

1st Annual Star Party a success!



The Stafford Air & Space Museum held their 1st annual Family Star Party on October 20th. The skies cleared for the evening and party goers were able to participate in many activities throughout the museum.

Large groups of children made paper rockets and launched them into the evening. The rockets were just one of five activities kids and parents could enjoy throughout the museum.

The night's fun-filled activities

included Segway rides, digital planetarium showings, simulation flying in the flight computer labs and scavenger hunts. The SWOSU astronomy department hosted demos throughout the museum including atomic gas particle demos, universe and meteorite education. All guests were treated to a delicious barbeque dinner.

The evening also included trips to the SWOSU observatory. The Oklahoma City Astronomy Club

brought telescopes and set up at the observatory along with the university scope. Guests were able to view many heavenly bodies including Jupiter and its moons, the earth's moon, and even a few meteorites.

The Star Party was such a great success, the museum plans to make this an annual event for the whole family.

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Kids Building rockets to launch



Segway trail and flight simulators in the Rose & Tom Luczo Ed Center

Members-Only Christmas Gala



Last December the Stafford Air & Space Museum started their annual membership program and the response was remarkable.

Members this past year had the chance to be included in various

activities such as the Apollo 10 40th anniversary which hosted famous astronauts such as local hero General Thomas P. Stafford and first man on the moon Neil Armstrong. Other activities included a birthday party for

General Stafford, the Family Star Party and also free general admission to the museum. Besides an opportunity to support the museum and its educational programs, members also receive discounts to the museum gift shop, Air &

Space Camp, and other museum sponsored events.

As a special thanks to the members for their support, the Stafford Air & Space Museum is planning a Members Only Christmas Party. All Members are invited to this exclusive gala which will provide fun, food, and Christmas Spirit in the Museum. Everyone will get a chance to catch up on all the progress the museum has made in the past year, chat with other members and be honored for their unwavering support.

Memberships can be purchased anytime. SASM memberships are fully or partially tax deductible. There are many affordable and different levels of membership. For more information on memberships please go to the museum website or call (580)772-5871.

WWII Temporary Exhibit

P-51 Mustang, Douglas C-47 Skytrain, and F4U Corsair are just a few of the aircrafts that were active during WWII. Shortly, the museum will have a temporary exhibit that will discuss WWII and Oklahoma's role in the conflict.

The story of Oklahoma's Greatest Generation is told through photographs, V-mail,

cartoons, ration books, brochures, and pamphlet covers which show that Oklahomans from all walks of life did their part for the war effort. School children collected scrap metal for munitions factories. Women in Oklahoma City and Tulsa built bombers in aircraft factories.

Nearly 500,000 Sooners served in the armed forces, including the Comanche code talkers, a small group of young men who played a vital role in sending communications in a code never broken by the Germans.

The exhibit is planned to arrive in mid - November and stay through December.

Keep an eye on the museum website for more information on exact dates.



Pictured above: F4u Corsairs

Coming Soon!

V-2 Rocket Engine Hits in Oklahoma

The V-2 Rocket Engine Project is finally completed and placed in the Stafford Air & Space Museum! The engine stopped in Norman, Oklahoma at Bergey Wind Power for two weeks before making its final journey to the Stafford Air & Space Museum. Dan Stroud, aviation historian and Stafford Museum Board member managed the restoration and acquirement of the engine.

Bergey Wind Power built the state-of-the-art platform which holds the engine. "This project has been a delight to take on", said Karl Bergey.



Bergey started the company in 1980.

This engine was actually made in

Germany during WWII by the concentration camp labor force at the Mittelbau-Dora plant. The engine had been

sitting outside for years at the Aberdeen Proving Grounds in Maryland. It was transported to Wiley Post Airport about a year ago to begin its extensive restoration.

After WWII, several of the V-2 Rocket Engines came to the United States which was instrumental in beginning the U.S. space program. The Stafford Air & Space Museum is the only place in Oklahoma to have an actual V-2 Rocket Engine.

The V-2 Rocket Engine is located at the beginning of the space race era information in the Stafford Air & Space Museum.

Museum Honored by Oklahoma Tourism

In May 2009 the museum was bustling with events, educational activities, and school field trips. One of the most memorable and exciting museum events was a two-day temporary NASA exhibit.

The NASA Mobile Exhibit was free to the public and allowed guests and school groups to participate in many space-related, hands-on activities

including a touchable moon rock. The two-day special exhibit attracted over 1,800 additional visitors to the museum.

On Monday October 20, the museum was honored with the Redbud Merit for Outstanding Temporary Exhibit for their hosting of the NASA Mobile Exhibit. The merit award was presented at a special gala at the Governor's Conference. The museum won top

honors with the Redbud Award for Outstanding New Attraction for the museum's flight simulation computer lab in 2008.

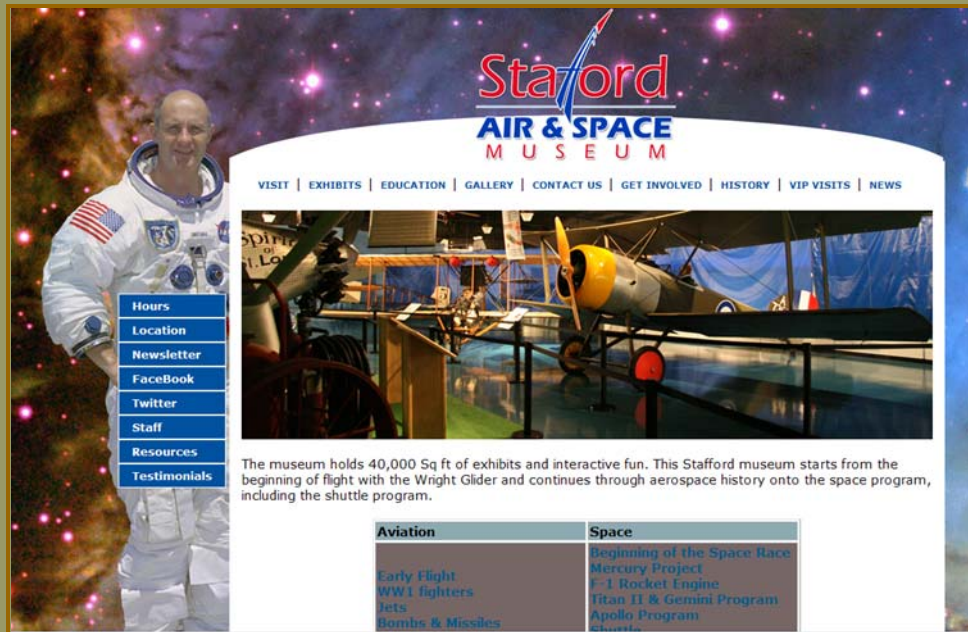
Entries for the Redbud Award are evaluated by out-of-state judges based on criteria including customer service, marketing effectiveness, media relations, variety of audiences reached, value, and overall creativity. The



Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department partners with the Oklahoma Travel Industry Association to present the annual Redbud award.

What's Happening...

Our website has changed! Same web address, exciting new look!



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