



Commemorative Air Force Wisconsin Wing Newsletter

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From the Front Cockpit Col Gary Otto – Wing Leader



COMMEMORATIVE AIR FORCE
Wisconsin Wing Newsletter

I am very excited about 2022 and all the fun and adventure that is ahead for CAF WI Wing members. The Wing Staff is assembling the 2022 events list, and we are seeing so many opportunities ahead for us to carry out our mission to educate, inspire and honor. To highlight just one event, check out the April 13th road trip to Oshkosh including private tours of Basler Turbo Conversions, EAA Warbird Eagle Hangar, and the Military Veterans Museum with lunch at Friar Tuck's and pizza dinner at the EAA Warbird Squadron 32's monthly meeting. Topped off with a Chris Henry presentation on the Tuskegee Airmen! Come for all or just part of this busy day in Oshkosh. The CAF WI Wing events list will be finished in a few weeks, so watch for the release.



PT-19 being assigned to the new Birmingham, AL Wing!

Lots of activity is already underway this year, thanks to many dedicated volunteers. Mike Woods has conducted an SNJ FEB meeting bring in 3 new pilots, hosted an all pilots meeting this past Saturday, and has also led a PT-26 pilot and sponsor meeting, discussing many aspects of supporting and flying the PT. Mike Ziarniak has organized the rides program and events calendar including ground crew training on April 16th. TJ Hunter and backup/assistant Ed Pleva have volunteered to keep our hangar walkways and aprons free of snow for the season. Your Wing Staff has

already met twice, and many initiatives are being started to make 2022 a great year for the WI Wing. There is lots more happening too! Get involved and find out where and how you can volunteer to further our mission.

Former WI Wing member, Pat Grogan, who now resides in Birmingham, AL, is starting up a new Wing there and is destined to have a beautiful PT-19 assigned to the new unit. What a way to get launched! All members are encouraged to help Pat get his new Wing underway in any way they can. We are already helping with website and newsletter communication tool setup information. (See photo of PT-19)

On a final note, please consider supporting one (or more!) of our historic warbird aircraft through aircraft sponsorship and/or Flight Crew support. It takes many supporters to keep these beautiful aircraft flying and able to help us carry out our mission. If you have any questions or just want to talk about the needs of the wing, give me a call anytime!

Best to you all and travel safe!
- Gary Otto, Wing Leader

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WI Wing Membership Meeting

Sat. Feb. 19th, 2022 10:30AM
 CAF/PT hangar Gate 1 Waukesha Airport

Presentation by Chris Reeves about his C-45 restoration project

You are invited to the CAF WI Wing on Sat., Feb. 19th 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/81808359216>
 Meeting ID# [81808359216](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81808359216)

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

**Welcome
 New Members!!!**

2022		
Donn Droegkamp (Pewaukee) *** Gold Lifetime Member ***	Al Pavik (TX-Coyote Squadron Member)	Eric Ruediger (Racine)
Jackson LaManna (Mequon) *** Cadet ***		
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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With great sadness, I recently reported that long time CAF member and friend to many warbird enthusiasts, John Hartmann had Gone West on Jan, 14, 2022. John was a cornerstone in the early growth of the WI Squadron and later the WI Wing, as an avid volunteer on the PV-2D Bomber restoration project as well as the PX operations. When you look at old photobooks of WI Wing activities, you will find John's face in so many of the photos, having a good time and sharing his love of WWII aviation with others. John's brother Bob, told me

that "The happiest moments of my brother's life were spent at CAF events and air shows at EAA and elsewhere. Thanks to all those who welcomed John as a friend at all of these events over the many years." Other long-time WI Wing members, Stan Goran, Dave Cook and John Kmet all remembered John as a great friend and supporter of the Wing's mission. Dave Cook said "John was a dedicated, long-term member who was always sharing his knowledge of WW2. He was always ready to support the Wing in any way he could." We certainly will miss John Hartmann. and he will be a permanent part of the history of the CAF WI Wing.

We will honor and remember John as a U.S.Army veteran and long time CAF member, with a missing man fly-over at the next possible WI Wing flying event.

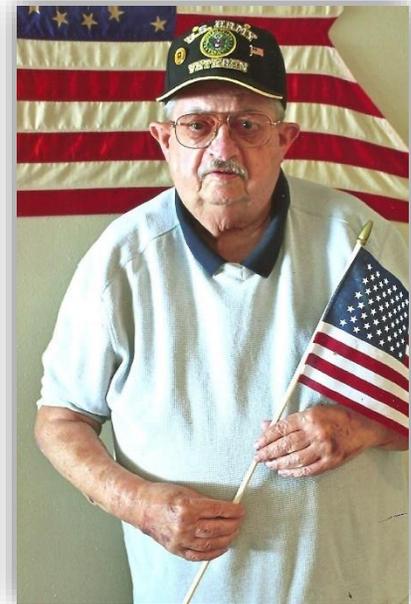
Gary Otto - WI Wing Leader

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JOHN GEORGE HARTMANN

John George Hartmann, age 80, passed away Friday, Jan. 14, 2022, in Racine, WI. He was born in Milwaukee, Apr. 12, 1941, son of the late Gilbert and Dorothy (Nee: Peters) Hartmann.

John was a graduate of Brookfield Central High School, "Class of 1959". John proudly served his country in the United States Army, 92nd Engineer Battalion from 1964-1965, receiving a good conduct medal and honorable discharge. He was employed by Harley Davidson Motorcycle Company as an expeditor for more than thirty years. John was a Colonel in the Commemorative Air Force, Wisconsin Wing, a non-profit organization that restores and flies WWII Warbirds. His passions ranged from being a military history buff, to auto racing, arms and armament, target shooting, photography, and always an avid Packers fan.



A celebration of John's life was held on Friday February 11, 2022. Interment with Full Military Honors took place at Southern Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Union Grove.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to:

*The Commemorative Air Force, Wisconsin Wing
P. O. Box 1998
Waukesha, WI 53187-1998*

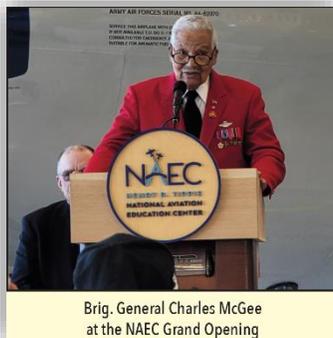


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Honoring the Tuskegee Airmen by Col Gary Otto

February is Black History Month and we would be remiss if we did not talk about the Tuskegee Airmen and two (2) men in particular.



Brig. General Charles McGee
at the NAEC Grand Opening

Our first Tuskegee Airmen to honor is Brig. General Charles McGee, one of the few surviving of the Tuskegee Airmen, passed away just a couple short weeks ago on January 16th, 2022. His life of combat flying involved three major wars, one that no one expected when his career began as that was a time when the U.S. Military banned African Americans from becoming combat pilots. Even though growing up he faced discrimination in Chicago, he noted that in Alabama, where Tuskegee Airfield was, the racism was much more blatant. They could not go into the city of Tuskegee, the sheriff wasn't a friend, and there were certain areas that Blacks were not allowed. But flying was what he loved. McGee earned his wings and commission of 2nd Lieutenant in June of 1943 and joined the 302nd Fighter Squadron, which was a part of the segregated 332nd Fighter Group. He flew a total of 136 missions during WWII and then became an instructor for a group of African Americans training to become B-25 Mitchell crews.

During the Korean War he flew 100 combat missions. He held a number of command positions around the Air Force after Korea. The Vietnam War saw McGee command the 16th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron at Tan Son Nhut Base. He completed 172 combat missions flying the RF-4 Phantom II jet fighters on dangerous photo reconnaissance missions which earned him his first Legion of Merit. McGee retired from the Air Force as Colonel in 1973 after several leadership positions. He had a total of 409 combat missions across those three wars and earned many awards: Legion of Merit twice, three Distinguished Flying Crosses, and the Bronze Star are just a few. Charles McGee went back to college to earn a degree and still continued to serve in a variety of leadership positions. He helped to create and promote Tuskegee Airmen Inc, made time to visit and sign books and spoke at many functions. Brig. General McGee was always willing to tell his story, giving first-hand account of our history, his history. In 2020, McGee received his promotion to Brigadier General. It was noted by then-Chief of Staff of the Air Force, General David Goldfein that "Charles McGee is a genuine American Hero whose courage in combat helped save a nation, and whose legacy is felt to this day across the entire US Air Force." Charles McGee and the Tuskegee Airmen helped to make change and increase the effectiveness of the military through their efforts. "It was more about wanting to do our best and accomplish the mission we were assigned. We just wanted to be part of what the country was all about at the time. We could've said, 'They don't like us. They don't want us' and not served our country. We chose to serve, and it allowed our Air Force to see what we could accomplish, and...bring about an important change in the country" Brigadier General Charles McGee.

The second man we are honoring is Top Gun Winner Col. James Harvey, III. To hear first hand from Col Harvey, you are highly encouraged to watch the Wings Over the Rockies Air & Space Museum: <https://wingsmuseum.org> recent presentation about the Tuskegee Airmen, at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XEFqKESvg9c>.

The Tuskegee Airmen were an experiment by the US Army Air Corps to determine whether Black pilots could handle military flying. It turns out they could! But the Tuskegee Airmen fought a second battle – one against racial discrimination. With an impressive combat record and war accomplishments, the success of the Tuskegee Airmen helped influence then-President Harry Truman's decision to desegregate the armed forces in 1948. In this interview with one of the last surviving Tuskegee Airmen, Col. James Harvey, III. shares with us his journey to becoming one of the first black pilots with the U.S. military, how he rose through the ranks, and how after more than 70 years, his team of Tuskegee Airmen is finally being recognized for their 1949 win of the inaugural Top Gun competition.



Col. James Harvey III



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(cont'd from previous page) Honoring the Tuskegee Airmen

The Commemorative Air Force has a Red Tail squadron located in Red Wing, MN. There is also a display detailing the events of the Tuskegee Airmen at the CAF Henry B. Tippie National Aviation Education Center (NAEC). If you find yourself in Dallas and wanting something to do, you are highly encouraged to stop at the CAF NAEC and learn about the flying history of the U.S. Military.



P-51 Mustang – the plane the Tuskegee Airmen flew with the distinctive "red tail"

Check out the following websites for more information:
<https://cafriseabove.org>
<http://redtail.org>
www.Tuskegee.edu
www.britannica.com/topic/Tuskegee-Airmen



US Mint releasing Alabama's quarter honoring the Tuskegee Airmen in January 2021

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From the Rear Cockpit

By Executive Officer Col Tom McDermott

Folks, it seems that as we exit the dead of winter, it's time to think about what YOU CAN BE DOING to prepare for a successful 2022.

For newer members (and any member for that matter) please go to this CAF website page:

<https://www.cafeducation.org/youth-interaction-and-protection>

and follow the simple directions. We have a policy that CAF members having any contact with youth must complete this training. Now, you may think that does not apply to you,

but in reality, IT DOES. Thanks to new Wisconsin Wing member Alan Pavik for suggesting this important topic to write about. He pointed out that this summer you may be in the PX or working the flight line, and if there is a young person involved in the task, you need to have that training on your record. It's quick and free, and we require it, so PLEASE complete this required certification. PLEASE ASK JEANETTE ANDERSON IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS.....and it is much easier to deal with than watching the hip-hop Superbowl halftime show.



MIKE WOODS SEES SHADOW, 6 more weeks of basketball. While we await better weather, we're planning to emerge from winter with a spring BLUE MONDAY event at the hanger on March 28th. We will gather at the CAF hanger around 5:30 and enjoy some eats, brats and possibly some live music.....details to follow.

SAVE THE DATE / bring a friend. BaaBaa.
 From the sheep ranch in Texas!

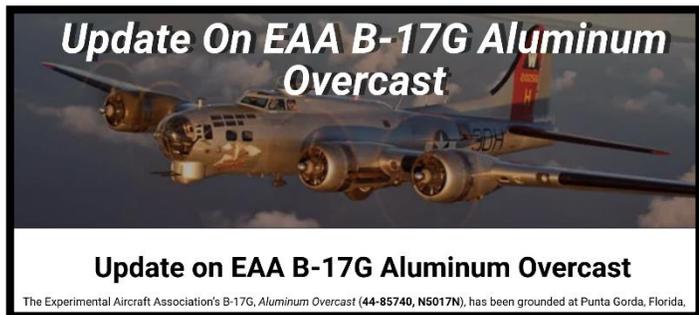
-Tom



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A WING AND A PRAYER by Col Mike Woods



Many thought I went to Florida for the Winter to escape the frigid temperatures and the white death. Not true. I am here to keep looking into things for our Wing. Last year I went searching for ideas for our Wing and along the way ran into Jim Fanning, who has turned out to be a great friend and benefactor for our Wing. Unfortunately, I met Jim because I was at Punta Gorda to help with rides for EAA's B-17, Aluminum Overcast, and it was grounded due to a mechanical issue. So here is, as Paul Harvey would say, the rest of the story.

They say there is always a silver lining to every black cloud. Well, there were two black clouds. First since the B-17 was grounded, I was able to meet Jim and he has definitely been a silver lining for us. I was at an EAA chapter meeting in Punta Gorda last night and one of the mechanics working on the B-17 was there to give an update on the plane and also to tell everyone how the problem was discovered.

So, here is the second silver lining. Covid very well could have saved the B-17. Since Covid was rampant in 2020, EAA did not have a good schedule for Aluminum Overcast. Accordingly, they decided to do some extra maintenance on the plane while it had an extended stay in Oshkosh. One of the items they did was to install new fairings on the front of the wings. When they started the 2021 season they flew the plane to Lakeland, I believe for Sun-N-Fun. Then it was onto Punta Gorda. One of the more seasoned EAA mechanics was on the plane as the crew chief and since the fairings were new, he could see that the one on the left side seemed to be more wrinkled. If it was not for Covid, perhaps the old fairings would have looked OK and an inspection would not have been done. But, when they opened the wing up, they saw that a wing gusset had a crack in it, so the plane was grounded. Since Punta Gorda did not have a public hangar big enough for the plane, it was going to be a problem to do the work. Luckily, a private individual stepped up to the problem and offered his hangar for the repair work.

To get to the gusset, they had to remove the two left engines and left wing. Upon doing so, they discovered why the gusset cracked. I am not sure how the spars look but the mechanic said there are two spars, a front and back, and each one has two items called spar terminals. One of the terminals on the front spart had broken and caused too much pressure on the gusset. EAA searched and finally found 3 new terminals, but unfortunately, the one they needed was not there. So now they have the drawings and have located a CNC shop that can make the part. All that is left is to have the FAA sign off on the material needed to make the part, and then do the reassembly. EAA said once the repair is done, they want to fly the plane back to Oshkosh to do a major inspection on the right wing. They are planning on having the plane back on tour by the end of the year.

I am sure all of us have had issues with Covid, and we have even lost a good friend, but I can't help but think, maybe Covid prevented a terrible accident. I think God was looking out for us in a very strange way.

I will be back in May, but until then I will continue to search for information from the South. Miss all of you.

-Mike Woods

Link for more info from EAA on the B-17 repair project:

https://www.aerovintage.com/2022/01/29/update-on-aaa-b-17g-aluminum-overcast/?fbclid=IwAR2_HgX9VXiUNaSeDKTLUh2iBl6rq2coTZQrO24Lqw12CFy6afMbQcYDyM



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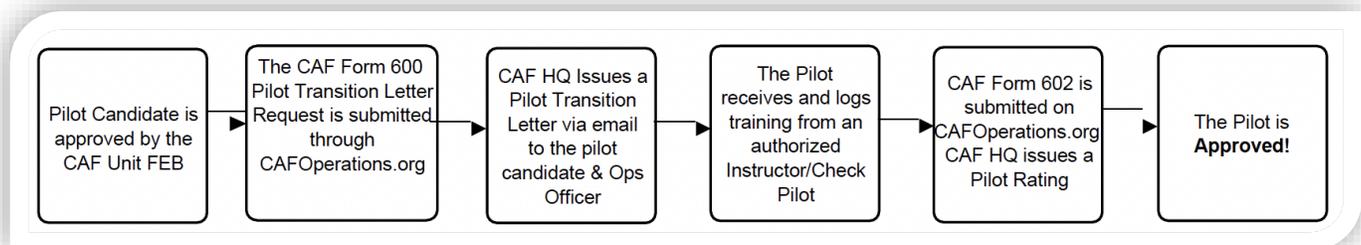


HOW DO YOU HAVE FEB IN JAN? by Col Mike Woods

Well, JAN is January, but FEB really stands for Flight Evaluation Board. So, in January we had a FEB which is needed when we are adding potential pilots for any of our aircraft. In this case we had three who are anxious to become SNJ pilots. So, what exactly is a FEB? It is a board that consists of the Wing Leader, Gary Otto, the Operations Officer, yours truly, and all current pilots for the aircraft in which the prospective sponsor wants to become a pilot. As in most things, trying to get all current pilots together at once is not always possible so, CAF regs say that all current pilot sponsors need to be invited, which they were, but the board can be convened if the Wing Leader, Operations Officer and at least one current and active pilot sponsor are in attendance. We were lucky to have Gary, myself, Steve Sorge, Dennis Schell and Vic Stottlemeyer present for our meeting.

The purpose of the board is to first see if we believe the candidate is either ready to start training, or if they will be able to meet all the time and currency requirements completed when their training is done. We are also interested to see if they are a good fit for the Wing, are willing to help promote the CAF mission and be an active member of the Wing. If it is obvious that a person is not currently qualified or will not be by the time training is completed, then we have to ask them to apply later when they are ready. Of course, CAF HQ has sometimes issued waivers for some of the requirements if past experience is strong or they are close to meeting everything needed but are not quite there yet. I think our Wing in the past has been very good about getting good qualified candidates, but maybe on the weak side of seeing if the prospective pilot will be a good fit for the Wing to help with the CAF mission. I am happy to say that all three candidates have great flying backgrounds and all have said they will definitely be willing and able to help with Wing duties and mission promotion.

The process starts with the candidate filling out an on-line form listing all flight experience and submitting the required back-up documents such as copies of license, medical, flight review, etc. This is electronically uploaded to HQ and the Operations Officer then receives a copy of the document. Once this is received, the FEB can be held with the candidate. If approved by the FEB, the Operations Officer submits another form for HQ to review, and if they approve, they will issue a Pilot Transition Letter so the candidate can start their training. Once the proper training hours are done (usually 10 hours) and if the instructor feels the candidate is ready, the instructor forwards their info to HQ, and if they do not see any problems, they will issue the Pilot Rating.



It does take some time to get everything done, especially since we had not done a FEB in a long time, or used all the electronic transmissions, but that learning curve is now behind us, so others should go faster. The really good news is that both Scott Twesme and Tonie Michaels have now been issued their Transition Letters. We are waiting to submit all of Bernie DeKok's information until he gets some tailwheel currency and some other paperwork done. All three will be great additions to our SNJ pilot crew. Bernie has a very unique background in that he has around 1300 hours instructing in T-6's in the South African Air Force and has as many hours flying DC-3's. As Steve Sorge said, we will all be learning from him. Tonie will be our first female Wing pilot, bringing lots of warbird flying experience to the group!

If anyone has the interest in becoming one of our pilot sponsors, please give Mike Woods or Gary Otto a call and we can give you the info you will need to hopefully get things rolling so you can have the unbelievable thrill of flying our historic "time machines" while promoting the CAF mission.



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From Kathy Laabs....
Your CAF WI Wing Event Coordinator

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



Here's the scoop.....

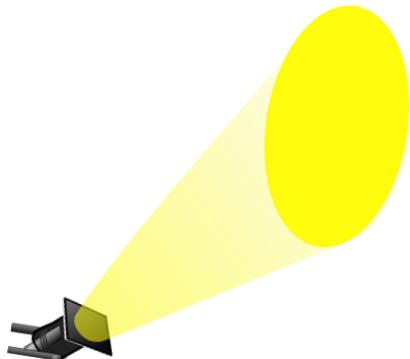
A busy and exciting Wednesday in Oshkosh is planned:

- Meet at KUES/CAF hangar at 9:30AM
- Depart (car pool if desired) 10:AM
- Arrive Friar Tuck's Restaurant – Oshkosh at 11:30AM for lunch
- Reposition to the Basler Turbo Conversion factory by 1PM
- Tour Basler Turbo Conversion for 2 hours
- Reposition to the EAA museum by 3:15PM
- Personalized tours of the Huey and Corsair displays by Chris Henry
- Reposition to the Military Veterans Museum by 5PM
- Private tour of the MVM museum 5 to 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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SAFETY SPOTLIGHT

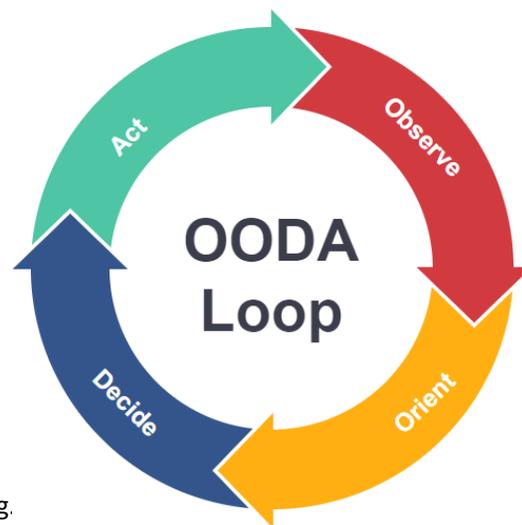
By Scott Twesme – Safety Officer – WI Wing

This month I'd like to talk a bit about decision making. I'm sure there are a few former military pilots out there that remember the OODA loop, an attempt to quantify the air-to-air combat decision making process developed by Air Force Col. John Boyd. The steps shown in the diagram below are:

- Observe- see a potential problem or a changing situation
- Orient- formulate potential plans to get you toward your desired end state
- Decide- evaluate your potential courses of action and pick the best one
- Act- implement your plan

This is pretty much how people naturally make decisions, and most people don't even think about the process as they are doing it. There are numerous other models of the decision making process with different names, colors, pictures, etc. but the concepts are similar.

I don't actually run through this in my mind while dealing with a challenging weather or emergency situation. The big thing that I DO take from these models is that they are a never-ending process. When you are faced with a challenging situation and you implement a corrective solution, don't let it end there. The next step after Act is Observe. Is your plan working? Is there any new information that would suggest a better course of action? If you have implemented your plan and are now flying along "all fat, dumb, and happy" thinking you've got the world by the tail, that's when the hair on the back of your neck should stand up. Personally, whenever I think I've got something handled, I FORCE myself to look for what I have missed or am currently missing.



LOW RISK ACTIVITIES FOR COVID-19



- Working on your plane
- Polishing and cleaning your plane
- FLYING in your plane
- Looking and admiring your plane
- Upgrading your plane
- Sitting in your plane making airplane noise

Hopefully you'll never encounter a serious emergency, and even with weather that is just a little bit less than optimal, a continuous decision making process can help keep you out of a situation that requires your expert flying ability.

-Scott



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

We are once again looking forward to our flying season and beginning our planning in order to come out of our winter hibernation. 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
- May TBD.....Wing Open House ??
- May TBD.....Fond du Lac EAA Chapter Fly In
- June 4th.....Waukesha Rides Event
- June TBD.....Stevens Point Air Show (Rides??)
- June 11th.....Oshkosh EAA Squadron 32 Open House
- August 19th.....Food Truck Friday Rides Event
- September 17th.....Oconto Elks Club Fly In
- September 18th (?)....East Troy Pancake Breakfast



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.

Tail winds..... -Mike

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Maintenance Report – February 2022

by Col Steven Sorge – Maintenance Officer – WI Wing

T-34

- Aircraft off line pending some follow up maintenance items
 - ✓ Readjust Front shoulder harness straps (turned 180 degrees)
 - ✓ Take left fuel pump switch “guard” out of rear left side cockpit and install guard on the backup pump switch on pilots left side.
 - ✓ The G2 is nearly impossible to read in flight due to low position and extremely small digits on the display. Consider putting #1 vor/ils indicator in #2 position (discard #2 vor head) and put G2 in that larger hole with a reducer plate.
 - ✓ Aircraft engine quits at low RPM – adjust fuel pressure accordingly
- Future items:
 - ✓ Paint repair on the right wing top still needs completion.
 - ✓ Determine final disposition for removal (or not) the Rat from the tail.



PT-26

- Down for annual / winter hibernation
 - ✓ Cylinders removed – sent in for overhaul
 - ✓ Service-able Tail wheel Drag Link picked up from Malavolti Aviation



SNJ-5

- Aircraft on-line



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Do you know about the Waukesha County Airport Classified ads section of the Airport website? Go to:

<https://www.waukeshacounty.gov/Airport/airportclassifieds/>

You will find all sorts of neat aviation items, including an opportunity to buy old Waukesha Airport Air Show posters. You can also use this to sell your unwanted aviation related items!



Classifieds



The Waukesha County Airport/Crites Field Classifier aircraft, parts and accessories, and other aviation-r

To submit a classified ad, [click here](#)

AIRCRAFT

Waukesha airshow posters. All proceeds go to the CAF WI Wing to support their aircraft!

Price: \$10 each, 2 for \$15, 3 for \$20, 4 for \$25 limited supply. Contact Gary Otto 262-8751640.



CORNER

PX



Check this out!

The PX has some new shirts in our inventory. These are the Aircraft Series shirts that feature each one of our Wing aircraft. The front has our new logo and the aircraft identifier. The back has a 3 view profile of the aircraft. Don't forget that we now have a selection of new Wisconsin Wing t-shirts and sweatshirts along with Wing hats, all featuring our new WI Wing logo!



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Gary Otto Wing Leader
262-875-1640 cell

Join the "Flight Crew" at the CAF WI Wing

You can join the Flight Crew for our historic warbird aircraft and get a piece of the action! Aircraft Sponsor support is limited to aircraft improvements and major repairs, but does not support the every day "fixed costs" like hangar rent and insurances. Flight Crew support goes directly to current fixed costs and helps keep our WI Wing aircraft ready to carry out the CAF mission to Educate, Inspire and Honor!

"Flight Crew" members can donate as little as \$10/month with a 12 month commitment to qualify as a "Flight Crew" member for each aircraft. Being a "Flight Crew" member entitles you to a PT-26, T-34 or SNJ-5 special cap with "Flight Crew" notation on the backside. Wear your "flight Crew" gear with pride as you show your support for our WI Wing CAF aircraft.

Flight Crew donations are fully tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. Your donation indicates your strong interest in playing an active role in our Wing aircraft operations.

The WI Wing needs "Flight Crew" members **now** to keep these historical aircraft flying. If you can help in any way, let Gary Otto know.

Call with any questions:
Col Gary Otto
262-875-1640 cell

SNJ-5/AT-6 600 HP



N3195G



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www.cafwi.org

N9474H



PT-26 200 HP

T-34 Mentor 300HP



N5347W

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Calendar – Upcoming Events

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

Notes: **Event Dates in Green are Firm Events**

- 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
February 19	Wing Meeting Chris Reeves C-45 Project	Waukesha Airport CAF Hangar Gate 1	10:30-11:45 a.m.
February 17-20	Wing Staff Conference	Dallas – CAF HQ	
March 19	Wing Business Meeting	Waukesha Airport CAF Hangar Gate 1	10:30-11:45 a.m.
March 28	Blue Monday Event	CAF Hangar, Gate 1 KUES	5:30PM – 8PM
April 13	Honor Flight Escort	Milwaukee Mitchell Airport	6:00 a.m.
April 13	Road Trip to Oshkosh	KOSH-Basler Turbo Conversions factory tour plus EAA museum plus MVM Museum, plus WB32 dinner meeting	9:30 meet at CAF Hangar Carpool to OSH
April 16	Wing Meeting Wally Garlock Helicopter	Waukesha Airport CAF Hangar Gate 1	10:30-11:30 a.m.
April 16	Rides/Ground Training	Waukesha Airport CAF Hangar Gate 1	12:30 – 2:30p.m.
April 23	SNJ/PT-26 Warbird Rides	Waukesha Airport Terminal	1:00-4 p.m.???
April-May???	Spring Banquet	Delafield Brewhaus	5:30-10:00 p.m.
April 23	Honor Flight Escort	KMKE Mitchell Airport	6:00 AM
April 25???	Blue Monday Gathering	PT-26 CAF Hangar	5:00- 8:00 p.m.
May 5	Honor Flight Escort	Milwaukee Mitchell Airport	6:00 a.m.
May or ???	WI Wing Open House	Waukesha Airport	
May ???	EAA Chapter Open House	Fond du Lac Airport	7:00 a.m.- Noon
May 21	Wing Meeting	Waukesha Airport CAF Hangar Gate 1	10:30-11:30 a.m.
May 20 & 21	TBM Reunion – RLF to provide updates	Illinois Valley Regional Airport	9:30-6:00 p.m.
May 21	Honor Flight Escort	Milwaukee Mitchell Airport	6:00 a.m.
May 30	Memorial Day Fly-overs	Waukesha Airport	TBD
June ???	Stevens Point Air Show	Stevens Point Municipal Airport	9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
June 4	WI Wing Rides Day	Waukesha Airport Terminal	1-4:00PM
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
June ???	Juneau Co. Breakfast	Juneau Co. Airport	TBD
June 18	Wing Meeting and Memorial Fly-Over	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
June 19 ???	Wings and Wheels	Sheboygan Airport	8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
June 19	Palmyra Fly-In	88C Palmyra Airport	
June 18	Honor Flight Escort	KMKE Mitchell Airport	6:00 AM
June ???	Watertown Military Show	Watertown Municipal Airport	7:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
June????	Big Foot Airfield Fly-In Pancake Breakfast	Big Foot Airfield	7:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
June 27 ???	Blue Monday Gathering	PT-26 Hangar	5:00- 8:00 p.m.
July 16	Wing Meeting	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	
July 25-July 31	EAA AirVenture	Oshkosh Airport	
August 18-19-20	RC Warbirds and Classics Over the Midwest	Welnuts RC Field SE of Fond du Lac	TBD
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
August 19	Food Truck Friday Rides Event	Waukesha Airport Terminal	11AM – 4PM??
August 20	Wing Meeting	Waukesha Airport CAF Hangar Gate 1	10:30-11:30 a.m.
August 26-27	Cedarburg Flyovers	Cedarburg	
August 29???	Blue Monday Gathering	PT-26 Hangar	5:00- 8:00 p.m.
September 3	EAA Chapter 1365 Fly-in	Mauston/New Lisbon Union Airport	TBD
September 10?	Northern Illinois Airshow	Waukegan National Airport	9:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
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
September 18?	East Troy Pancake Breakfast	East Troy Airport	???
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.
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.

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