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Florida Wing hangar. "Come out and see me sometime".

ANNOUNCEMENTS

General Meeting

The next General Dinner Meeting of the Florida Wing will be:

Wednesday, **September** 26, 2007

Spruce Creek Country Club

1900 Country Club Drive

Daytona Beach, Florida 32128

Cocktails: 1800

Dinner: 1900

\$17.00 per person



For reservations contact Alexis Montague at 760-9006 or lexy3918@hotmail.com

Staff Meeting

The June Florida Wing Staff Meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 13th at the CAF hangar at the DeLand Airport at 11:00 AM. All elected officers and committee chairmen should plan on attending. All members are invited, and encouraged, to attend the staff meetings. Your contributory thoughts and ideas are valuable and helpful toward the successful progress of the Florida Wing. Wing records will be available at the meeting for inspection by any member.



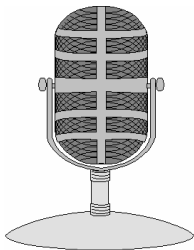
EDITOR'S NOTES

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This is the second edition of the renewed Eagle's Scream newsletter for the Florida Wing of the CAF. Since I have not received any negative suggestions for the format of the newsletter I assume that you all agree to it's current format. If, however, you do have any constructive criticism please offer them. This is your newsletter.

I look forward to receiving any news of interest that any of you might like to share with your fellow members.

*Announcements
of interest for
Florida Wing
members.*





WING LEADER'S MESSAGE

Colonel Peter Jacobs
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New members,
TBM project,
forklift repair,
Col. Chokanis,
Dick Kelso
donation,
finances, ECHO
grant.

We've added several new members since our last newsletter: Welcome to Col. George and Bonnie Lodge (George is a member of the CAF's General Staff, and visited with us last month), Chip Conway, Michael C. Elliott and Cadet Jerrid Stottlemyre. Welcome back to Fred McKaig (a co-founder of the Florida Wing), Buck Williams and to Bob Cline (now a CAF Life Member). Our Wing membership now stands at 67 Colonels, 3 Cadets and one Associate member. This is a high point in membership in the past several years, and we are very grateful for your support! Of course, we can use many more members and volunteers to help with hangar and TBM-restoration duties.

Speaking of the TBM, Dave Leone and his crew of Continental Airlines' experts have made substantial progress: the tailwheel assembly is just about complete, needing only a few O-rings to finish the mechanical restoration. The bead-blasting of the interior of the fuselage is moving along swiftly, thanks to Dave and his helpers (doing a VERY unpleasant but necessary job), and to the acquisition through gifts of an air compressor large enough to do the job. (We had to have the original, new, compressor replaced as it was defective.) Dick Russell's donated aluminum sheets have arrived, but await new wing ribs before they can be utilized. Col. Tony Rebello has been pestering the principal source for these ribs, but has not as yet been able to extract a delivery commitment.

The forklift is nearing completion as Col. Frank Purcell has installed the re-cored radiator. Frank also completed the brake repairs on the tug, so both vehicles are, or soon will be, fully functional – and just in time!

Col. Jimmy Powers has flown the new L-17 donated by Col. Cline, and pronounced it as "just perfect." Col. Steve Moddle flew SweePea, then put it up on jacks for its annual inspection. All seems to be going well, and SweePea will once again venture to Midland for this year's Airshow.

Col. Chuck Chokanis is finally home from the hospital, and we understand he's doing well. Hurry back, Chuck. We miss you! (And, Steve needs your help for SweePea's annual!)

Earl Leone and Lou Fig have kept the hangar shipshape, and we can all be very proud of its appearance. Hats off, too, to Adjutant Col. Ann Conway for her gracious and thoughtful feeding of the troops. All hangar-support efforts are greatly appreciated.

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Dick Kelso has just made a substantial donation of a unique locking cabinet, a (loaded!) tool chest and many, many tools and a substantial amount of aircraft quality hardware. We are most grateful to Dick, and also to Cols. Russell and Moddle for organizing this equipment and moving it to the hangar. Col. George Baker also donated a large number of aircraft fittings. Those which will not be applicable to the TBM can be sold as they are quite valuable. THANK YOU (!!) Dick and George! Former member Ralph Haven donated a large number of important aircraft books, which will become part of the Bob Robbins Memorial Library. Col. Linda Jacobs is presently cataloging these valuable additions.

Our one vexing problem remains finances. As most know from Col. Montague's emails, we are in dire straits in terms of having the funds to pay our bills. Several important contributions have been made by several Colonels, and for these we are sincerely grateful. However, the welfare of the Wing will depend upon some major fundraising. I urge all members to reach out to those we may know who have the means to help, but who may not know about the CAF and the work we strive to do. Many CAF units have received very large donations from people not associated with the CAF, and who were very responsive once they learned about our mission. We are considering holding a "flight for donations" event, but need first to determine if new FAA regulations will let us conduct such an event.

Finally, we are still pursuing the creation of a Florida not-for-profit corporation, which will enable us to be eligible for grants to sustain the completion of the TBM restoration, and ideally to enlarge the hangar. I have been working continuously with Midland on this project, and hope to be able to report substantial progress by the next newsletter. We have also appealed to Volusia County, to make us eligible for the ECHO grant which we were denied several years ago. We expect to hear the results of our appeal in the near future.

FAA POLICY CHANGE VOIDS MANY IFR GPS UNITS

Many previously IFR-certified GPS receivers might now be unapproved for flying many instrument procedures due to recent FAA policy changes. The FAA's Advisory Circular 90-100A, issued in March, indicates that only three GPS models -- the Garmin 400, 500 and G1000 series -- are now legal. Other models made by Garmin, including the new GNS 480 WAAS receiver, as well as receivers manufactured by Chelton, Honeywell, Northstar, and Trimble are listed as "noncompliant. The action means up to 26,000 GPS users no longer comply with a 1996 FAA policy that allows GPS's to be used in lieu of ADF or DME. Pilots affected will lose access to approaches and published routes unnecessarily. AOPA has brought the matter to the FAA's attention, telling the FAA that all IFR-certified systems should still be approved for use in lieu of ADF and DME and for flying T routes and certain departure procedures where pilots manually enter the waypoints.

VOTERS MAY DECIDE "PIPER TOWN'S" FATE

Vero Beach and Indian River County voters may have the final say on whether Piper Aircraft stays in the community. On May 8, city and county officials agreed to split a \$50 million incentive package aimed at keeping the aircraft manufacturer in town and building its PiperJet factory there. But it would appear the civic governments are leaning toward a vote on the package. "I would say we have to put this in front of the voters as a referendum," Vero Beach Mayor Tom White told TCPalm.com. "It's important to get community support behind this." But while he's high on voter involvement, White said he was less enthused about one official's suggestion to change the airport's name to "Piper Town."



STAFF MEETING MINUTES

Colonel Ann Conway
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WEDNESDAY, MAY 9, 2007

A regular meeting of the Unit Staff of the Florida Wing, Commemorative Air Force, was called to order by Executive Officer Colonel Jimmy Powers at 1120 hours on Wednesday, May 9, 2007 in the CAF Hangar, 2302 Old NDB Road, at the DeLand Municipal Airport, DeLand, Florida. Colonels Powers, Conway, Montague and Moddle were present constituting a quorum. The meeting was duly convened.

MINUTES

Minutes of the Staff Meeting held on April 11, 2007 were approved as distributed.

FINANCE OFFICER'S REPORT

Colonel Alexis Montague, Finance Officer, distributed copies of her report for the period ending May 9, 2007. The report was examined and accepted. All financial records are available at the hangar for inspection by interested members. Colonel Montague shows a balance in the Operating Account of \$1,661.41, however, the Wing owes \$4,534.51. \$2,611.50 of this amount is payment due HQ for airmet insurance, PX insurance, premises insurance plus ANNUAC and MCRP payments on the two L-17 aircraft. The new compressor is included in the total amount (\$657.10), but this cost should be covered by promised individual donations. There is a State of Florida corporation fee owed in the amount \$61.25, GMC van registration fee in the amount of \$63.10, crushed rock for the new ramp \$657.49, legal fee of \$300.00 and miscellaneous supplies in the amount of \$184.07. Other expenses on a recurring basis include monthly rent, electric and water on the hangar which average around \$400.00 per month. The recent plea for donations raised \$290.00. Four Colonels still owe Wing dues totaling \$300.00.

The Staff was advised that Colonel Dick Russell has donated a new radiator core for the fork lift. The Staff expressed their gratitude to Colonel Russell.

The costs of keeping the GMC van was discussed. Its sole purpose at this time is to tow the PX trailer to air shows and other events. The consensus of opinion of those Staff officers present at this meeting is that it appears the costs of keeping and operating the van may outweigh the benefits, however, no action was taken on the matter at this meeting. It will be further discussed at a future meeting when the Wing Leader and other officers can be present.

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*Finances, L17-B
annual, PX
finances, TBM.*



MEMBERSHIP

Membership stands at 65 Colonels and three cadets. The Wing has one new member, Colonel Jack Lawrence of DeLand.

OFFICER REPORTS

1. Colonel Steve Moddle, Maintenance Officer, advised that the annual on the L-17 (Al E. Gator) is in progress. Al Brillaud will again do the inspection. Colonel Moddle noted that apparently there is still a minor oil leak. After the annual is out of the way, it will be flown in an attempt to locate the leak.

Hopefully, Colonel Ken Stewart has found the source of the battery problem. It has been corrected and the battery seems to be holding a charge at this time.

2. Colonel Lou Figliuolo, PX Officer, advised that he and Colonel Montague are checking prices on the PX items to insure that there is a markup of at least 100% on every item

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Status of TBM

The paint has been stripped off the rudder trim tabs. Under the supervision of Colonel Don Smith, Cadet Jerrid Stottlemeyre and another ERAU student, Kyle Hugo, reassembled the tail wheel.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

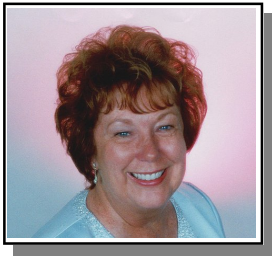
1. THE NEXT REGULAR UNIT STAFF MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR 1100 HOURS ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13, 2007 IN THE CAF HANGAR, 2302 OLD NDB ROAD, DELAND MUNICIPAL AIRPORT, DELAND, FLORIDA.

2. THE NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP DINNER MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2007.

There being no other business to come before the Staff, the meeting was adjourned at 1230 hours.

AVIATION USER-FEE FIGHT FAR FROM OVER

An effort to eliminate aviation user fees from the Senate's FAA funding proposal came within one vote of succeeding prompting National Business Aviation Association (NBAA) President and CEO Ed Bolen to note that opposition to user fees is strong and growing. "This remarkable vote shows that opposition to the per-flight user fee is growing among Senators from both sides of the aisle, who are coming to share our concerns about this user fee," Bolen said. Even this defeat sent a very strong message that AOPA members do not support user fees for any segment of aviation! This bill will also need action by the Senate Finance Committee before it reaches a vote by the full Senate. Bolen maintains that the razor-thin margin for the vote adds momentum to the fight against user fees. The general aviation community recognizes the need for [ATC] modernization... but we also know that user fees represent a step in the wrong direction because they would be very harmful to small and mid-sized businesses and rural communities across the country."



FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT

Colonel Alexis Montague
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*Florida Wing
 financial status.*

Just wanted to update everyone on how the CAF-Florida Wing is coming along since my first appeal.

Following is our list of payables:

Corporation Fee - State of Florida	\$ 61.25
Airmet Insurance	\$ 1,374.00
PX Insurance	\$ 300.00
Premises Insurance	\$ 500.00
ANUAC for L-17A	\$ 356.25
MCRP for L-17	\$ 81.25
Legal Svcs. for Corporation	\$ 300.00
Trlr. Conn., Dowels, Gas, Oil	\$ 59.51
Ramp Fill-Crushed Rock	\$ 657.49
Vac. Supplies, Seals & Spacers	\$ 124.56
Van Registration	\$ 63.10
Compressor (to be paid by donations) (\$657.10 - \$200.00)	\$ 457.10
Donations recv'd from A. Conway & J. Powers to date for the compressor.	
TOTAL	\$ 4,334.51
Donation by Peter Jacobs	(\$657.49)
Adjusted Total Due	\$3,677.02

As of the May 9th Staff Meeting, the Operating Account Balance was \$1,661.41 and donations as of that date were:

Hollinsworth	\$100.00
Gibsons	\$ 50.00
Conway, A.	\$100.00
 Total	 \$250.00

Additional donations since the meeting:

Russell	\$360.00 for the new radiator for the tug
Russell	\$ 40.00
Powers	\$100.00
Jacobs	\$400.00



Moddle	\$100.00
Total	\$1,000.00
Less	\$ 360.00 designated for the tug
Net	\$ 640.00 towards the payables.

So as you can see, we are only about a quarter of the way to clearing the payables.

In addition, the rent, power and water bills come due monthly, and they total approx. \$383 per month. We are operating at the moment on about \$1400, which is not quite enough to pay 4 months of these bills that are monthly expenses.

We have two new colonels who have sent in their dues: George and Bobbie Lodge of McKinney, Texas. Also, the following colonels have not paid their Wing dues for 2007: Cal Lancaster, Rick Nichols, Woody Ormsby and Bruce Williams. When you see these colonels, please remind them to send their dues to me: Alexis Montague, 2901 Cypress Ridge Trail, Daytona Beach, FL 32128. I would appreciate any help.

Thanks to those colonels who have answered my appeal, and thanks to all who will respond in the future.



MAINTENANCE OFFICER'S REPORT

Colonel Steve Moddle
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Our L17-B annual inspection is due in the month so May so we have been busy getting it ready for the inspection. So far, as of this writing, we have found no major problems, just some minor clamp changes, loose hardware etc.. We expect Mr. Brillaud on Saturday May 16th to come and look it over and if he is satisfied, sign the log books and we will be good for another year. June we will have to have the altimeter checked for its biannual check for accuracy, but that is an easy check and we shouldn't have any problem. Misty Blue has been flown by Col. Powers and reports that all is well. This year we are required to get N2995C to Midland for the annual air show, right now it looks like Col. Powers will take it out there, its an interesting trip, might want to check with him if you would like to go with him.

*L17-A, L17-B
status.*

Both optimists and pessimists contribute to the society. The optimist invents the airplane, the pessimist the parachute.

If helicopters are so safe, how come there are no vintage/classic helicopter fly-ins.

Real planes use only a single stick to fly. This is why bulldozers & helicopters -- in that order -- need two.



FLIGHT SAFETY & OPERATIONS NEWS

ISSUE 2007-8: TWO INCIDENTS AND SOME QUESTIONS

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ROCKY MOUNTAIN WING TBM WHEEL BLOWS APART

By Rob Duncan

The Grand Junction Rocky Mountain Wing was doing a final check flight on Thursday afternoon in preparation for a Friday morning departure for their first airshow of this season. Newly qualified TBM pilot Rob Duncan was at the controls. After an uneventful flight and several landings, the wings were folded and their tug began pushing the TBM into their hangar as usual. A loud bang was heard as the main wheel broke apart near the tire bead. The crescent shaped piece was found about 150 feet away, narrowly missing the ground crew and light aircraft that were tied down nearby.

A close inspection revealed that the magnesium wheel may have been previously cracked which was undetected with the visual inspection done prior to mounting the tire. This emphasizes the fact that Non Destructive Inspection techniques, such as Xygly should be employed to properly check for cracks that may be invisible to the naked eye.

A replacement TBM wheel was found courtesy of John Lane of AirPower Unlimited in Jerome, Idaho. It was overnight expressed to Grand Junction.

The next morning the **new wheel** was mounted on the TBM and they flew off to successfully meet their airshow commitment. The Pilot Rob Duncan said, "Just call me Lucky" as the wheel chose to come apart while being towed, rather than during a landing or take-off. Let's save the luck for other times, and use NDI whenever we can from now on. The airplane is in Midland on rotation and we will NDI the wheels while it is there.



YELLOW ROSE HAS AN ENGINE FIRE

By Grant Lannon

We took off a little after 2PM from San Marcos Airport and approximately 10-15 minutes into the flight after leveling off at approximately 2500 ft MSL, we started losing power on the right engine. Shortly afterward we smelled smoke in the cabin and thought we had an electrical fire. The PIC turned back toward the airport and set up for a straight-in to runway 08. The FM got all the passengers back in their seats. I tried to determine what was wrong with the right engine while the PIC flew the aircraft and handled the radios. We could not determine if the right engine was still making power. As we approached the field, the right fire light came on. On the landing roll, I determined the right engine was not turning and pulled the mixture to idle-cutoff. After turning off the runway, we could see a small fire in the accessory section of the right engine. I activated the right fire extinguisher switch while the FM evacuated everyone from the aircraft. We pulled both portable fire extinguishers from the aircraft and used the handheld fire extinguisher from the cockpit area to fully

SEND ME YOUR QUESTIONS : Do you wonder why in the world do we require this or that? Do you think something in our operations regulations need review? Do you have a question you want the General Staff to answer?

If you answered yes to any of the above, send me your questions and I will get them presented and get the answers back to you and to everyone if it has broad applications!

The TBM Project-In Progress

Photo's by Colonel John Prestopino



Removal of the turret ring



TBM turret loaded to go for rebuild



TBM wing



Nelson working on wing of TBM



**Colonel's Brownell & Russell
with TBM engine**



Master AP Colonel Chuck Chokanis

Florida Wing Donation Form



Name: _____
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Please accept a donation of _____ to be credited toward the:

- General fund
- Building fund
- Aircraft sponsorship for _____
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