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General Membership Meeting Scheduled for February 17, 2010

The February General Membership meeting of the Florida Wing, CAF will be held at the Halifax River Yacht Club on Beach Street in downtown Daytona Beach. A social hour will start at 1800hrs, with dinner served at 1900hrs. Our program for the evening will be revealing talks by four of our own Colonels telling us about their careers and how they got to this place in their lives. Each talk will be limited to 7 minutes and this program promises to be one you won't want to miss.

Your attendance is sincerely requested.

Menu choices are as follows:

Mixed green salad w/ strawberries and walnuts

Chicken Piccata
Angel hair pasta
julienned vegetable medley

Or

Tortilla Encrusted Tilapia
Spanish rice
julienned vegetable medley

Or

8oz Prime Rib a jus
Oven Roasted herb potatoes
julienned vegetable medley

Cherry Pie a la mode

The cost is \$20 per person including tip and tax. Please call Jim Bannerman (386) 257-3853 with your reservation and menu choice.

The TBM Project Progress

by: Colonel Dick Russell



This past week we received the operating parts for the bomb bay doors, the hardware for mounting the vertical fin along with the new parts that have been manufactured by Whitney at American Aero. Charlie Cartledge sent us a set of hinges for the bombardier's door so we can have them duplicated and Whitney is working on those at this time. Work continues on the stub wing project with the brothers team of Ward and Gary Gidick along with Tom Shapovaloff doing a lot of riveting while Rich Bowe is working on the canopy. We have new glass for the windscreen and he will polish the top dome glass and get that part ready to install.

The landing gear struts have been charged with nitrogen and are holding up well. The uplocks on all 3 gears need to be installed and this job should be completed in the next couple of weeks.



We were advised by Harland Avezzie that the turret is ready for pick-up and a trucker will be dispatched to transport it back to our hangar

Since I will not be flying for a couple of months, Steve Moddle will bring the L-17 Navion over to Spruce Creek and put it in my hangar. This will provide extra hangar space to start the repair on the right wing. I have contacted Tim Scott in Canada who handles the parts department for the TBM. They have advertised the aft wing ribs we need for the repair. The parts have been ordered and should arrive before long. If we have good weather and it is warm enough, we will strip the paint, pressure wash the wings and get our crew, armed with scotch-bright pads, to start the job to clean them.

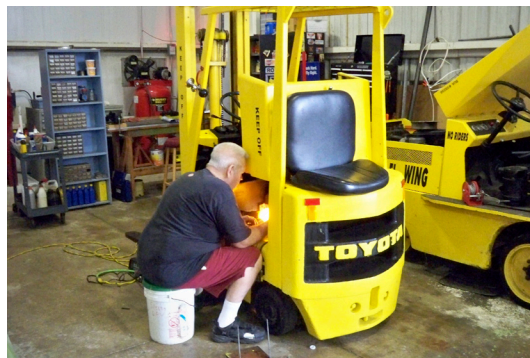


Ted Cary, Dan Proctor, John Restoring, Earl Leone, and Lou Figliuolo are working on mounting the horizontal stabilizers which should be in position by the time you read this article.

We found out that Dave Laurens is a talented machinist who has the lathe working well and has produced a couple of bushings to mount the horizontal stabilizer as his first project. I'm sure that we will avail ourselves of his abilities many times before this plane flies.



Frank Purcell wants to work on the TBM but has been saddled with keeping our ground equipment in working condition. He has made some major changes to the layout of the hangar and equipment that have provided considerably more room for the various activities. Lou Figliuolo has installed an air pipe and outlets along the aft side of the hangar which will keep air hoses from being strung all across the hangar floor and be much more convenient for everyone.



We usually have a large crew on Saturday and we can use everyone who shows up. Our Wing Leader, Chuck Downey continues to work on all the projects in addition to recruiting new members and making personal contacts looking for project sponsors.

A very important job will be performed by Jerrid Stottlemyre who will locate and list the location of the various parts on to a new computer so that we can find them when ready to attach them to the TBM! There are a number of others who are contributing to making the project and flying airplane and if your name has not been mentioned, we will identify you in the next report.



Wing Leader, Colonel Chuck Downey, greets Colonel Bob Nishimura a distinguished visitor to our hanger. Colonel Nishimura is from California and an expert on WWII aircraft.

AIRSHOWS AND EVENTS

The start of 2010 is certainly demonstrating that it will be a year of considerable excitement. There are several airshows that are scheduled which will give the Florida Wing an opportunity to make money to fill our bank account, continue to restore the TBM and enrich our membership rolls.

Event	Date	Location
Vero Beach Aviation Day	Feb 13	Vero
VAC Warbird Airshow	Mar 12-14	Titusville
CAF Garage Sale	Mar 19-20	Deland
Sun-N-Fun	Apr 13-18	Lakeland
CAF Day of Remembrance	Jun 5-6	Deland
ERAU Homecoming	Oct 1-3	Daytona
Wings of Angels	Oct 23	Deland
VNA Airshow	Nov 13-14	Stuart

For these events to be successful, we need participation by all of the members of the wing. Review this list, look at the schedule and see if you can help in the planning and/or execution of the events.



REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Col. Stanley R. Mitchell

The year 2009 has concluded as a year of the many challenges including financial, aircraft restoration and maintenance and leadership changes. The membership met these challenges with intelligence and determination. Now we are entering year 2010 with new kinetic energy not seen in a long time.

Grant Programs and Applications

We were awarded a grant from the Cultural Council of Volusia County based on our support of the Bob Robbins Memorial Library and the restoration of a historical aircraft, the TBM. It is now the season to renew this grant by submitting the paperwork by April 16, 2010.

In 2008-09, an effort to obtain a CAF Restoration Matching Grant was initiated. Contributions, received from Wing members and friends, resulted in a little over \$23,000 being deposited in a restoration account. These funds were utilized carefully to buy parts, materials and sub assemblies, fabrication and/or restoration. The account has been depleted and must now be restored. The AAHF Grant Review Board will be meeting in mid-March to consider new grant applications. We need make a 100-yard dash effort in order to accumulate sufficient funds and to prepare another matching grant application.

Letting Us Know

A new Sign In/Sign Out Logbook has been prepared and can be found on the table at the hangar entrance. It is vitally important to record your entry and exit from the hangar and the tasks that you performed. These data are categorized and tabulated and are used in our grant applications to demonstrate our volunteer support to the Library, TBM restoration and CAF planning functions. PLEASE USE THE LOGBOOK WHENEVER YOU COME TO THE HANGAR AND LIBRARY.

Goodbye to Misty Blue

Thanks to the generosity of Colonel Robert Cline, Misty Blue (4321K) became part of the CAF Florida Wing in 2007 and known as "Misty Blue". While in the Wing's care "she" served us well--especially when rebuilding our Navion L-17C (2995C), Allie Gator. "Misty" was used frequently to see how things went together and how the parts fitted in the airframe. When the decision had to be made to release one of our planes to the CAF-HQ, it was a very difficult decision to return "Misty". When the time came, she did not want to

leave us. On a departure runup, there was a big drop during the ignition check due to a fouled plug--which was immediately repaired. At a layover in Northern Florida, it was discovered that there was a loss of fuel due to a fuel leak. The CAF crew left her there and returned to Midland. The repairs were made and another crew from CAF HQ returned and brought Misty Blue to her new home. Good bye Misty, many of us will miss you.

Membership

It is that time of the year to send out the notification that membership information is examined for accuracy and to collect the annual dues. We are collecting the \$75.00 dues for 2010. If you became a Colonel during 2009 and paid \$75.00, your invoice will be prorated for the remainder of 2010. According to the Wing Adjutant, the response has been very good. However, a remainder memo will be posted to all of those who have failed to respond by Jan. 30. A copy of the Membership Renewal form is on the last page of this newsletter. Feel free to rip it off, fill it out and mail it in.

Financial Successes

The Wing participated in two events that allowed us to increase our treasury. In Nov., 2009, the Wing attended the VNA Airshow in Stuart, FL. The PX trailer sold various aviation memorabilia and the L-17C, Allie Gator, "posed" for photo ops for young aviators. Approximately \$600 deposit was added to the operational accounts. In Dec., 2009, the Wing sponsored a Garage Sale. Because of the broad advertising effort, the selection of items and the volunteer efforts of the membership, we were able to sell enough to deposit a little over \$800 in the operational accounts. In 2010, we are looking forward to participating in airshows, garage sales and other memorable events.

There are so many more opportunities to participate in activities to support the Wing. Let's step forward and share the fun and excitement of aviation.

Birthday Parties

In addition to our regular Saturday lunch we have a birthday party each month for those Colonels adding on another year.

February Birthdays

- Colonel Dick Russell, 5th
- Colonel George Fonseca, 17th

March Birthdays

- Colonel Alexis Montague, 1st
- Colonel Richard Finney, 4th
- Colonel Ward Gidick, 4th
- Colonel John Prestopino, 7th
- Colonel Peter Jacobs, 12th
- Colonel Art Harriman, 18th
- Colonel Red Lewis, 18th



Our January Birthday Party

Spring Garage Sale

Our CAF Florida Wing is planning a spring garage sale to raise money for the TBM restoration. This time the sale will be at the hangar on March 19th and 20th. We need lots of good saleable items so please start looking around your house for things to donate (they are all tax deductible). We also need volunteers to work with Colonel Ann Conway to set up and conduct the sale.. If you have items you would like us to pick up or if you would like to work on the sale please call Ann at 386-673-5742.



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2010 Wing Dues	\$75.00
TBM Restoration	_____
Operating Fund	_____
TOTAL	_____

All contributions and dues are tax deductible.

Please mail this form with your remittance in the enclosed addressed envelope.

Thank you again for your unwavering support of the Florida Wing.

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 of the World's Great Combat Aircraft – 1939-1945

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