductee to the U.S. Soaring Hall of Fame. Enevoldson is best known in the soaring community for his research at NASA's Hugh L. Dryden Flight Research Center in Edwards, California, including work on experimental wings propulsion and digital computer flight control systems. The Controlled Deep Stall glider, now on display in our Schweizer Gallery, is just one of many types of NASA aircraft Mr. Enevoldson has flown throughout his career. It was shipped to us all the way from California. The Museum would like to thank



NSM Archivist Bill Gallagher and Einar Enevoldson admire the Deep Stall glider in the Schweizer Gallery

Jan van den Blink and the Hilliard Corporation for their generous efforts in getting the sailplane here in time for the Induction and Symposium events. It added a nostalgic touch to a special evening!



New NSM President Ed Funk and new NSM Trustee Dianne Black-Nixon present Einar Enevoldson with his Hall of Fame Certificate.

NSM HISTORY SYMPOSIUM WEEKEND



Hall of Famers: Gene Hammond, Bertha Ryan, Einar Enevoldson, and Bill Schweizer



NSM Trustee Jack Wyman admires an old soaring photograph

2011 Symposium Presentations



NSM Director Peter Smith, showcases our photo collection

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Peter Smith
 A Tale of Three Schweizers and More
Walter Cannon



Symposium participants gather in the Mooers Community room for two days of soaring history, education, and nostalgia

Mr. Enevoldson and Ms. Ryan sign books in the gallery at the Hall of Fame Reception



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The event was catered by Classic Café of Elmira, NY and beverages were generously provided by Seneca Beverage. In spite of the ominous weather and various road closures surrounding Harris Hill on that evening, the Mooers Community Room slowly filled with local business men and women, along with the savory aroma of pork sliders! It was the perfect setting for positive, professional, local networking to take place.

After a bustling social hour, NSM Education Director Norm Smith welcomed our guests and expressed gratitude for the terrific turnout from our friends at the Chamber. He also expressed on behalf of the rest of the NSM staff, our great excitement for the opportunity to show off the newly installed exhibit and encouraged our guests to hit the galleries and soak in the rich soaring history of their local community.

The new exhibit drew an overwhelmingly positive response, as did a few of our permanent exhibits revered as visitor favorites. NSM staff loves to see the public enjoying its Museum – some guests even took out their smart phones to capture some of Norm's great storytelling skills! A big thank you goes out to all who attended and contributed to this event.



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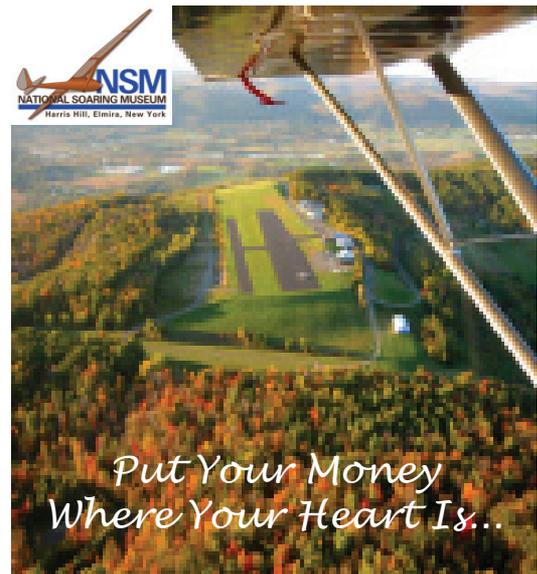
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SOARING 100 EXHIBIT



For more information about this event, visit <http://www.soaring100.com>.

Aviation has seen many milestones and celebrations, but October 2011 marks a very special soaring accomplishment. October 24, 2011 is the 100th anniversary of Orville Wright's 9 minute 45 second soaring flight at Kitty Hawk, NC.

To celebrate this flight, "Soaring 100" was organized with the National Soaring Museum, the Soaring Society of America, First Flight Foundation, US Hang Gliding & Paragliding Association, First Flight Society, and Vintage Sailplane Association as co-partners. Soaring 100 has been a developing project since 2009 and will take place October 21-24, 2011 in several locations on the Outer Banks, NC.

Can't make it to North Carolina to join the celebration? Commemorate this incredible soaring anniversary with a visit to the National Soaring Museum! In the spirit of the Soaring 100 celebration, aviation historian Simine Short has created an exhibit featuring the history of the event. It includes photographs, documents, and articles relating to the first sustained flight made by Orville Wright in 1911 and the birth of modern soaring.



Soaring 100 Exhibit, now on display in the Johnson Gallery at the National Soaring Museum

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- May 11-August 5** "In Plane View" on Display
- June 30** 2012 Hall of Fame Nominations due
- July 11-15** Eileen Collins Aerospace Camp - Young Men (Ages 9-14)
- July 18-22** Eileen Collins Aerospace Camp - Young Women (Ages 9-14)
- July 30 - August 6** Regional Soaring Contest
- September 24** Community Soaring Day





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