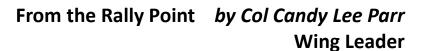


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# Happy St. Patrick's Day (KUES) 2/7/24, The Change of

Happy St Patrick's Day! Here we are in March already. Time flies these days. Looking for volunteers for the Spring Banquet Committee! If interested, please reach out to Kathy Laabs or myself. In efforts to get our WING better known in our community we are networking, seeking ideas & collaboration with other Wings & aviation related organizations.

This last month I attended the Youth in Aviation Task Force Meeting (KUES) 2/7/24, The Change of Command Col Merkel 128<sup>th</sup> ARW 2/8/24, A CALL TO ACTION - KC-46 Tanker Campaign by Col Merkel 128th ARW 2/19/24, and the 3-day CAF Conference: Creating Community, Inspiring Leadership, Soaring Together at the CAF National Airbase in Dallas, TX. CAF Conference photos and takeaways will be in our April newsletter.

Our March Wing Meeting Program: Andy Groth Airport Manager Highlights of KUES (RSAT) Runway Safety Action Team This is great information for both pilots and those who are driving around at KUES. Col Gary Otto will run the meeting as I will be out of the country. Next month's wing meeting is April 13<sup>th</sup> - the agenda will be: financial Status of the WI Wing(presented by Col Gary Otto – Executive Officer & Col Tony Madonia – Finance Officer. Come with your questions! Also included is our feature program - our very own 'Red Star' pilot, Jeremy Keyes (Wing Member) will be presenting on the Nanchang CJ6A trainer that he owns.

Dates to Remember: Daylight savings on Sunday March 10<sup>th</sup> -- 1<sup>st</sup> day of Spring March 19<sup>th</sup> - Easter Sunday March 31<sup>st</sup>.

All the best,

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#### **WI Wing Membership Meeting**

You are invited to the CAF WI Wing meeting on Sat., Mar. 9th, 2024

10:30 AM Central Time → Waukesha Airport Terminal Conf. Room (Airport Drive, Waukesha)

**Speaker**: Andrew T. Groth, Air Traffic Manager, Waukesha FCT (UES).

Andy will discuss highlights of the Runway Safety Action Team (RSAT) meeting held late last year with an emphasis on Runway Safety (i.e. Hot Spots, best practices, etc.). Time permitting, we will also discuss best practices in general areas to include Radio Procedures, Pattern Operations, Runway Exiting, etc...

Lunch → Please RSVP for Cousins Sub lunch option!!! → gary.arthur.otto@gmail.com

On-deck for next month: **Our own 'Red Star' pilot Jeremy Keyes......** Our April meeting presentation is from our very own 'Red Star' pilot, Jeremy Keyes! Jeremy has always wanted to fly since he was "knee high to a grasshopper." By the ripe old age of 20, he had earned his private pilot certificate and tacked on instrument and commercial shortly after. He joined the Air National Guard in 2000 and went to Joint Undergraduate Pilot Training at Vance AFB in 2004, training in the T-37 'Tweet' and T-1 'Jayhawk'. After graduation, he flew special ops in the EC-130J and later transferred to the KC-135 with our very own 128th. Currently, he circles the globe as a 747-400 cargo pilot for Kalitta Air and was recently elected by the company's pilot group as their union president, supporting approximately 850 crew members. He is a CFII, is part owner of a Sundowner, and enjoys teaching others during his time off.

Mark your calendars!

CAF WI Wing meetings aren't the only place you'll find exciting presentations on warbirds and military aviation. The EAA's Aviation Adventure Speaker Series held at the EAA museum has some upcoming topics in the next few months certain to interest our members: Flying the A-1 Skyraider in Vietnam, the story of 'Bazooka Charlie' and his tankhunting Piper Cub, and the F-14 vs. the MiG-23 in the Gulf of Sidra incident. More information can be found a:

https://www.eaa.org/eaa-museum/museum-events/aviation-adventure-speaker-series





Maintenance Report - March 2024: by Col Scott Twesme - WI Wing Maintenance Officer

This month was pretty productive on the mx side of the house. Big news is that the T-34 had its annual inspection completed with quite a few mx items cleaned up on it.

SNJ:

Running fine, had a bit of a scare as Gary found a large oil puddle underneath it a few weeks ago. We diagnosed it a bit with Sam Taber over the phone, and figured out that it was most likely a weird combination of where the engine stopped and which intake and exhaust valves were open. After an engine run and 2 flights, the problem hasn't repeated itself. Other than that it is flying great.

On the horizon for both airplanes are radio/comm upgrades. Avionics Place in Rockford gave us a quote to replace the radio in the SNJ and install a new intercom system in the T-34. Both quotes came in at around \$4000, and he is already booking out until July (as of 2 weeks ago, maybe later now). If we do either upgrade, I was thinking maybe fall/winter to minimize flying season impact.

The intercom in the T-34 is kind of a big deal, as good comm between front and back seats is important. Gary is going to try a new portable intercom and see if that works in the interim. A built in system is important and much better, but hopefully this will get us through the summer.

Regarding the radio in the SNJ, we will have to have a discussion on what suits it best and cost/reward balance for the pilots. We can easily get through the summer status quo.

<u>T-34:</u>

Annual inspection completed and Plane Safe found a few issues that were corrected. The front seat was missing an attachment bolt, and the elevator control cables were loose. Items fixed:

- ALEC re-tightened. This is requirement every three years. It is a cable that is installed on the wing spar giving the wing more strength a longevity.
- Cockpit fire extinguisher installed.
- Landing gear warning horn adjusted properly. Thanks to Gary for flying the day prior to the annual to verify the marks on the throttle position were correct.
- Lubed canopy rail. Hopefully it will move a little easier.
- Checked out smoke system. Seems to be operating properly, waiting to hear a report after the next person flies it...
- Adjusted the up sensor on the left main landing gear. Plane Safe verified that the gear was retracting
  properly and the moved the left gear up switch to indicated accordingly. Like with the smoke,
  waiting to hear some pilot reports of system operation.
- Replaced left main landing gear tire and tube. It had a flat spot that was worn too much.
- · Adjusted aft mixture lever to go full cut-off.





<u>Operations Report – March 2024</u> by Col Mike Woods – WI Wing Operations Officer

Our SNJ did not fly in January due to it being winter, and the plane is still in OSH. The good news with this is that Gary has gotten to know the hangar owner better and has now become a new member who plans to be active in the wing. We still do not have a date for the PT to fly away, but a Wing out East has tentatively agreed to take the plane and they will be putting a team together to get the plane flying at Waukesha and fly it back. They will need some support from us in the way of help, and/or tools. HQ is still paying for the hangar for the PT at Waukesha, but that means we do not have a hangar for the SNJ until the PT leaves.

Our T-34 had 1 currency flight in January; the heater in that plane works great so if the weather is good, it can be a great ride in the cool smooth winter air. The engine in the T-34 is now running great since the fuel pump was overhauled a second time. We are currently trying to get a quote to install a high noise environment built in intercom, which should clear up our issues there, but for our most recent flights the intercom has worked OK, but in the near term we do need to replace it with a good unit. The T-34 is currently at Plane Safe for its annual inspection. Since funds are tight, we are only doing what is necessary and are postponing any items to take it out of the experimental category.

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Membership Update by Col Michael Guslick – WI Wing Membership Officer

Welcome to our three newest members, Preston Fimiano, Mike Doble, and Tim WIlliams!

- Preston (grandson of our own Tom Leunig) is a CAF Cadet with an interest in aviation by way of becoming involved in a flight simulator program at Pewaukee schools.
- Mike Doble is an Embry-Riddle graduate, US Army Veteran, member of the 128th Community Council, and owner of the Explorium Brewpub. He flies a M35 Bonanza out of KUES, is instrument rated with a commercial certificate, and is our newest T-34 pilot sponsor.
- Tim Williams is a friend of Gary Otto and has graciously provided hangar space for our SNJ while its in Oshkosh. Tim's own T-6 should be coming soon from California, and he has over 150 hours in the type in addition to being instrument rated.

Thanks to all for joining us – it's great to see this sort of growth in our Wing!



2024 NEW MEMBERS!!!			
Mike Doble	Ash van den Aarssen	Preston Fimiano	
Tim Williams			





#### **Education Update** by Col Tom Leunig – WI Wing Education Officer

The Waukesha County Youth in Aviation Task Force met on February 7, 2024. COL Candy Parr and COL Tom Leunig represented the CAF WI Wing. There were reports from the attendees, including WI DOT-Bureau of Aeronautics, Spring City Aviation, Sarah & Curt from the Waukesha Airport, St Johns Military Academy Aviation Program, Girls Can Fly, Women in Aviation, and New Beginnings Aviation Ministry. The focus was on space allocation for the St Johns program which will be on Saturday's starting in March and running through the Fall. This program is still in its infancy. Candy and I also toured Trish Stark's hanger as a potential site for some youth meetings.

Sarah from the Waukesha Airport confirmed that "Food Truck Fridays" will commence on Memorial Day and run through Labor Day.

COL Tom Leunig met with Paul Maloy, Director of Education for the EAA at our February Wing meeting. They agreed to meet in early March in Oshkosh to discuss potential synergies and cooperation.

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#### <u>Spring Safety Article</u> by Col Evan Bauer – WI Wing Safety Officer

As spring brings a welcome change in weather, pilots must remain vigilant and adapt to the unique challenges that come with flying during this season. Here are some general aviation safety tips for pilots navigating springtime conditions: Firstly, stay updated on weather forecasts and be prepared for rapidly changing conditions. Spring is notorious for unpredictable weather patterns, including sudden thunderstorms, gusty winds, and rapidly changing visibility. Utilize weather briefing services and keep a close eye on METARs, TAFs, and other aviation weather reports before and during your flight. Be ready to alter your plans or divert to alternate airports if necessary to avoid hazardous conditions.

Secondly, be cautious of temperature inversions and the potential for turbulence. As the earth warms up during spring, temperature differentials between the ground and higher altitudes can create unstable air masses, leading to turbulence and rough flying conditions. Pay attention to pilot reports (PIREPs) and utilize forecasts to anticipate and mitigate the effects of inclement weather during your flight. Additionally, be prepared for clear air turbulence and secure loose items within the cockpit to minimize distractions and ensure a smooth and safe flight.

Lastly, remember to perform thorough pre-flight inspections and maintenance checks on your aircraft. Winter weather and storage can take a toll on aircraft systems, so it's essential to inspect for any signs of damage or wear before taking off. Pay special attention to critical components such as brakes, tires, and engine systems to ensure they are functioning correctly. By staying informed, remaining vigilant, and prioritizing safety, pilots can navigate the skies with confidence during the unpredictable weather of springtime.





#### **Cleared Direct JVL!**

It is with mixed emotions that we announce that Aimee Scrima, KUES Airport Operations Supervisor, has accepted the Airport Director position at Southern Wisconsin Regional Airport in Janesville.

Aimee has been with Waukesha County since 2015 and has served in the Operations role with Waukesha County Airport since February of 2020. She has been instrumental in improving





our operations, positioning the airport for growth, and building our aviation community. We will miss her positive demeanor, work ethic, and institutional knowledge she has gained along the way. We are thrilled knowing Aimee will serve the Southern Wisconsin Regional Airport very well.

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#### Mary Jane Payne Retirement after 33 years of service USCGA



Mary Jane Payne
United States Coast Guard Auxillary
1990-2023
Served in N. Carolina & Wisconsin



Presentation by United States Coast Guard Auxiliary



Peter Graham - Division Commander (left)
John McDonald - District Commander (right)





How many are lucky enough to pin their 82 yr. old mother's ribbons on her uniform??? – Candy Lee Parr / CAF WI Wing Leader

Happy Retirement to Mary Jane Payne of Pewaukee W!! Retirement after 33 years of service with the USCGA - 3 generations were there to celebrate! Mary Jane's daughter, Col Candy Lee Parr, granddaughter and 2 great grandchildren along with other family members & friends.

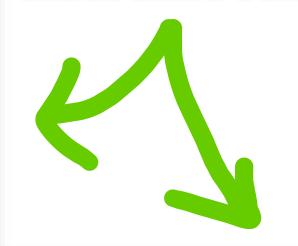








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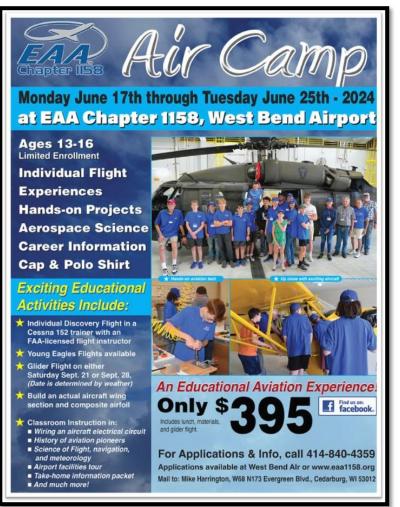








# Check these out!







# Photos from CAF Conference in Dallas



Another informative and memorable staff conference just wrapped up in Dallas! Candy Parr, Gary Otto, Tom (and MaryKay) McDermott, Alan Pavik, Mary Larue, and Dan Summerall rounded out the WI Wing members attending!! Excellent learning experience and chance to make many new friends!!

Best regards, Gary Otto













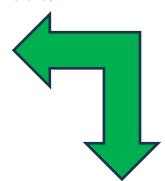






## Flight Crew Support...

Flight Crew Support is a great way to help keep our warbirds flying! This is one way for members and non-members to get some "skin in the game" with much needed financial support for the huge fixed costs of keeping our planes assigned to the WI Wing. Insurance, hangar, and annual inspections are our major expenses, and Flight Crew monthly support is directly applied to these costs. Sponsorships are also welcomed and needed, but those funds are not allowed to be applied to monthly fixed costs. Sponsor funds are dedicated to upgrades and major repairs. Please consider adding some dollars from your monthly budget to become a Flight Crew member and support your WI Wing Warbirds.



FLIGHT CREW Support of On-Going Fixed Expenses (Hangar, insurance, CAF Fees, Etc.)  ( ) I will support the fixed expenses of the T-34: ()\$20/mo ()\$30/mo ()\$40/mo ()\$50/mo ()\$100/mo ()\$_  ( ) I will support the fixed expenses of the SNJ-5: ()\$20/mo ()\$30/mo ()\$40/mo ()\$50/mo ()\$100/mo ()\$_  ( ) I will volunteer time / talent / equipment in support of the aircraft: () SNJ-5 () T-34			
Comments/Additional Support:			
SIGN ME UP! (Indicate your pledged level of support) Name: Address:	( ) Please keep my pledge confidential/anonymous.  Make checks payable to: "Commemorative Air Force"		
Email:	Return ASAP to:		
Phone/Cell:	Candy Parr CAF WI Wing Leader		
Signature:	CAF Wisconsin Wing P. O. Box 1998		
I understand that this pledge is not legally binding. I will maintain my pledge of support to the best of my ability.	Waukesha, WI 53187-1998 <u>candy.parr2018@gmail.com</u> 262-490-0330 cell		





#### WISCONSIN WING - CAF 2024 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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#### **Calendar – Upcoming Events**

Please go to cafwi.org for more details on all the Commemorative Air Force Wisconsin 2024 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.

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Date	Event Name	Location	Time	PX Booth	Education Table	T-34A	SNJ-5
3-9-24	WI Wing Meeting	Waukesha Airport – Terminal	10:30am				,
3-16-24	T-34 ZOOM Ground School	by Mike Woods	8am-1pm				
4-6-24	SNJ ZOOM Ground School	by Mike Woods	8am-1pm				
4-13-24	WI Wing Meeting	Waukesha Airport – Terminal	10:30am				
4-20-24	Honor Flight Escort	MKE					
5-11-24	WI Wing Meeting	Waukesha Airport – Terminal	10:30am				
5-18-24	Honor Flight Escort	MKE					
5-18-24	Girls Can Fly	Hartford Airport	TBA				
6-8-24	WI Wing Meeting	Waukesha Airport – Terminal	10:30am				
6-14 to	Annual WWII Days	Old Falls Village,	TBA				
6-16-24		Menomonee Falls, WI					
6-15-24	Honor Flight Escort	MKE					
6-17 to	Air Champ EAA CH 1158	West Bend Airport	TBA				
6-25-24							
7-13-24	WI Wing Meeting	Waukesha Airport – Terminal	10:30am				
7-20-24	Janesville Warbird Show	Janesville Airport	All Day	Х		Х	Х
7-26-24	128 <sup>th</sup> ARW Family Night	128 <sup>th</sup> AFW base – KMKE	TBA				
7-21 to	AirVenture 2024	Oshkosh Airport	All Week			Х	Х
7-28-24							
7-27 to	MKE Air & Water Show	MKE – Lakefront	~10am-4pm				
7-28-24							
8-10-24	WI Wing Meeting	Waukesha Airport – Terminal	10:30am				
8-15 to	Warbirds & Classics over the	Fond du Lac	All Day	Х			
8-17-24	Midwest (RC Model Airplane			(Sat/Sun)			
	Show)						
8-17-24	Annual Fly-in & Car Show	Shawano Airport	9:00am-2:00pm				
8-18 (rain date)							
9-14-24	WI Wing Meeting	Waukesha Airport – Terminal	10:30am				
9-12 to	Military Vehicle Preservation	EAA Grounds – Oshkosh	8am-5pm (Thr/Fri)				
9-14-24	Association (MVPA) Annual		8am-4pm				
	Convention		(Sat)				
9-21-24	Oconto Elks Flyin	Oconto Airport	All Day			Х	Х
10-6-24	Wings & Wheels – Burlington	Burlington, WI	TBA	Х			
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10-12-24	WI Wing Meeting	Waukesha Airport – Terminal	10:30am				
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#### Newsletter submissions:

- Articles & submission are due 1st Saturday of every month (ie: 1 week before our wing meetings).
- Pictures can be sent as .JPG or .PNG in email attachments or via MMS text (remember to provide short descriptions!).
- Articles can be submitted in PLAIN TEXT either in a WORD document or embedded in an email. .PDF's are OK for reprints, flyers, etc...
- When in doubt, just call or email Brad Ohde editor: (brad.ohde@outlook.com or 262-309-8600 cell)

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