

# The Eagle's Scream



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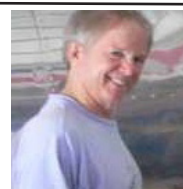
### Election of 2009 Wing Officers

At the Annual General Membership Meeting held on December 3, 2008 the following officers were elected to the positions indicated. The position of Executive Officer is vacant and an opportunity exists for you to become involved by joining the Wing's leadership team.



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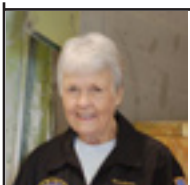
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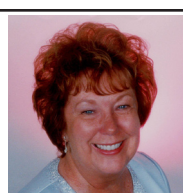
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## Wing Leader's Message

by  
Wing Leader Peter Jacobs

Let me begin by wishing all a happy, prosperous and healthy New Year! Great things are in store for the Wing this year: our hangar expansion project will finally be launched and, I expect, completed. The TBM restoration project will gain added speed as, thanks to the generosity of our members, friends and CAF Headquarters, we will have the funds necessary to move the project along without monetary-caused delays. And, I am hopeful that funds will also be found through grant applications to alleviate the pressing financial problems we face in meeting our operating budget.

At the recent International Council of Air shows (ICAS) Convention, I had the opportunity (finally) to meet Steve Brown, President of CAF. Steve and I had a long discussion, covering several topics. He again expressed his thanks to the Wing's officers and members who met with him last summer. He stated that he thinks our Wing is doing an excellent job, and was impressed with our staff and the progress we are making on the TBM. In my opinion, that's high praise coming from someone who has visited many of the large and wealthy CAF units. I discussed with Steve our pressing need for experienced and talented managers to fill our open management positions. Steve made the excellent suggestion that we "recruit" for those positions. So, I urge any of you who know folks who you believe to be qualified, to discuss with them the opportunities we have for Executive Officer, Recruiting Officer, Fund raising Officer, Maintenance Officer and Operations Officer (the last two positions requiring aviation experience).

My hat is off to Ken Brownell, Frank Purcell, Steve Moddle, Jim Bannerman and others who aggressively attacked and cured our plumbing drainage problem in December. The oil-water separator has been relocated (as required for the hangar expansion), the old drains were dug out, new drain piping installed, and the sewer cleaned out. It was a significant job, requiring a lot of digging and good engineering. Our friend Herb Weems found the work to be excellent, and had nothing but praise for our folks. Thank you, guys, for a job well done!

Col. Tony Fortune recently expressed his concern that our "50/50" raffle, which he has long conducted at our dinner meetings, is not as lively or interesting as it has been in the past. Col. Fortune, correctly, in my view, suggested that it has devolved into just a single award of money, which has invariably been donated to the Wing. As such, relatively few tickets are sold, and much of the fun has gone out of the event. In years past, Col. Fortune pointed out, several members contributed things of value to the raffle, thus making for more prizes and more participation. Therefore, in an attempt to rekindle interest and fun, I request that members who are willing to donate items of value to the 50/50 raffle contact Col. Fortune: (386) 760-9006, and let him know what you have to bring to the next dinner in February. (I have already offered two bottles of premium liquor.) Please don't bring anything without first discussing it with Col. Tony: we want to avoid an overload of donations at any single dinner.

Finally, as this is written (quite a while before publication), I'm happy to report good progress on matching the wonderful Challenge Grant posted by Col. Dick Russell. Elsewhere in this issue, in the Finance Officer's report, you'll find the details which indicate to me that we will ultimately reach our goal of matching the Headquarters Restoration Grant.

I look forward to seeing many more of you at our February dinner at the Halifax Yacht Club. We'll have a larger room, and, as reported by Jim Bannerman in this issue, a fun program based on a talk by Ron Strauss, who among other experiences was Elvis Presley's Chief Pilot. We'll also have several other surprises. I urge all who can to attend.



## Hello from the Finance Officer

by  
Colonel Linda Jacobs

By now all of you should have received notification of your Florida wing dues. I am happy to report that we have nearly a Thousand dollars received already. Thank you for your prompt mailings. These are what help us pay the electric bills. Some of you have generously donated an extra sum with your dues, and this amount has been applied against the Russell \$4000 TBM challenge grant. As of this writing (December 15, 2008), we have only \$2,378.00 left to go to meet Col. Russell's challenge. We have a total of \$6,222.00 dedicated toward our CAF matching grant, including \$1000 from a former member. We are well on our way. I want to say that the 50/50 donations and other donations have also been dedicated to this cause.

We continue to deplete our regular checking account, however, and without some sort of fund raising, we are technically just about out of money. This is because we have received the insurance bills for all three planes, totaling over \$5000. Colonel Peter Jacobs successfully negotiated a \$400 lower cost of insurance for the TBM with the financial folks in Midland, since the plane is still in restoration, bringing the bill down to just over \$4700. Our L-17's are valued and insured for \$40,000 each, but there is a catch of a \$25,000 deductible on each. We will be able to apply what is left in our Airplane Accounts in Midland toward this bill, but whatever we don't pay by the end of the year will be assessed a late charge of 10%. We have also received our annual membership dues bill covering the costs of headquarters (ANUAC). This bill is based on the Wing size, and the sizes of the engines of the planes we have, and the status of the planes (flying vs. under restoration). The bill this year is \$4500, payable in quarterly installments.

As the hangar enlargement begins, I will tell you how that spending and grant reimbursement is moving along.

Our annual budget for 2009 has been prepared and submitted to Midland. Anyone wishing to ask me any questions about the budget should feel free to do so. The budget was based on projected income from fund-raising and PX sales, as

well as general donations. You should know that the rent on our hangar property went up 18% in January, and we project a similar increase in the electric bill, especially considering the larger size of the hangar addition. Our fixed costs for each month, including all of the hangar and plane insurance, the ANUAC, the mortgage, utilities, etc. is now at a figure of \$2303 a month. (The TBM project money will come from the matching grant). Our known sources of income are \$4500 in dues, about \$6000 from the Volusia County Cultural Grant, and an unknown amount in PX and airshow income. We will depend on your further donations and fund raising to keep our doors open.

I promise to keep you all informed of our financial status. We do a report each month on this, and anyone is welcome to have a copy. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact me at [JacobsL2@aol.com](mailto:JacobsL2@aol.com) , or call me at (386) 322-0070.

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## Maintenance Report

by  
Colonel Steve Moddle

At this writing we have 2 good airplanes. Col. Powers flew 95C down to the Stuart air show and had no problems. The only Maintenance I see in the near future is 95C will need a new battery for the ELT, and we are able to use the present locator as the FAA has not come out with a plan as yet to mandate a change to the new frequency for the ELT. The next maintenance is 21K will need an annual check in February, which we will probably start right after the New Year. The same AD that had to do on 95C has to be done on 21K also. I do hope that it is a bit easier and that we do not have to put in a new valve. I look forward to having a good year of maintenance with no major problems.







Colonels Lou Figliuolo and Earl Leone

Were guests of the Deland Rotary Club honoring WWII Vets. with a one day trip to Washington D.C.

This is their story as told by Col. Lew Figliuolo

It was early morning September 8 for our flight out of Daytona Beach Airport at 4:30AM. Rotary club members and Volunteers thanking us for our service in the military greeted us at the airport. When we arrived in Washington we were again greeted by a great group of people thanking us for our military service.

Our host for the day was Congressman John Mica who provided lunch for us at the Library of Congress where we also met Senator Bob Dole and his wife. After lunch we visited the WWII memorial, the Arlington cemetery, the Tomb of the Unknown where we laid a wreath, the Korean War Memorial, the Viet Nam Wall, and the USMC Iwo Jima Memorial. Then escorted by the Washington D.C. motorcycle police we toured the city on our way back to the Reagan Airport for our flight home.

Upon our arrival back in Daytona at 9:30PM we were again greeted by the Airport fire department that sprayed our aircraft as we taxied in. We want to thank the Deland Rotary Club and Congressman John Mica for a wonderful day.

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### *Our Florida Wing is Honored with a Flag*

Our CAF Wing received a special gift from the 1st. Battalion 175th Infantry, United States Army. The gift was a flag which flew over the Battalion Headquarters at Q-West Base near Quyyurah, Iraq on March 29, 2008. The gift also included a certificate of authenticity.

On Saturday the 16th of November last year the same flag was raised over our Florida Wing hanger. It is now displayed in a place of honor in our library.



***Your Tax Deductible donation of aviation related books and/or memorabilia to our CAF Library will be greatly appreciated!***

***Call Colonel Linda Jacobs at (386-322-0070) for information.***

## Joe Maiz Gets Creative

Recently at the Stuart Air Show Colonel Joe Maiz came up with an innovative way to earn some \$\$\$ for our CAF wing. He invited people to have their picture taken while sitting in the L-17 cockpit. Twenty five people accepted his offer and for \$5 each they received an e-mail copy of their photo. Below are a few examples of Joe's good work. Congratulations Joe. As you said, "we need to be creative".



## CAF Matching Grant Donors

(see related story on page 8)

### Platinum (over \$1,000)

Dick Russell

### Gold (\$1000)

Grace Barnhart  
Richard Russell  
Peter Jacobs  
Albert Harrison  
William Carter

### Silver (\$101 to \$999)

Lewis Calobrisi  
Ann Conway

### Bronze (\$100)

Lee Chalifour  
Mary Chaifour

### Bronze (continued)

William Campbell  
George Baker  
Anthony Fortune  
Alexis Montague

### Pewter (\$1 to \$99)

Alick Shirley  
Michael Reale  
Don Smith  
Earl Leone  
Judy Kibbe  
Anonymous

Total Number of Donors        20  
Total Russell Matching Donations \$1,672.00  
Total Donations \$10,272.00

## Aviation Quiz



Who is this famous aviator?  
and  
What is he famous for?

Answer on page 6

***Why not plan to attend the CAF general membership dinner at the new Halifax River Yacht Club in beautiful downtown Daytona Beach on Wednesday evening February 25th?***

***Bring a friend or a prospective new member.***

***For more information see the reservation notice on page 6***



## General Membership Dinner

The next general membership dinner meeting of the CAF Florida Wing will be held on February 25<sup>TH</sup> at the new Halifax River Yacht Club in beautiful downtown Daytona Beach. The Yacht club is next to the Fire Station on the corner of Orange Ave, and Beach Street. (call Jim Bannerman 386-257-3853 for directions). There is parking in the Fire Station parking lot next door or along Beach Street. The social hour will start at 6:00PM and dinner at 7:00PM. The menu choices for the evening will be:

*Spinach Salad w/hot bacon dressing*

*8oz. Prime Rib w/Au Jus*

*Oven roasted garlic potatoes*

*Belgian carrots*

*or*

*Marinated Hearts of Palm and Artichoke Salad*

*Poached Salmon w/Cucumber Dill Sauce*

*Wild Rice Casserole*

*Green Beans Almondine*

*Both with: Cream Pie and coffee or tea*

The speaker for the evening will be Ron Strauss, who among other experiences was Elvis Presley's Chief Pilot. It will be a fun evening and if you haven't visited the new Halifax River Yacht club you will be in for a treat. We particularly encourage the CAF Colonels and their ladies who do not normally attend our general membership meetings to join us for the special evening.

***Call our Adjutant Colonel Ann Conway (386-673-5742) with your menu selection. The price for the meal is \$19 payable at the door.***

Answer to the Aviation Quiz on page 5

The famous aviator is George Bush and he is famous because in WWII he flew the same make and model TBM Avenger that we are restoring in our CAF hangar. Incidentally he was also the 41st President of the United States.



### TBM Restoration Matching Grant

On December 31st Wing Leader Peter Jacobs sent a letter to CAF Headquarters stating in part:

*"It gives me great pleasure to enclose our check for \$10,222 to be applied to our \$20,000 TBM Restoration Grant Account. Upon receipt, it is my understanding that you will match these funds, resulting in a total credit of \$20,444 to our TBM account.*

*We are pleased that we are over half way toward raising the total matching grant amount. The funds are certainly needed, and come just in time to continue our restoration activities without interruption...."*

The continued generosity and support of our loyal members and friends is greatly appreciated.

# A Memorable Fly over

By  
Colonel Dick Russell

The Commemorative Air Force (CAF) is frequently called upon to perform Formation Fly over for memorial events. One such event occurred on December 8, 2008. It was to honor Pearl Harbor Survivors at Patrick Air Force Base. Usually the requesting agency pays the fuel costs, however there were no funds available for this event. So the four pilots in our CAF formation team (Dave Ringwalt, Ken Terry, Tom Evernham and I) agreed that since the event was to honor the Pearl Harbor Survivors we would perform at our own expense.

Our Point-of-Contact, Captain Armendinger, asked if after the fly over we would land, be introduced to the survivors and mingle with the crowd. In order to land a civilian aircraft at an Air Force Base it is necessary to obtain a Prior Permission Request Number. This involves submitting 3 different forms including a Hold Harmless agreement and a form from your insurance company signed in blue ink stating that you have the required insurance! The forms cannot be faxed but the originals must be mailed.

On the day of the fly over Dave Ringwalt took off from Punta Gorda for Titusville to stage with the other three T-34s. About 90 minutes prior to departure time, Dave called to say that after takeoff he was unable to retract his landing gear and was forced to return and land at Punta Gorda. At that point, we went to "Plan B" and flew the mission with just three aircraft.

We were given a Time-Over-Target (TOT) of 1408+51 seconds. That was the time the last note of the National Anthem would sound and we were to come streaming overhead with lots of noise and smoke. We took off from Titusville to arrive 4 miles east of the field over the water and out of sight of the party and wait for the call.

Upon arrival at our holding fix, Colonels Joe Maiz and John Prestopino reported that for some reason, the program started early and they gave us a 4 minute warning. Our flight lead, Tom Evernham, moved us into position so that when we got the 2 minute call, we would start inbound. This call came almost immediately and we made our TOT on the second.

We landed and were met by Captain Armendinger who had reserved seating for us immediately behind the honorees. The speaker had us stand and introduced each of us. We spent the next hour visiting with the Survivors and were interviewed by the local press. We enjoyed cake and punch and were called to meet the Base Commander, Colonel Lisa Ann Onaga, who while shaking hands with the pilots and

ground crew presented each with a beautiful Commander's coin. It was a satisfying and gratifying experience to visit with these heroes of yesteryear and we all feel richer for the opportunity



Col. Dick Russell, Capt. Armendinger, Tom Evernham and Ken Terry



Cols. Ann Onaga, Dick Russell and Ken Terry

## TBM Restoration Progress Report

By



Alex Gardner

### 2008 Progress:

- Fuel Tanks repaired and installed
- Wheel wells blasted, primed and painted
- Landing gear stripped, painted and installed
- Aft fuselage buffed
- Tail cone manufactured and installed
- Fuselage bolts removed and replaced
- Right wing flap skin cut and drilled
- Cockpit stripped and primed
- Flight control surfaces blasted and primed
- Structural repairs made on fuselage and wings

### 2009 Planned projects:

- Finish sheet metal repairs
- Install center fuel tank
- Blast and prime forward fuselage
- Structural repairs to tail wheel area
- Install vertical and horizontal stabilizers
- Put the airplane on its wheels
- Install fuel vent system
- Start on Fuel, electrical and hydraulic systems

We are making good progress and if we keep a positive attitude..

**She will fly again!**



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CELL \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

PROFESSION \_\_\_\_\_ COMPANY & TITLE \_\_\_\_\_

IF RETIRED, PAST PROFESSION \_\_\_\_\_ COMPANY \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_ MARRIED \_\_\_\_\_ IF YES, SPOUSE'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

Please list aviation related skills, business skills, historical/museum skills \_\_\_\_\_

List CAF members, if any, with whom you are acquainted \_\_\_\_\_

Print name as you would like it to appear on name tag \_\_\_\_\_

### OBJECTIVES OF THE COMMEMORATIVE AIR FORCE

1. **To acquire**, restore, and preserve in flying condition a complete collection of combat aircraft which were flown by all military services of the United States, and selected aircraft of other nations, for the education and enjoyment of present and future generations of Americans.
2. **To construct** or obtain museum buildings for the permanent protection, maintenance, and display of these historic aircraft, period artifacts, and documents as a tribute to the thousands of men and women who built, serviced, and flew them and to build and organize the "Combat Airman Hall of Fame."
3. **To perpetuate** the spirit in which such combat aircraft were flown in the defense of our nation, in the memory and hearts of all Americans.
4. **To establish** an organization having the dedication, enthusiasm, and Esprit de Corps necessary to operate, maintain, and preserve these aircraft as symbols of our American Military Aviation Heritage.



## Payment Information

- **Please remit a total of \$275 with this application. (Annual dues are \$200.00 for National membership with an additional \$75 for Florida Wing Dues).**

MasterCard/VISA # \_\_\_\_\_ Expires \_\_\_\_\_

Annual membership dues of \$200.00 include \$30.00 for a 1-year subscription to Dispatch magazine. If you do not wish to receive Dispatch please check here. (Membership dues will remain \$200.00)

## Life Membership

**Life membership contribution is \$2,400.00.**

- \$2,400.00 is enclosed.**

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- \$200.00 is enclosed and I will remit \$200.00 monthly for 11 months.**
- Charge the above credit card \$200.00 monthly for 12 months.**

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I certify that the statements made by me in this application are true, to the best of my knowledge and belief, and are made in good faith. I will give my full support to the aims and objectives of the COMMEMORATIVE AIR FORCE and will assist the General Staff in attaining these goals.

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Applicant's Signature

Please provide this additional information if applicable

Are you a pilot? \_\_\_\_\_ Total flying hours \_\_\_\_\_ What aircraft types have you flown? \_\_\_\_\_

Certificate:  Student  Private  Commercial  ATR

Ratings: \_\_\_\_\_

If you served in the Armed Forces, which branch and what country? \_\_\_\_\_

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