



# The Eagle's Scream – Summer 2016 Newsletter

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CAF Col Woodie Sprouse

## Wing Leader Comments

In the Navy there are three letters of the alphabet that every sailor, regardless of rate or rank, has tattooed inside their eyelids. The letters are "PRD".... Navy shorthand for Projected Rotation Date.

The family's future, moving the kids to a new school system, the next home, the next duty station, a Sea Duty tour coming to an end, a chance to attend a professional school, the end of naval service...all hinge on one's PRD.

It has been said "... That all God's children got a PRD!" Even CAF Wing Leaders.

I have notified the Wing Staff that I will not be seeking another two year term as Wing Leader; rather, it is time for new leadership, fresh ideas and a clear path to a higher tier of Commemorative Air Force activity.

Our Wing has a stable and younger membership, a positive and productive relationship within the CAF Community, a paid-off hangar, no debt, cash in the bank, a full-up, good looking, flying T-34A and a professional minded Staff to guide the Wing into the future.

Elsewhere in this newsletter we'll discuss the upcoming 2016 Wing Annual Meeting; but, I would encourage each of you to take notice of the upcoming Staff openings which will be filled by elections during annual meeting. If you are interested in joining the Staff and taking part in executing the Wings future, please contact any member of the Wing nominating committee: CAF Cols Art Patstone, Don Hollinsworth and Joe Drach. Their contact information can be found in the latest monthly Membership Roster, attached to the minutes of the August Staff Meeting.

One last thought...."We've come a long way baby...thanks to you...the membership."

## 2016 Florida Wing Annual Meeting November 19, 2016

As mentioned above, the time for the Wing's annual meeting is approaching. 2016 marks the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Florida Wing and we'd like to make this year's meeting a special event to commemorate this achievement.

In years past, the Florida Wing has struggled to schedule the meeting date due to the interposing holidays. One objective of the annual meeting is to connect with as many of the membership as possible. This year the Staff has selected Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup> as the date for the annual meeting. The time and location have yet to be decided, further information will be forthcoming via email! We hope to have a presentation marking the highlights of our 20 year history,

# Embry Riddle Spin Day Support

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Mr. Sprouse:

Thank you for allowing our group to conduct our Spin Day training out of your hanger in DeLand yesterday. It was a pleasure meeting and talking with you and seeing the collection of memorabilia.

Yesterday was the first time many of our students had spun an airplane and it was a great learning experience for them. Conducting spin training and learning to teach spin recovery is a requirement for the instructor certification. The group of students on Saturday are part of our full-immersion instructor program this summer that we call Fast Track. The students are paired with an instructor and partner throughout the 2-month intensive training program designed, much like some military training programs, to help students achieve maximum proficiency, skill, knowledge, and decision-making capabilities in a relatively brief period while gaining the advantage in learning that comes from total commitment training.

Please extend to your group our sincere appreciation for allowing us to use your facilities, your tables, chairs, hanger, and even your Wi-Fi. Your hospitality is greatly appreciated.

Please do not hesitate to let me know if I can ever be of service to you.

Again, thank you.

Very Sincerely,



Gary Carter



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In May, and again in June, the Wing received requests to assist an Embry Riddle CFI "Fast Track" course by staging and supporting their "Spin Day" training. In all, over 40 CFI students were able to complete their initial spin training by flying from DeLand to the nearby aerobatic area to conduct their required maneuvers.



## T-34 Maintenance Review

Recently the Florida Wing conducted a review of the material condition of our T-34 for the CAF HQ. This included a recap of the major improvements and upgrades the Wing and members have invested in our T-34.

- The IO-550B engine underwent an extensive five-day tune; Continental Motors Service Station, Fairhope, AL
- The unreliable ICS system was replaced with a state-of-the-art ICS panel. Daytona Aircraft Services
- LED landing/passing lights. George Baker Aviation
- New tires. George Baker Aviation
- King CDI Remote Indicator System. Daytona Aircraft Services
- Addressed surface corrosion on the magnesium control surfaces. George Baker Aviation
- Repainting numerous sections of the airframe. George Baker Aviation
- Install GAMI fuel injectors. George Baker Aviation
- JPI engine monitoring system. George Baker Aviation
- Installed new five point TSO front and rear seat harnesses. George Baker Aviation
- Replaced and rewired all circuit breakers. George Baker Aviation
- Installed Garmin GTX 345 Transponder/ADS-B. Daytona Aircraft Services
- Installed Garmin AOA system. Daytona Aircraft Services
- Replaced all engine mounts. George Baker Aviation



## Getting to EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2016

In June, in furtherance of our "Show the Flag" program, the Staff discussed the advisability of flying the the T-34 to Oshkosh,

CAF Col Spouse mentioned that he had never attended and would volunteer to fly the T-34. CAF Cols Butch and Diane Stevens, who planned to attend, offered their Motor Coach couch as lodging for the trip. And, CAF Col John Grones, who attends yearly with his FEDEX group, strongly recommended the trip.

With these points resolved, the decision was made...the T-34 would officially represent CAF's Florida Wing for the first time in Oshkosh. Our CAF Col Hugh Washington, asked if he might ride along as well. With the crew selected, planning for the trip commenced.

The flight North would leave DeLand on Sunday morning, July 24th, with two en route fuel stops: Athens, GA and Blomington, IN. The complex Oshkosh Notam was studied and re-studied. The crew elected to use the WarBird Arrival procedures and park in the designated WarBird section of the field. The anticipated total flight time to Oshkosh was just a little over 7 hours.

After leaving Bloomington the flight was uneventful until arriving at Fond du Lac, WI, the initial point for aircraft using the WarBird arrival procedures. CAF Col Spouse had been cautioned that arriving Oshkosh traffic can often be hectic with multipule light aircraft trying to land on multipule runways....this would prove to be an understatement.

Proceeding WarBird Is.the crew was advised that "...there are 29 T-6's, a B-25, P-40 and an O-2 orbiting...maintain VFR and pick your intervall!" 33 aircraft orbiting a small island at 2,000 ft...this was getting interesting!

Following the NOTAM arrival procededures, the crew took its place in the orbiting airborne daisy chain awaiting clearance to land on RW 27. Fortunately, after less than one turn in the daisy chain, our T-34 was presented with the opportunity to land on RW 36 which had a crosswind component. After a quick check, the crew said "You Bet," or words to that effect, and accepted the change of runways whereupon they were cleared to depart the orbit point and land.



After landing, and being met by CAF Cols Stevens and Grones, Spouse was overheard remarking that he hadn't had this much fun dodging aircraft since he participated in a 38 plane "Alpha Strike" over Hanoi in December 1972!

His advice for future flights to Oshkosh...Follow the motto "Fortune Favors the Bold!"



# The Battle of WarBird Island

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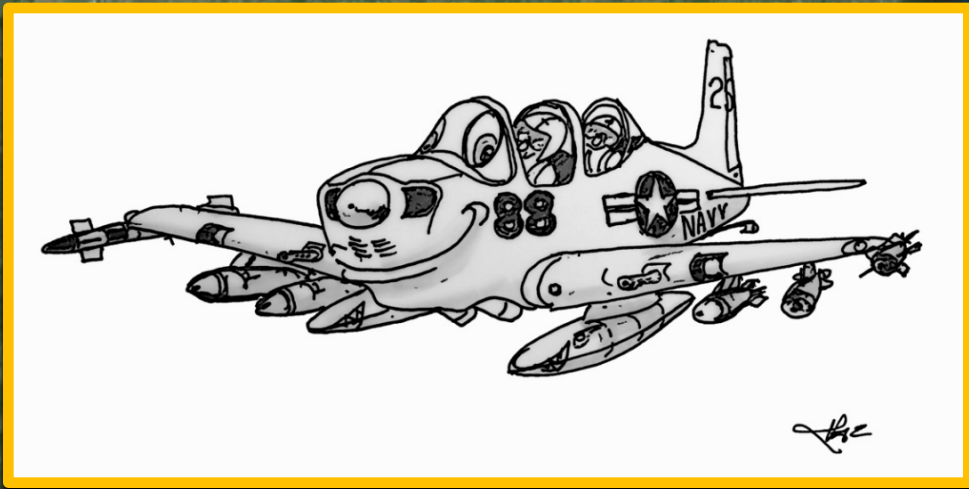
T-34 N88RM

29 T-6's

1 B-25

1 O-2

1 P-40



## CAF's Oshkosh Preview of "Rise Above: WASP" A Success Thanks To Butch and Diane Stevens!

On Wednesday evening, July 27<sup>th</sup>, the CAF presented a first public look at the WASP "Rise Above" Traveling Exhibit. The exhibit will be a portable, inflatable, self-contained projection dome theater. The floor space will accommodate large viewing by an entire school class. The theater will show the yet-to-be produced WASP video, telling the story of the 1,078 women pilots who served America throughout the Second World War.



Heather Penny pictured with Diane and Butch Stevens

The evening's event included a kick-off by CAF President Brown and the introduction of the CAF's National WASP Program Chair, Heather "Lucky" Penny. Together, they outlined the scope of the program and highlighted the expense in bringing the project to fruition. The first financial hurdle is funding the professional production of the movie telling the WASP story! To encourage individual contributions Steve opened bidding for a personal tour of Washington D.C. and the Pentagon with CAF Col Heather Penny. As a bonus, the winning bidder would receive a ride in the CAF's "Gunfighter" P-51.

After a lackluster round of opening bids, Butch and Diane upped the game with a generous \$25,000 winning bid.

For those within the Florida Wing, the Stevens' quiet generosity is well known. Their contributions include: \$10,000 for the C-47 "That's All Brother"; \$5,000 for a Wing aviation training scholarship; the Wing golf cart; rebuilding the Wing trailer; using their personal Turboprop TBM for Wing travel; supervising the repair of the Wing Jeep and many, many, many more acts of support. Most of all....their willingness to support a new Hangar location!!!



Butch and Diane after Butch's "Gunfighter" flight with CAF P-51 pilot Larry "Lumpy" Lumpkin!

# Oshkosh Log Entries



## EAA Salutes the WASP's

This photo was copied from the front page of the daily AirVenture Today paper. The EAA paid tribute to the WASP's as well. Four WASP members were present to represent the 1,078 courageous women who challenged tradition and made American history during the Second World War. A copy of this edition is available in the Hangar office.

## XO John Grones and Family

Wing XO John Grones helped host our T-34 and represent the Wing in Oshkosh. Pictured here along with John is his daughter, Katherine, and wife Glenda...(also a retired USAF Colonel.)

Without John and Glenda providing transportation, the T-34 crew of Spouse and Washington would have been stranded.

Thanks to the Stevens/Grones teamwork, the Wing sortie to Oshkosh was an unparalleled success that should be repeated annually.



Like many true warriors, Erin has marked her Congressional victory with a tattoo depicting the Senate and House Bills.

**WASP Warriors come in all sizes and shapes .... some battles are noticed .... others are not...**

Also present at the CAF function was Ms. Erin Miller, who's Grandmother was a WASP. One of her Grandmother's final requests was to be inurned at Arlington National Cemetery. After her Grandmother's death, Erin began making inquires about the process for fulfilling this last request.

It was at this point that the US Army, which controls the National Cemetery, determined that WASP's were not eligible for inurnment. Not one to take "No" for an answer Erin began her own war to have the Army's determination reversed. Waging a one-woman battle, Erin succeeded in obtaining House and Senate sponsors for legislation reversing the Army's decision. On May 20<sup>th</sup>, the President signed into law, legislation permitting inurnment for WASP's

**"Brilliant Minds'  
No Group is Too Small... To Learn!"**

In August, the Wing hosted a small group of Home School families for a morning of aviation introduction.

For most of the parents and children, this was their first association with an airplane...other than films and commercial flights....and some had never flown.

The morning was hosted by CAF Col Sprouse who later remarked that "It was a sobering to see how little is known about the role military aviation, or even aviation in general, plays in our national story."

The morning began with the showing of the Red Tail "Rise Above" introductory video...which captivated the children; followed by a very basic introduction to an aircraft and why it will fly; a hands on tour of the Eagle Sport's Piper Cub. Since our T-34 was undergoing its annual inspection, CAF Col Sprouse arranged with our neighbor, Renegade Aviation, to tour their hangar as well.

The morning concluded with snacks, orange juice for the children and coffee for the parents.



Photos courtesy of Mr. Jonathan Cruz



## Our "Lost Soul"

After years' of talking about the Jeep and wiping up transmission oil from the hangar deck, action is being taken: the Wing's "Gen Patton Special" is receiving a spa treatment!

Thanks to Butch Stevens, who apparently abhors the maltreatment of anything with wheels, our much maligned 1952 Jeep is in the shop!

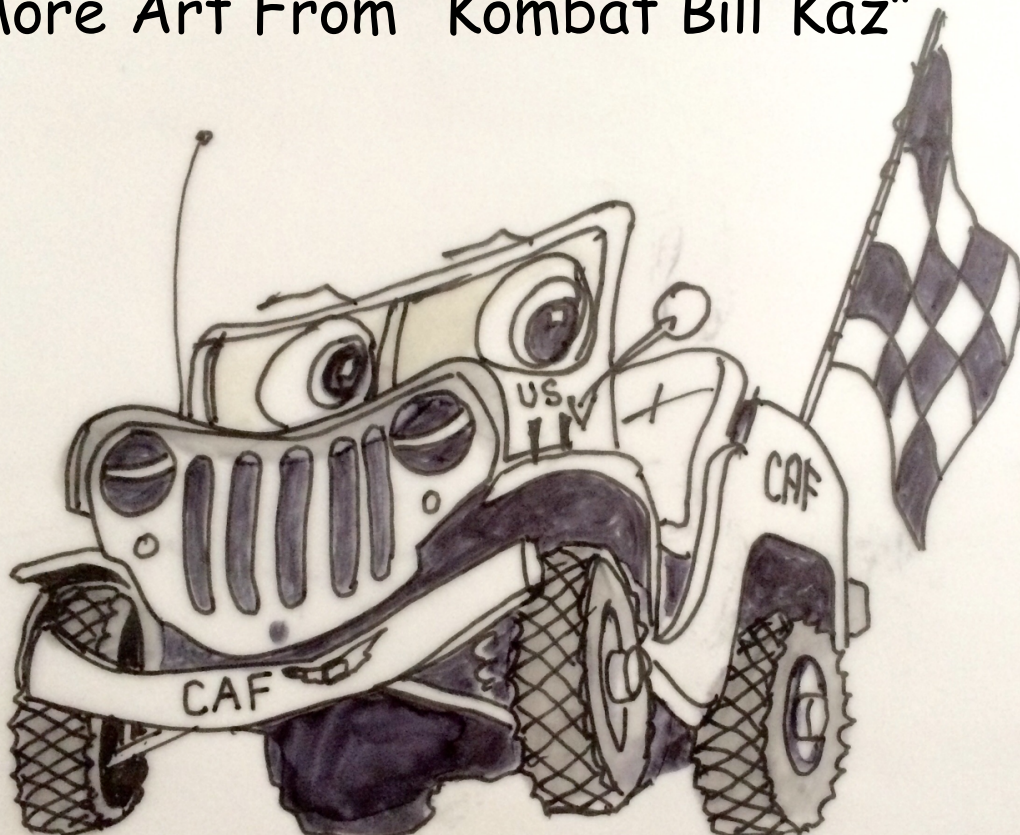
Last year, after the DeLand Veterans Day Parade, the Jeep was grounded by the Safety Officer.

Soon, Ol' Gen Patton will be on the road again. Drivers needed for this year's parade!!!!



CAF Col David Kaz and Cadet Dustin Kaz perform a pre-maintenance test drive.

## More Art From "Kombat Bill Kaz"



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## Wing Bulletin Board

### From the Adjutant:

Reminder to all Amazon Users-Amazon Smile Program Can Benefit the Florida Wing! CAFFL Wing Members are reminded that donations can be made to the Florida Wing through AmazonSmile. As a charitable organization, the Wing is eligible for an automatic AmazonSmile donation whenever a purchase is made after you register for AmazonSmile. Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of eligible items to the Florida Wing when they are purchased using AmazonSmile. The steps to begin using AmazonSmile can be found on:

### [AboutAmazonSmile: Program details and FAQ](#)

Once you are logged into AmazonSmile. Members you can choose CAFFL Wing by selecting Commemorative Air Force - Location: DeLand, FL.  
THERE ARE MANY OTHER CAF UNITS LISTED SO PLEASE BE SURE TO SELECT THE FLORIDA WING LOCATION

### From the Finance Officer:

We have been informed by several members that they have not received confirmation letters from the CAF HQ recognizing their cash donations. As a reminder, the CAF HQ will provide a letter to the doner recognizing all individual cash donations of \$250 or greater. If you have made a cash donation greater than \$250 and not received your letter, please contact the Finance Officer.

### From the Operations Officer:

- Pilot Status Board Information. Please review your information located on the white "Pilot Status and Qualifications Board" in the hangar. If there are changes or updates please call or email me with the most current data. I will update the board.
- A reminder to all pilots that the recommended hourly rate for donations to the aircraft engine and maintenance reserve has increased from \$60 to \$80.
- The 2017 CAF aircraft comprehensive and liability insurance bills will arrive in November. The rates went up in 2016 and pilots can anticipate an increase in 2017.
- The T-34 now has angle of attack and Garmin 345 ADS-B systems. I will be providing a systems operating presentation in the near future. In the mean time, if you have questions we have an operating manual in the hangar for your review,

### From Joe Drach:

I have accepted the responsibility of orientation officer for the Wing. Accordingly, I will contact each new member as they come aboard and introduce them to the Wing and provide instruction on the duties required to become a T-34 Crew Chief and assist in caring for the T-34.

## Coming Events

- September 14      Wing Staff Meeting, CAFFL Hangar
- September 17      Florida Wing Presentation to DAR Chapter
- October 15          Wing Staff Meeting, CAFFL Hangar
- September 24-25   T-34 to Atlanta Warbird Weekend
- October 22          Girl Scout Program at CAFFL Hangar
- October 28-30      T-34 to CAF Wings Over Dallas
- November 2-4       DeLand Airport's Sport Aviation Showcase
- November 9-11     T-34 to NAS Pensacola, 70<sup>th</sup> Blue Angles Anniversary
- November 11        Jeep to DeLand City Veterans Day Parade
- November 19        Florida Wing Annual Membership Meeting and Election of Officers
- November 30 -  
December 4         T-34 to Sebring, FL "Piston's and Prop's"

CAF National Education Outreach Program  
**CAF RISE ABOVE: WASP**  
*Launches!*

The Commemorative Air Force is one of the nation's most unique volunteer, grassroots organizations. As those brave men and women who participated in World War II succumb to time, the CAF continues its ongoing mission of keeping history alive by restoring the vintage aircraft that helped win the war.

*"Our mission is to educate Americans on the impact these aircraft made on their freedoms."*

-Stephan C. Brown  
CAF President and CEO

