Commemorative Air Force Wisconsin Wing Newsletter

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COMMEMORATIVE AIR FORCE Wisconsin Wing Newsletter

From the Front Cockpit

Col Gary Otto – Wing Leader

I like to think of April as "volunteer month", as we thank all our members for their past\ contributions to the wing and as we enter into a busy new year of CAF WI Wing activities that require lots of volunteer effort to make happen. It is great to see the event calendar filling up for the season with all sorts of events that further our mission to Educate, Inspire and Honor. Please take a close look at the events listed and find out where and how you can get involved as a CAF Volunteer. Just call any of our officers if you have questions or want to volunteer.

We have decided to once again have a Spring Banquet, as we celebrate our 40th anniversary of the Wisconsin Squadron, which later became the Wisconsin Wing. Friday, May 13th is the date, which is coming up fast, so plan to attend and also consider volunteering to make the event a memorable evening for all. This will be a great opportunity for new members to get to know our very interesting long time members, as well as a chance to recognize those who have contributed to past year's successes and achievements. Don't miss this event, as it will feature delicious Delafield Brewhaus Pork Loin and Beef Tenderloin & libations, a most interesting silent auction of aviation items, a Wine Pull event, a special keynote speaker and an opportunity to hang around with some super like-minded aviation enthusiasts.

The CAF WI Wing NEEDS YOU to get involved in the adventure and excitement of our mission.

Gary Otto - Wing Leader

WI Wing ROAD TRIP TO OSHKOSH → Wed., April 13th

Please RSVP for planning purposes to Gary Otto → 262-875-1640 text or email gary.arthur.otto@gmail.com

- Meet at KUES/CAF hangar at 9:30AM - Depart (car pool if desired) 10AM
- Depart for home at 8PM/Arrival 9:30PM at the CAF Hangar

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CAF WI Wing Rides Program Update *by Col Mike Ziarniak, Rides Program and Ground Crew Lead*

Here is our current listing of Rides Events and some additional potential Rides Events for 2022.

- **Saturday April 16th.....Wing Meeting and Proposed Rides Program and Ground Crew Training**
- **Saturday April 23rd.....Waukesha Rides Event**
- **Friday and Saturday May 20th and 21st.....Peru, IL TBM Reunion**

If you are aware of any events that may be worthy of scheduling a Rides Event, please contact me.
As always, we are looking for volunteers for the Ground Crew to assist in supporting these Rides Events by providing Rider briefings, aircraft marshalling, and safety checks.

Please contact me directly if you have interest in becoming a qualified Ground Crew Member. The proposed training date is after the Wing Meeting on April 16th.

-Mike

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Maintenance Report – April 2022
by Col Steven Sorge – Maintenance Officer – WI Wing

T-34

- SNJ and T34 are both airworthy and are on-line for flight reservations by approved pilots

SNJ-5

PT-26

- PT26 down for maintenance - cylinder shop is waiting for parts to complete rebuild. Tail wheel repairs are under way!

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WI Wing ROAD TRIP TO OSHKOSH → Wed., April 13th

Here's the scoop……

A busy and exciting Wednesday in Oshkosh is planned:

- Meet at KUES/CAF hangar at 9:30AM - Depart (car pool if desired) 10AM
- Arrive Friar Tuck's Restaurant – Oshkosh at 11:30AM for lunch
- Reposition to the Basler Turbo Conversion factory for tour (~1-3PM)
- Reposition to the EAA museum by 3:15PM for personalized tour of the Huey and Corsair displays by Chris Henry
- Reposition to the Military Veterans Museum by 5PM for private tour (~5-6PM)
- EAA Warbird Squadron 32 (WBS32) monthly meeting (at MVM) with pizza dinner starting at 6PM
- 7PM special presentation by Chris Henry on "The Tuskegee Airmen"
- Depart for home at 8PM/Arrival 9:30PM at the CAF Hangar

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FYI FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Wing Aircraft Ground School

- SNJ Wed April 27th 6:30 PM at the CAF Hangar
- PT "possible" April 14/19/20/21 **To be determined soon

Preview of Coming Attractions

May 21 Wing Meeting Presentation
"Wally Garlock and his Hughes TH-55A"

BLUE MONDAY!!! April 25th Don't miss this!!!
5:30 start at the CAF Hangar BYO beverage
"Slow cooker lime/cilantro pulled chicken" taco's & the fixin's,
by Brad & Vicky Ohde
For all members (new and old), family and guests!
Come for an enjoyable evening at the airport.
Wing Aircraft on Static Display too. Be there!!!

Wally Garlock owns this 1966 US Army TH-55A training helicopter. Built by Hughes Tool Company.

PT Pilots Wanted!!!

We need new PT pilot sponsors to share in our mission to Educate, Inspire and Honor. Flying our historic "time machine" PT-26 is a real joy and honor. If you are, or if you know of someone who might be, excited about the CAF Mission and flying a piece of history, contact our operations officer, Mike Woods. CAF makes warbird flying accessible and affordable for the average pilot. Find out what it takes to fly in the Commemorative Air Force!

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WI Wing Membership Meeting

Sat. Apr. 16th, 2022 10:30AM
CAF/PT hangar Gate 1 Waukesha Airport

Jet Aces – Heros of Mig Alley

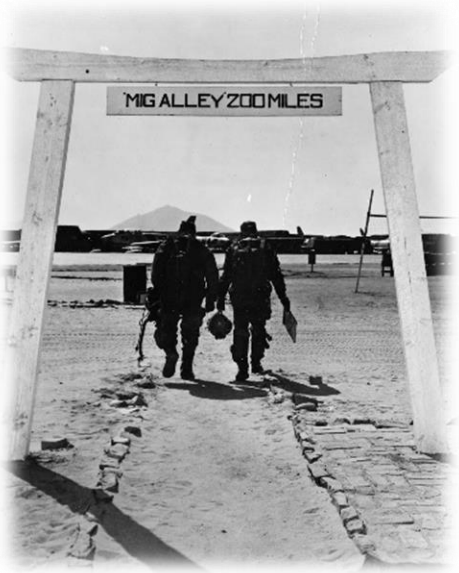
(Mission Barbecue lunch option – please see email/RSVP)

You are invited to the CAF WI Wing on Sat., Apr. 16th 2022 Zoom Meeting!
10:30 AM Central Time
In person attendance at the CAF hangar inside Gate 1 is optional.

To join the Zoom meeting simply click on this link!

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87034671695
Meeting ID# 87034671695

Dial in by phone option:
1-312-626-6799



New Members!!!

2022		
Donn Droegkamp (Pewaukee) *** Gold Lifetime Member ***	Al Pavik (TX–Coyote Squadron Member)	Eric Ruediger (Racine)
Jackson LaManna (Mequon) *** Cadet ***	Laura Stants (Indiana Wing)	

2021		
John Schroeder	Matt Phillips	Gary Kozlowski
Paul McAllister	Tom Leunig	Herb Coussons
Chuck Christburg	Scott Meisenheimer	Tim Tyre
Steven Mueller	Jeff Otto	John Leidel
John Hartmann	Matt Phillips	Mike Pastore
Enzo Aita	Tracy Hunter	Ed Pleva
Michael Moynihan	Tonie Michaels	Karl Beckle
Noel Skerven	Chris Reeves	Austin Kornov
Bernie DeKok		

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FYI FOR YOUR INFORMATION

SNJ5 Wash and Wax Volunteer Event
4/16/22 12:30PM
Stick around for lunch on April 16th and help clean up our SNJ. It is badly in need of some TLC that only CAF volunteers can provide!
Let Steve Sorge or Gary Otto know if you can help out!

SPRING BANQUET
Friday May 13th
Come celebrate the 40th anniversary of the WI Wing at our Spring Banquet! Invites will be sent out soon. Volunteers are also needed. Contact Kathy Laabs or Gary Otto if you'd like to help!

Lets start filling up our 2022 events calendar!

If you have any ideas for events we should attend or events we should host, please email me the event date and contact info as well as any other pertinent info → t28gal@att.net

I am also looking for volunteers to help coordinate Fly Ins we will attend, open house planning and lunches for meetings.

Kathy Laabs
Event coordinator, 414-418-7222

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FINANCE OFFICER UPDATE Col Ryan Beard

As you may recall from my article last month, the Wisconsin Wing has one main checking account through which the majority of our wing finances are handled. Although the bank treats it simply as one account, QuickBooks allows us to create several sub-accounts within it to earmark different funds for different purposes. Here's a list of those sub-accounts with their purposes and means of funding:

- General Unspecified Funds
  - This sub-account is where we keep funds which don't fit into any of the other fund "buckets." This is essentially the only source of funds we have to spend which aren't already earmarked for other specific purposes. The biggest sources of income into this bucket are annual membership dues and any general donations to the wing. Aircraft expenses which are paid out of this include costs such as insurance, hangar rent, and fuel. Those costs are subsequently reimbursed to this "bucket" through the request for donation process in which aircraft pilot sponsors have agreed to share responsibility for those costs. The big exception to this reimbursement process is that we treat our PT-26 as a wing-supported aircraft. Only part of the PT-26 annual insurance costs and none of its hangar rent expenses are reimbursed by pilot sponsors. As such, operation of the PT-26 creates a significant drain on our wing finances. PT-26 Flight Crew support is desperately needed and warmly welcomed. If you aren't already a PT-26 Flight Crew supporter, please consider helping to support it!

- Mission Flying
  - This sub-account is where we hold funds which have been donated to or designated by the wing for support of mission flying. Funds donated for mission flying help to pay for the hourly cost of operating our warbirds in fly-overs, Honor Flights and simple repositioning for maintenance without asking our pilot sponsors to "foot the bill."

- Memorial Education Fund
  - When members and former members of our wing have Gone West, we've been honored to receive multiple donations in their memory. We place those funds in this bucket to be used to Educate, Honor and Inspire in their memory.

- Aircraft-specific Sponsorship Fund
  - Whenever a member sponsors an aircraft at any level, those sponsorship dollars are kept here. This fund is also interchangeably called the restoration fund. Money received into this bucket may only be spent on major restoration and upgrades for its respective aircraft. It may not be used to pay for routine annual inspections or maintenance.

- Aircraft-specific Annual Inspection Reserve, Engine/Prop Overhaul Reserve & Maintenance Reserve
  - For every hour that our aircraft are operated, our pilot sponsors have agreed not only to reimburse fuel expenses, but to also donate pre-determined amounts toward reserve accounts to be used in the future when needed to pay for annual inspections, engine and prop overhaul costs, and any other maintenance costs that arise. Ideally, these reserve accounts will be sufficient to cover any of those costs, but in the event they aren't, once again our pilot sponsors have generously agreed to share the cost to make up the difference of any deficits.

That pretty much wraps up my overview of how our WI Wing finances are set up. As always, if you've got any questions, please don't hesitate to ask me!

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CAF WISCONSIN WING AIRCRAFT FIXED & OPERATION COST SUMMARY

1943 PT-26 Fairchild 200 HP

N9474H

PT-26 2020 Fixed Costs	
Item	Annual Cost
Hangar rent	5,280.00
Scheduling	144.00
Registration	5.00
Annual inspection base	1,500.00
ANUAC	929.58
Liability Ins	2,866.00
Excess liability ins	1,394.00
Comprehensive Ins	1,851.00
Airmeet Ins	917.00
Total	**14,886.58**

2020 Hourly Rate Analysis	
Item	Usage per Hour
Propeller reserve	3.00
Engine reserve	44.00
Maintenance reserve	50.00
Fuel	43.00
Oil	10.00
Hourly Donation Rate	**150.00**
Typical hours flown	**38**
Total Hourly Donation	**5,700.00**

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1943 North American SNJ-5/AT-6 600 HP

N3195G

SNJ 2020 Fixed Costs	
Item	Annual Cost
Hangar rent	4,700.00
Scheduling	144.00
Registration	5.00
Annual inspection base	5,700.00
ANUAC	1,957.00
Liability Ins	2,866.00
Excess liability ins	1,394.00
Comprehensive Ins	1,974.00
Airmeet Ins	917.00
Total	**19,657.00**

2020 Hourly Rate Analysis	
Item	Usage per Hour
Propeller reserve	8.00
Engine reserve	50.00
Maintenance reserve	50.00
Fuel	172.00
Oil	20.00
Hourly Donation Rate	**300.00**
Typical hours flown	**59**
Total Hourly Donation	**17,700.00**

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T-34A 300HP Beech Mentor 1955

N5347W

T-34 2021 Est. Fixed Costs	
Item	Annual Cost
Hangar rent	4,800.00
Scheduling	144.00
Registration	5.00
Annual inspection base	3,500.00
ANUAC	2,000.00
Liability Ins	2,900.00
Excess liability ins	1,400.00
Comprehensive Ins	2,500.00
Airmeet Ins	917.00
Total	**18,166.00**

2021 Hourly Rate Analysis	
Item	Usage per Hour
Propeller reserve	5.00
Engine reserve	25.00
Maintenance reserve	50.00
Fuel	79.00
Oil	6.00
Hourly Donation Rate	**165.00**
Est. hours will fly	**150**
Total Hourly Donation	**24,750.00**

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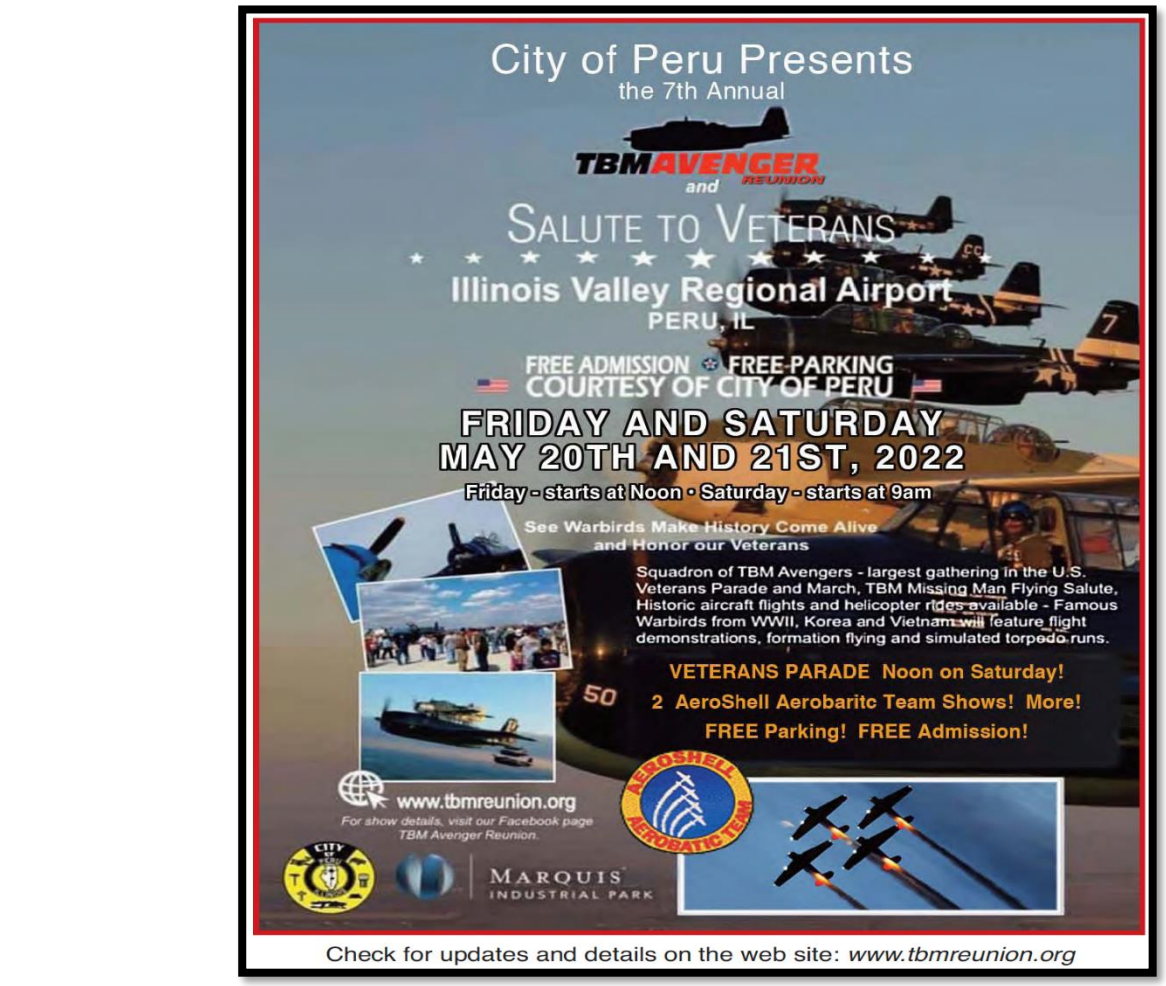

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Membership Update *by Col Michael Guslick*

Greetings everyone – as membership officer, I've been trying to learn more about the backgrounds and interests of our members, and was asked to share my own. I'm a lifelong aviation enthusiast, especially when it comes to military aviation (I suppose growing up with movies like Top Gun, Iron Eagle, The Final Countdown, etc. will do that). I'm a diehard fan of the SR-71 Blackbird and have bored several people into comas by talking incessantly about it. I decided to finally get my sport pilot license 7 years ago at Cub Air in Hartford, and got my private license two years ago. I'm co-owner of a Cessna 150 at HXF, I'm working on a Tri-Pacer restoration, and I'm helping build another set of Corsair ailerons for a restoration project. I've been a member of the CAF and the wing for 5 years, I'm a member of the rides program ground crew, and as a T-34 aircraft sponsor I hope to fly that aircraft in the future once I have the requisite experience needed.

We're very fortunate to have such an active wing with roughly 100 members at this time. That's an impressive membership count, but we'd like to grow the wing further – we could use more pilot sponsors as well as more pilots for our rides program. Of course, one doesn't need to be a pilot to join, and we have plenty of volunteer opportunities with our PX operations, ground crew, rides program, annual banquet, newsletter, officer positions…

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Membership Update *(cont'd from previous page):*

There's no lack of things that need doing, and volunteers make it happen. The topic of having another Gathering of Warbirds comes up regularly, and the only way to get such an event off the ground (pun intended) is with dedicated volunteers.

If you know of someone with an interest in aviation (especially military aviation history), please let them know of the CAF and our wing. I think there are many people out there (as I talk to many at airshows) who don't realize that the CAF is open to all. We offer a unique opportunity to get hands-on with historical aircraft that is simply unavailable otherwise to most people. As aviation junkies, we're prone to talking at length to anyone and everyone about our interests – the next time you're chatting with someone who likes airplanes, be sure to mention the CAF and invite them to one of our wing meetings. The word 'warbird' gets many ears to perk up, and many of those interested ears would undoubtedly love to be involved – they just need someone to tell them how! Be that person, and help us find others who would like to educate, inspire, and honor.

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"Retired" Colonel Carol Kiefer #18845, a long time CAF and WI Wing member and supporter, has Gone West on 3/16/22. She was married to Don Kiefer (CAF #16039), Gone West on 3/17/17, and they both were pillars of the WI Wing in our early days. Don and Carol were very famous for their PX support and the many "Luftwaffe Chili" wing meeting lunches they cooked up! Carol also organized many banquets and holiday parties. When I last spoke to Carol, she said she appreciated being able to keep up with the WI Wing activities through the monthly newsletters I continued to share with her and her family and that she had many great memories of her many years of involvement with the CAF.

"Retired" Colonel Dave Broadfoot #40536, a noted WI aviator and friend to many, has Gone West on 2/24/22 at the age of 91. Dave first joined the CAF on 5/5/2015, and was a strong supporter of our mission here in WI. He was a spirited aviator, known to many for his AirCoupe and his Yorkie, Benji, as well as being an Air Force veteran of the Korean War. He also flew over 200 EAA Young Eagle missions. Having 9 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren, he was a devoted family man and will be dearly missed by his family and friends.

CAF will honor the memories of Carol Kiefer and Dave Broadfoot in the Dispatch issue #6 Gone West section, and we are planning a memorial missing man flyover for noon on June18th, immediately following our monthly wing meeting, to honor all the CAF WI Wing members and friends Gone West in recent years.

Gary Otto, Wing Leader - CAF WI Wing

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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY Wisconsin Wing

By David Cook

On April 30th, 1982 our organization received its commission to become a squadron in the Confederate Air Force. This year marks the 40th anniversary of our charter with what is known today as the Commemorative Air Force. The first general meeting of the squadron took place on June 18, 1982 and the rest is history. The Wisconsin Squadron had big plans and was eventually transitioned into a Wing of the CAF. Initially, members spread the word about our organization throughout southeast Wisconsin by holding meetings at the 440th TAW at Mitchell Field. They also acquired the fuselage of ME-109 which I am told was trucked around to various events to promote the Wing. Dedicated members such as our own John Kmet, worked endless pancake breakfasts and visited a multitude of airshows to sell merchandise and raise funds to get the wing established. The squadron even sponsored having our famous B-29 bomber, Fifi, flown in to Mitchell for an Armed Forces weekend event! Our home field at Waukesha (KUES) has seen the wing hold open houses, fly in aircraft such as B-25 and HE-111 bombers, and more recently, played a major role in public events such as Wings over Waukesha and our own Gathering of Warbirds.

Our wing had ambitious plans to grow. Through the efforts of several members, a hangar was purchased at the airport in Waukesha. They set up a corporation and leased the hangar to the wing. That hangar provided a home for a huge restoration project. A PV-2D Harpoon, which was a medium range, twin engine Navy torpedo bomber from World War II. The Wing purchased the PV-2 from Globe Air Inc. of Mesa Arizona for the price of $48,000 and the PV-2 was flown to Waukesha to begin conversion from an agricultural sprayer back to its original World War II condition. Unfortunately, despite thousands of dollars and hours of work, the flight into KUES was to be its last flight as the sheer size of the restoration overwhelmed the efforts of the wing members. The PV-2 was eventually sold and the future of the wing was in jeopardy.

Today, as we look back on the efforts of past wing members 40 years ago, we proudly have one of the premier wings in the Commemorative Air Force. The acquisition of a flying aircraft, the PT-26, completely changed the fortunes of the Wisconsin Wing. We now had a historic warbird that we could fly to events, and give rides to members and those interested in experiencing history. Fast forward to today, the wing has grown to a three aircraft unit with the addition of our SNJ-5 and most recently, our T-34A. Our members should be proud of what we have accomplished over the past 40 years! We are grateful for the efforts of countless members of the past that created and sustained our wing over the years. Our challenge as we move forward is to continue to grow that legacy, celebrate our past, and creatively look for new and exciting ways to "educate, inspire, and honor" to new generations of Americans so that they never forget the sacrifice of the men and women who defended our freedom. Happy 40th Anniversary Wisconsin Wing!

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HERE IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO WORK ON A TRUE WWII WARBIRD RESTORATION!

As highlighted in our Jan 2022 newsletter and presented at the February WI Wing meeting, Chris Reeve's C-45 project needs volunteers to help with the restoration.

When:

April 17th, 24th, & May 1st (Times to be confirmed, probably start at 9AM)
Future dates to be announced each month.

Where:

- P10 iP-10 at Timmerman, 9305 W Appleton Ave, Milwaukee, WI
- Call Chris or Austin to get directions to the furthest hangar to the NW. It is slightly difficult to describe how to get there, other than hang a right inside the gate when able (past the large corporate hangar) follow the access road as it proceeds to the left. Once you see the fuel farm you are there. All told about 800 meters of road surface from access gate to hangar.

What to do?

- Labeling and organizing parts we have thus far.
- Cleaning off grease and grime from nooks and crannies.
- Paint removal and cleanup from small hard to reach spots
- Lots more, just come and put your skills to work to bring this beast back to life!!

Wear appropriate clothing and protection (PPE)

How do I sign up to volunteer? Simply call or email Chris Reeves or Austin Kornov to confirm the date, time and gate code access. Chris Reeves 760-586-7995 Austin Kornov 414-935-8892

Click here to check it out!!!

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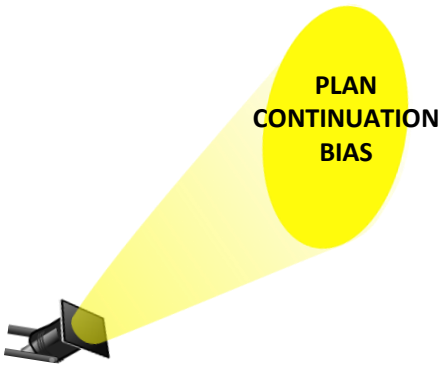


SAFETY SPOTLIGHT!

By Scott Twesme – Safety Officer – WI Wing

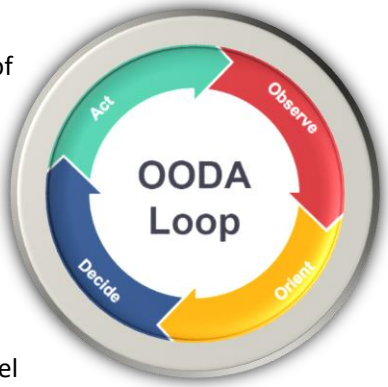
How many times have you read or heard about aviation accidents that were largely due to a pilot falling into the "Get-there-it is" trap. If you're like me, I'm willing to bet you probably think, "That was some poor decision making on their part, I would have never done that." I'm also willing to bet that if you're like me, you've actually fallen into that trap at least once.

The problem with Plan Continuation Bias, a fancy safety name for "Get-there-it is", is that it is insidious. If you were getting ready to fly somewhere and the destination weather is low visibility with very low overcast clouds, it's a pretty easy decision. But what if it's mostly cloudy with a chance of rain and isolated thunderstorms? It's legal so you launch, and as you get closer, they are now calling rain at the field with a small thunderstorm to the west, and it looks you can beat it to the field. Still pressing on? It's still legal, right? Does it matter if it's Sunday afternoon and you have to work Monday morning?

As you get closer to your destination, the emotional pressure within you to complete the flight increases. Your plan has worked so far, why should it not continue to work? It is very easy to discount gradually worsening conditions with weather or aircraft problems because you are almost there. So, how do you combat this tendency?

The first step is recognizing that this tendency is natural and it's inside of all of us. It's an emotional push that can easily override logic if you let it. Any situation that REQUIRES you to complete a flight should raise your Spidey-Senses, and remind you of the introductory scene from a made-for-tv airplane crash movie. People take unnecessary risk sometimes if they feel they need to.

The second step is having solid aviation decision making habits. Whether you use the OODA loop model, Risk Resource Management, or something else, a continual process of assessing the situation, coming up with possible solutions, deciding on the best solution, and finally implementing that solution can keep you from doing something you might regret.



The final piece is the hardest, being willing to accept failure. Let's say the weather is getting worse and you decide (correctly) to divert. It's natural to second guess your decision, especially if other airplanes have made it into your destination. Even if you feel like you failed, anyone else looking at your situation from the outside would congratulate you on making the hard call and doing the right thing.

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Operational Risk Management

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NAVY ACE SPEAKS AT EAA
By David Cook

The EAA frequently has some interesting visitors come to Oshkosh throughout the year to participate in their speaker's forums. On March 17 they had a speaker that I couldn't pass up seeing. Randy "Duke" Cunningham is one of only two Navy aces to fight in the Vietnam war. Flying in the back seat of his F-4 Phantom was RIO Willie Driscoll who was also awarded "ace" status along with Cunningham. Over 100 people filled the room (Wally Garlock among them) to hear Cunningham discuss a wide range of topics, mostly about his famous dogfights over Vietnam and his time with the Navy's Top Gun program. It was a fascinating experience.

I admit that I had some reservations about attending since Randy Cunningham is both a war hero and a congressman that was convicted of some of the most serious felony crimes filed against a politician. He served his sentence and was eventually pardoned by President Donald Trump. In the end, I decided that the chance to meet and hear from one of our few remaining ace pilots was worth going to see. To his credit, Cunningham started his presentation telling the audience that he was more than willing to answer any questions they had, be it the good or the bad events in his life. As expected, those in attendance were there to hear of his experiences in the air which are incredible.

On May 10, 1972 Duke Cunningham shot down 3 Vietnamese MiG-17s making him an ace with the two previous MiG's he had shot down. The last MiG 'kill' has gone down in the history books as one of the classic air battles of all time. Cunningham and Driscoll came across a very experienced Vietnamese pilot that engaged him in a close-in, rolling dogfight that required all of their skills to overcome and shoot down. The story of that dogfight is fascinating and is still taught at Top Gun to this day. If fighting 3 MiG's wasn't enough, Cunningham's F-4 was then hit by a SAM and they were forced to eject and were rescued from the Gulf of Tonkin while under fire from enemy boats.

It was interesting to me to learn from Cunningham that many of the stories found in the movie Top Gun were about him. He was the commander of the Top Gun school during the filming of the movie and he was asked to provide some firsthand stories that the producers might write into the show. According to Cunningham, the tower flyby that spilled the coffee was something that he actually did. The famous scene where Maverick flies inverted over an enemy "MiG" was taken from the time Duke was escorting a Russian bomber that was flying near his carrier. The big Russian Bear bomber turned suddenly into his F-4 Phantom forcing him to react quickly and nearly hit the water. Cunningham radioed the ship and said "this SOB just tried to kill me. "Do I have permission to fire?" The response as NO, however, Cunningham said he flew supersonic under the Bear, pulled up vertically, and then rolled inverted and settled just above the bomber giving the Russian crew the "bird".

The evening ended with the crowd giving Duke Cunningham a standing ovation for his service. One of the many benefits of living close to the EAA is the opportunity to see many of the aviation greats and hear their experiences in their own words. I would encourage you to check out the EAA social media and watch for those opportunities to experience aviation history.

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Commemorative Air Force-Wisconsin Wing
Annual Spring Banquet & Silent Auction
40th Anniversary Celebration

Friday, May 13, 2022

Join us for an evening to…

- Hear **Special Keynote Speaker** and former Air America pilot, **Neil Hansen**, present "**Last Plane Out of Cambodia**" which encapsulates his Air America experience as well as his harrowing escape from Cambodia at the time of the Khmer Rouge takeover.
- **Celebrate 40 yrs** of accomplishments of the CAF-Wisconsin Wing and have some great fun!
- Chat with fellow and prospective Wing members and guests (**invite a friend or two**!)
- **Bid on fabulous Silent Auction Items** to raise funds to support the mission of the Wisconsin Wing (Cash or check preferred - we are also able to process credit cards.)
- **Bring a bottle of wine** (Min. $15 value) to donate for the **WINE PULL** fundraising event. Wine bottles can be dropped off at the hangar in advance or brought the night of the event.

Location: **Delafield Brewhaus, 3832 Hillside Dr, Delafield, WI**

Time: 5:30-6:30 pm – Cocktails, Social Hour & Silent Auction Bidding
6:30-7:30 pm - Dinner & Silent Auction Bidding (Wine Pulls all evening until gone)
7:30-9:30 pm - Reflections, Updates, Keynote Speaker & Silent Auction Winners
9:30 until ??? – Social time continues!

Cost: $43 per person – see menu below; reservation with payment in advance

Incidentals: Cocktails, beer and soft drinks from our banquet room bar; coffee and tea are included

Questions: Contact Wing Banquet Committee Chairperson Col Kathy Laabs at 414-418-7222 or t28gal@att.net or Col Gary Otto at 262-875-1640 or gary.arthur.otto@gmail.com

Donations of Silent Auction items are appreciated! We welcome items *Prior* to the Banquet!
Label items with donor's name, contact info and approximate value
and give them to Col Ed Pleva (262-844-0965). Tax deduction receipts are available.

Commemorative Air Force - Wisconsin Wing is a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization. This civilian group shares a passion for military aviation history and is dedicated to the preservation and flying of vintage military aircraft. Our mission is to Educate, Inspire and Honor! Visit us at www.cafwi.org or on Facebook.

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To register for the banquet- return bottom portion with check written out to CAF-Wisconsin Wing by May 6th to: Col Kathy Laabs, 14032 Tiffany Place, New Berlin, WI 53151

Attendees Names:_____
Address: _____
Email: _____ Phone #: _____

Brewhaus Buffet	Number Requested	Attendee's Name(s)
Roast Pork Loin/Beef Tenderloin	_____ x $43/person	
Salad/2-veggies/2-potato/Rolls+		

Also includes relish tray, coffee, tea, milk and special 40th anniversary cake.

Total Amount Enclosed: $_____

Calendar – Upcoming Events

Please go to cafwi.org for more details on all the Commemorative Air Force Wisconsin 2022 Wing activities.

Notes: CAF WI Wing activity always subject to weather and aircraft availability

- WI Wing Staff meetings are always 10 days prior to each wing meeting and open to all members to attend.
- Waukesha Airport Food Truck Fridays Run June 3rd thru September 2nd, with WI Wing PX attending and Aircraft support.

Date	Event Name	Location	Time	PX Booth	PT-26	T-34A	SNJ-5
April 16	Wing Meeting & Lunch SNJ Cleanup at Hangar	Waukesha Airport CAF Hangar Gate 1	10:30-11:30 a.m.				
April 16	Rides/Ground Crew Training by Mike Ziarniak	Waukesha Airport CAF Hangar Gate 1	12:30 – 2:30p.m.				
April 23	SNJ Warbird Rides	Waukesha Airport Terminal	10:00am-4 p.m.	x			x*
May 13	Spring Banquet	Delafield Brewhaus	5:30-10:00 p.m.				
April 23	Honor Flight Escort	KMKE Mitchell Airport	6:00 AM				
April 23	EAA Pancake Breakfast	Oshkosh terminal	7AM – 11AM				
May 5	Honor Flight Escort	Milwaukee Mitchell Airport	6:00 a.m.		x		x
May 20	Dock Hounds Baseball G	Pabst Farm Stadium	6PM			x	
May 21	Wing Meeting Wally Garlock Helicopter	Waukesha Airport CAF Hangar Gate 1	10:30-11:30 a.m.				
May 20 & 21	TBM Reunion	Illinois Valley Regional Airport	9:30-6:00 p.m.	x			x*
May 21	Honor Flight Escort	Milwaukee Mitchell Airport	6:00 a.m.		x		x
May 28 & 30	Memorial Day Fly-overs	Union Grove & Wood Cem.	TBD				
June 3	Tosa Reunion Flyover	Muskego, WI	6:30PM (tentative)				
June 4	WI Wing Rides Day	Waukesha Airport Terminal	10AM-4:00PM	x	x		x
June 5	HOGs for Heroes Flyover	MKE Area					
June 11	EAA Warbird SQUADRON 32 Fly-in	Anniversary Fly-In Fond du Lac Airport	10AM – 4PM	x	x*	x	x*
June 18	Wing Meeting and Memorial Fly-Overs	Waukesha Airport CAF Hangar Gate 1	10:30-11:30 a.m.				
June 18-19	Menomonee Falls WWII Days Big Band Sat nite	Old Falls Village Historic Park, Menomonee Falls, WI	10:00-5:00 p.m. plus Sat nite band	x			
June 19	Palmyra Fly-In	88C Palmyra Airport					
June 18	Honor Flight Escort	KMKE Mitchell Airport	6:00 AM				
June 25	EAA #706 Pancake Bkfst	WI Rapids KISW Chris Ott	7:00 a.m.-11:00				
July 9	Pearly Gate Veterans Ev	Green Bay area flyover	TBD				
July 16	Wing Meeting Tom McDermott D-Day Pres.	Waukesha Airport CAF Hangar Gate 1	10:30-11:45 a.m.				
July 20-24	CAF AirPower History Tour FiFi & Diamond 'Lil +	Kenosha Airport, WI also in Appleton during AirVenture		x		x	
July 25-July 31	EAA AirVenture	Oshkosh Airport			x	x	x
August 18-19-20	RC Warbirds and Classics Over the Midwest	Welnuts RC Field SE of Fond du Lac	TBD	x			
August 18-19-20	SE WI Military Show	Eagle, WI City Park	9 a.m.– 5 p.m. F-S 9 am - 2 p.m. Sun	x			
August 19	Food Truck Friday Rides Event	Waukesha Airport Terminal	11AM – 4PM??	x	x*	x	x*
August 20	Wing Meeting	Waukesha Airport CAF Hangar Gate 1	10:30-11:30 a.m.				
August 26-27	Cedarburg Flyovers	Cedarburg					
September 2	CAF Sponsors Food Tr Fri	Waukesha County Airport	11:30am 1:30pm	x	x	x	x
September 3	EAA Chapter 1365 Fly-in	Mauston/New Lisbon Union Airport	TBD	x	x	x	x
September 10	Honor Flight Escort	KMKE Mitchell Airport	6:00 AM				
September 17	Wing Meeting	Waukesha Airport CAF Hangar Gate 1	10:30-11:45 a.m.				
September 17	Oconto Fly-In	Oconto Airport	9:00AM – 4:00PM	x	x*	x	x*
October 8	Honor Flight Escort	KMKE Mitchell Airport	6:00 AM				
October 15	Wing Meeting	Waukesha Airport CAF Hangar Gate 1	10:30-11:45 a.m.				
October 7-8	Corsicana Airshow	Corsicana, TX Coyote Sqdn	Sat. 10-8 all day			x	
November 5	Honor Flight Escort	KMKE Mitchell Airport	6:00 AM				
November 19	Wing Meeting	Waukesha Airport CAF Hangar Gate 1	10:30-11:30 a.m.				
November 25	Trip to EAA Museum	Oshkosh, WI	9:00 a.m.				
December 17	Wing Business Meeting	Waukesha Airport CAF Hangar Gate 1	10:30-11:30 a.m.				
TBA	N103JC return to flight	Tulsa OK Wing	TBA				

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