

Oklahoma State Legislature at the Museum



Pictured is General Stafford and the Oklahoma State Legislators

State Rep. Harold Wright took lawmakers on a tour of the museum on March 24th, led by General Stafford. "We are honored with a personal tour by Lieutenant General Thomas Stafford, one of only 24 men ever to visit the moon." Wright, Rep. of Weatherford, said "I wanted some of my fellow lawmakers to get an idea of the importance of this museum in Western Oklahoma."

Wright noted that the museum and the regional Thomas P. Stafford Airport are a part Oklahoma's growing aviation and aerospace industry.

"Lawmakers are looking to aviation and aerospace revenue in the state to contribute to stabilizing our budget down the road," Wright said, "this important museum helps to encourage an interest in that industry in this part of the state." Wright went on to say, "I have had several legislators say it was the best and most memorable event since they have been in the legislature. They completely enjoyed themselves and very appreciative of the People of Weatherford's hospitality."

District 23, Rep. Sue Tibbs stated, "I felt I was in the presence of

greatness while listening to General Stafford. You truly have a treasure in your community."

The museum was founded in 1981. After several expansions, the museum is 40,000 square feet and has become the premier museum of its type in the American Southwest. Its mission is to promote the spirit of flight and space travel, while encouraging science and math education. The Museum is owned and operated by the City of Weatherford.

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New Additions to Coming to the Museum!

- Interactive Kiosks from Early flight– Rockets of the World
- Aviation/Space History Testimony Station
- Hands-on Exhibits
- Wright Brother Workshop
- Education activities

Science Matters Here!



minds, instilling a passion for wonder, discovery and science.

Ten interactive exhibits were on-board to introduce the amazing world of science. Among the pulsing lasers and bubbling flasks, people were encouraged to ask questions, make mistakes, experiment, and explore.

The hands-on activities empowers children to practice problems solving skills, observe outcomes, draw conclusions and share what they have learned with others.

Science Matters Mobile Exhibit is presented by the Oklahoma Museum Networks and funded by Donald W. Reynolds Foundation.

Science Matters Mobile Museum blasted into Weatherford on April 6 and landed at the Stafford Air & Space Museum. The all-day event began bright and early and ended after a full day of fun.

The Mobile Museum program took hands-on discovery science to the Stafford Museum to offer learning fun for Western Oklahoma children.

The discovery-based mobile museum,

encourages students to explore science as they engage in sensational science activities.

The exhibit was full of gadgets and gizmos, to actively engage and nurture inquiring

Girl Scouts—Night at the Museum!

Oklahoma Girl Scouts around the area of all ages attended the first Girl Scouts Over-Night at the museum, on April 9-10 2010.

The festivities started April 9th at 5:30pm and continued until 8:30 the next morning. The Scouts were given the opportunity to explore the museum, make different

types of paper airplanes, see a movie in the Sarkeys Digital Planetarium, participate in team building skills, design space colonies and explore exciting careers in aerospace.

Volunteers, Madeline and Ric Baugher helped make the night a huge success. Ric led a tour for the older Girl Scouts and Madeline,

a life-time girl scout, was the over-night leader for the evening.

The girls stayed-up late, watched movies, and had a great time earning their new badges. The museum provided drinks and snacks for the event as well as breakfast for all attendees the next morning.

The Stafford Air & Space Museum holds a Girl Scouts Over-Night camp twice a year. Campers receive with their admission, snacks, project supplies, supervision and breakfast. Boy Scouts Over-Night camps are also planned.

The next Girl Scouts Over-Night visit is planned for Nov. 12-13.

What Happened!

New Donor Board Installed



General Thomas P. Stafford didn't know that in 1991, when he donated a couple of pieces of memorabilia for display at the Weatherford airport, that those cases would grow into a museum that would eventually become a nationally important treasure.

Two years after those first pieces were donated, the first two rooms of the museum were added. Expansions of the museum continued in 1999,

2001, 2003, 2006, and in 2009 the Tom and Rose Luczo Education Center was finished. This year, the Dr. Thomas S. and Mary E. Stafford WWII Airpower Theater was added. The museum is now 40,000 sq. ft. of artifacts and hands-on exhibits.

With the growth of the museum, the support from the community has grown as well. To recognize those who have supported our mission, a brand new

donor board has just installed in the front lobby.

This special display is located in the lobby of the Stafford Air & Space Museum. It will include all donors who support the Museum's and General Stafford's vision. Those with annual memberships will be on the board as well as corporations and foundations who have helped with funding.

Memberships to the Museum are

substantially tax deductible. All memberships include one year free admission, discounts to the Space Place Gift Shop, discounts to events, invitations to all events, and Newsletter updates.

Stafford Air & Space Museum is a 501(c) 3 and all donations are tax deductible. If you are interested in making a donation or arranging a bequest in your estate planning, please contact the Museum.

Wow! Check out the New WWII Theater

Now available, the Dr. Thomas S. and Mary E. Stafford WWII Airpower Theater. The Theater seats about 50 on three levels of seating and is equipped with a large HD screen and high fidelity sound system.

The theater is currently showing a vintage WWII film reel about the role of aviation and bombs during WWII as well as an early comedy routine with Bob Hope

and friends, WWII efforts at home and some great WWII flying footage.

WWII was an important contributing factor to the advance of technology. The war ushered in the Atomic Age which signaled an escalation of war weaponry and laid the foundation for the knowledge of rockets, bombs, and science. The museum also has an actual WWII V2 Rocket

on display in the WWII area.

The end of WWII saw the beginning of the conflict between the east (Soviet Union) and the west (United States). The Soviet Union and the United States' conflict also encouraged the progress through the Cold War of the Space Race.

The WWII Theater will soon have a kiosk

included inside the theater. The kiosk will allow visitors to choose from many different facets of flight technology during this period in history, from bombing missions and the war in the Pacific to the European Theatre and the new aircraft carriers.

The WWII Airpower Theater was made possible by the generous donation of General Thomas P. Stafford.

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SAVE THE DATE!

Stafford's 80th Birthday

September 17, 2010

**For more info, go to our
website!**



Summer Events:

June 1-17: Air & Space Camps:

June 5, 9 AM: Volunteer Brunch

June 11, 9AM-5Pm: Essay Contest Workshop for Educators

June 19: Members Only Cook-Out

July 3, 9 AM: Volunteer Brunch

July 8-10: Okie Dust Devil

July 13+14: Girl Scouts Sponsored Workshop

August 7, 9 AM: Volunteer Brunch

August 10+11: Girl Scouts Sponsored Workshop

August 12: 2nd Annual Stafford Family Star Party

For information on any of these scheduled events, please go to our website or call
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