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Florida Wing Hangar & Library Dedication, March 31, 2007



The new Florida Wing "Sister Ships", SweePea and Misty Blue

Dedicated to the restoration of military aircraft



Members and guests



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A/S Coordinator and co-founder Col. Dick Russell



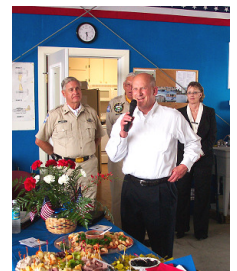
Wing Leader Col. Peter Jacobs



Dave Leone, TBM Coordinator



Pattie Froelich, daughter of Col. Bob Robbins



Bob Robbins Jr., son of Col. Bob Robbins

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

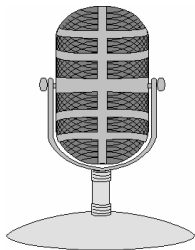
Dinner: 1900

\$17.00 per person

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



Announcements of interest for Florida Wing members.



Staff Meeting

The May Florida Wing Staff Meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 9th 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

Colonel Bob Cline
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Well, here I am back in the saddle again. You can blame our Wing Leader and Col. Dick Russell for that. This is your newsletter and your contributions will make it even better. Please send me anything that you feel will be of interest to the general membership.

This newsletter is edited only for spelling, syntax and grammar, not content. Should you have any comments about individual articles they should be directed to the author.

Newsletters will be posted to the WEB site during the last week of the month and those with ISP service will be notified each month when the newsletter becomes available. Other newsletters will be snail mailed.



WING LEADER'S MESSAGE

Colonel Peter Jacobs
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Hangar and Bob
Robbins
Memorial
Library
Dedication

“WELCOME TO OUR CELEBRATION.” These were the words I used to open the March 31st ceremony at which we dedicated our new hangar and the Bob Robbins Memorial Library. It was a grand occasion, marked by great weather, and attended by a substantial number of members, guests and other people interested in what we do at the Florida Wing. I think it is reasonable to say that all who came were impressed with the hangar and the library, and appreciative of our efforts to make them feel at home and an integral part of our celebration. For those who were not able to come, I'm happy to provide the text of my remarks, as follows:

WELCOME TO OUR CELEBRATION!

It is a distinct honor for me to represent the Florida Wing of the Commemorative Air Force on this important occasion. Before proceeding further, I want to recognize several people who have joined us to make this day a truly memorable one:

Bob Rice, President of CAF, and his wife, Vicki, have come all the way from Midland, Texas to be with us.

Patti Froelich and Bob Robbins Jr., Bob and Ann Robbins' daughter and son have also traveled far to be with us today.

And I would be remiss if I did not immediately recognize wing members Dick Russell, and Fred Mckaig, two of the founding members of the Florida Wing.

Today is a day of celebration, both for the tireless efforts and generous contributions of members, volunteers and friends of the Florida Wing, and for the generosity of Bob Robbins' family. The hangar which we dedicate today is an improbable success story, born of the vision, hard work and generosity of our members, friends and volunteers. It would be impossible to single out each individual who has contributed money, time, effort and services to make this day possible. However, several have made such a dramatic contribution that I simply must recognize them:

Wing member Col. Red Lewis, who donated money and an aircraft, the sale of which helped finance the completion of our hangar;

Wing member Col. Ken Brownell, master carpenter, electrical, designer and fabricator, whose accomplishments resulted in finished offices, a storage deck, framework for the TBM restoration project, and our just-completed concrete apron – among many other achievements;

Adjutant Col. Ann Conway and Finance Officer Col. Alexis Montague, whose efforts have helped keep the wing on the straight and narrow – and whose guidance has kept us money-spenders on a short rein;

Members Col. Earl Leone, Col. Lou Fig and Col. John Prestopino, whose work in the hangar – painting, cleaning, moving and assisting in every aspect of our building program have borne fruit and are so very evident in the completed project;

Friend Dave Canetti, who donated his time, knowledge and efforts in completing the electrical work while suffering from a badly broken arm;

And, I must also recognize – anonymously – those selfless individuals who donated funds and lent substantial sums to the Florida Wing. Without those gifts and loans, this hangar would still be an empty steel framework.

In my short and most incomplete list, I want to acknowledge the generous help of Bob Rice, President of CAF, and the CAF's General Staff. Bob and the General Staff supported and approved our requests to sell off parts of our derelict C-45 to raise money to finish the hangar, and then agreed to the

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assignment of the TBM to the wing without the normally-required sponsor funding.

There are, of course, many, many others, who have contributed their time, effort, expertise and goods and services to this day: Col. Chuck Chokanis, our resident aircraft maintenance expert, Col. Steve Moddle, our Maintenance Officer, Col. Tony Rebello, our Operations Officer, Col. Jimmy Powers, our capable Executive Officer and Col. Joe Maiz, our always helpful Recruiting and Safety Officer, Col. Carl Truesdell our wonderful webmaster, Col. Frank Purcell, our equipment maintenance expert – the list goes on and on – please know that your efforts are and will continue to be appreciated and needed!

We are also grateful for the countless donations of equipment made by many generous friends and members.

Our volunteers, who now spearhead the TBM restoration operation – led by Dave Leone, with his Continental Airlines associates, and Continental Airlines' help in this important endeavor – are also recognized and appreciated.

Our hangar is exceptional, not only because it will allow us to complete to flying status the restoration of our TBM torpedo bomber, but also, and very specially, because of the library we dedicate today, in memory of a largely unsung American hero: Bob Robbins. Through the generosity of Bob's family, the Florida Wing is privileged to be the home of most of Bob's professional memorabilia, including hundreds of books, flight test reports, video recordings and paraphernalia. I hope you will take this opportunity to tour the library, which has been professionally arranged and cataloged by Col. Linda Jacobs.

I now have the privilege of introducing Col. Dick Russell, a long-serving member of CAF, one of the wing's co-founders, a past Wing Leader and a driving force behind the success of the Florida Wing:

(Dick Russell contributed his remarks, reminiscing about the formation of the Florida Wing and acknowledging the founding members. He then introduced Patti Froelich, Bob and Ann Robbins' daughter, who talked about Bob and what it was like growing up with him, and thanked the wing for providing the library and organizing Bob's collection. After Patti spoke, Dick introduced Bob Robbins Jr. Bob and Ann's son, who also thanked the wing.)

I now have the pleasure of introducing Dave Leone, who, under Col. Russell's leadership as project director, heads the mechanical team doing the TBM restoration work:

(Dave spoke about the progress made in the TBM restoration, and outlined the steps planned to occur over the next several months.)

It is now time to make the formal dedication announcements: two plaques will be mounted on the wall in the front entrance to the hangar.

It is my honor and pleasure to formally dedicate the hangar, by reading the words inscribed on the plaque.

It is also my honor and pleasure to read the inscription on the plaque commemorating the dedication of the Bob Robbins memorial library. (*See Page 8*)

As we close this formal dedication ceremony, I am very pleased to make a further, separate announcement: we welcome back as a lifetime CAF member and Florida Wing member Bob Cline. Bob has not only agreed to resume his previous post of editor of our newsletter – the Eagle's Scream – but also, and most generously, has donated his aircraft, an L-17A, to the Florida Wing. Bob's aircraft is parked outside in our static display area, - it's the silver L-17 – and all are welcome to tour this impressive exhibit of military aircraft.

We owe this day to all Florida Wing members, past and present. Many of you gathered here today are seeing the fruits of your work from perhaps years ago. We invite you, and urge you, to consider re-joining CAF and the Florida Wing – as Bob and several others have. Help us make your wing among the best and most productive in the CAF!

Finally, I urge you all to tour the hangar, and help yourselves to the food and libations. Thanks for coming – and, please feel free to ask me or any other wing member any questions. We want your interest, and of course would welcome any of you wishing to become involved in wing activities and the TBM restoration effort.

This marked the end of the speeches, but not of the celebration, which continued to play music from the 40's, much to the delight of the guests.

For those of you reading this issue of the Eagle's Scream who could not attend, we sincerely invite you to come out and see what we are doing, and how our new hangar and library is being utilized. There's something here for everyone. You don't have to be a mechanic, or even interested in airplanes. There are stories and there is history in our building and in our people. Please come and share them with us.

The Florida Wing workdays – when the hangar is open to all, are Wednesdays and Saturdays, from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM. We can be reached by phone for driving directions by calling Wing Leader Pete Jacobs at (386) 679-9180, or Col. Dick Russell (386) 76-6188.



STAFF MEETING MINUTES

Colonel Ann Conway
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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11, 2007

A regular meeting of the Unit Staff of the Florida Wing, Commemorative Air Force, was called to order by Wing Leader Peter Jacobs at 1100 hours on Wednesday, April 11, 2007 in the CAF Hangar, 2302 Old NDB Road, at the DeLand Municipal Airport, DeLand, Florida.

MINUTES

Minutes of the Staff Meeting held on March 14, 2007 were approved as distributed.

FINANCE OFFICER'S REPORT

Colonel Alexis Montague, Finance Officer, distributed copies of her report for the period ending April 11, 2007. The report was examined and accepted. All financial records are available at the hangar for inspection by interested members. Colonel Montague stated that the hangar status would change on March 31st from "under construction" to "finished." Depreciation will start at the end of 2007 (for 40 years). She announced that Colonel Rebello had purchased a new compressor for \$657.10. Several members and volunteers have offered to donate toward the cost of the compressor. Colonel Montague asked that the donation checks be made out to CAF, Florida Wing and she will then reimburse Colonel Rebello the full amount from the operating fund. There are five Colonels still owing Wing dues for 2007.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership stands at 64 Colonels and three cadets. Two former Colonels, Buck Williams and Fred McKaig, have reinstated their membership in the CAF and the Florida Wing. Colonel Bob Cline has reinstated as a lifetime member. Colonel Jacobs pointed out that membership forms and brochures were not readily available during the hangar dedication. One of the purposes of having the dedication was to attract new members and he felt not having the application materials available was unacceptable. Colonel Jacobs asked that applications and brochures (along with an instruction sheet) be placed in a prominent place in the hangar.

OFFICER REPORTS

1. Colonel Steve Moddle, Maintenance Officer, could not be present for this meeting. Colonel Cline, who so generously donated his Navion L-17A, "Misty Blue", to the Florida Wing, stated that the maintenance required by the mandatory service bulletin (see Minutes of March 14, 2007) on Misty Blue's fuel system had not been complied with as yet. His mechanic has suggested that it wait until the AD comes out, however, if the Wing wants it done immediately he will comply. Colonel Jacobs asked Colonel Cline to confer with Maintenance Officer Colonel Moddle regarding this matter as Colonel Moddle should make the call on when it must be done.

2. Colonel Dick Russell, Air Show Coordinator, informed the Staff that six T-34 aircraft will be going to the Lake City, FL air show. Lake City agreed to fund all six aircraft in the amount of \$100.00 per aircraft. Colonel Russell felt that several of the pilots would donate their share to the Wing. He stated that there are no other shows on the horizon at this time.

3. Colonel Bob Cline, Newsletter Editor, informed the Staff that the newsletter is ready to go as soon as Officer reports are in to him. He requests all reports by April 25th. His plans are to have the newsletter put on the website each month and to notify all members, potential members, volunteers, HQ, other Wings, etc., who have email addresses that it is available on line. He will snail mail the newsletter to those who do not have an email address.

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*Hangar status,
Membership,
L17 AD, Lake
City A/S,
Dedication,
Aircraft status,
A/S Marketing*



4. Colonel Lou Figliuolo, PX Officer, reported taking in \$982.00 at the Tyndall show. Colonel Jacobs pointed out that without a cash register or without taking inventory after every show there is no way to know what the \$982.00 translates to in profits and that this problem will be revisited under Unfinished Business. Colonel Fig further reported that the battery in the van is giving problems even though it is new. Colonel Purcell will be asked to try and locate the source of the problem.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Hangar Dedication

Colonel Jacobs, Colonel Russell and others commented on the many compliments received from guests in attendance at the hangar dedication. Bob Robbins' son and daughter spoke about their father and his accomplishments at the dedication ceremony and expressed their gratitude to the Wing for displaying his memorabilia in such a grand fashion in the Bob Robbin's Memorial Library. They were extremely pleased. Kudos were expressed to all Staff, members and volunteers who worked so hard to get the hangar and the library ready for this event.

2. Status of Hangar

The concrete ramp running from the front of the hangar to the taxiway was completed the week of March 19th. Colonel Russell reported that more fill dirt is needed to finish off the front on either side of the new ramp. The airport has a supply of surplus fill dirt and the Wing has asked for eight loads (four for each side). The dirt should be delivered sometime within two weeks. A handicap ramp will be added to the step at the front door.

3. Status of TBM

Colonel Jacobs reported that sheet metal needed to complete the wing repairs was delivered this date. The Staff expressed their appreciation to Colonel Russell for donating this material. The replacement ribs for the wings should be ordered this week. In addition, a new compressor was delivered March 31st and air lines are being installed around the hangar.

4. PX

Colonel Jacobs asked Finance Officer Colonel Montague and PX Officer Colonel Figliuolo to get together and go through all items sold at the PX to insure there is a markup of at least 100% on every item. That will, in turn, insure a profit of at least 50% on all PX sales. He pointed out that insurance on the van is \$500 every six months plus maintenance and fuel which is instant overhead that goes on the PX. If the Wing cannot make a decent profit from the sale of its goods, then there is no point in members (who often pay their own expenses) taking time out of their lives to transport, set up and man the PX. Colonel Jacobs feels that if the monies received do not more than offset the cost of operating the PX then it is not worth the time and effort.

Colonel Jacobs reported that the resolution unanimously passed at July 12, 2006 and March 14, 2007 Staff meetings directing the PX Officer to stop the sale of dummy hand grenades and 50 caliber shells at the PX was once again counteracted by a Staff Officer and those items were sold to the public at the Tyndall air show on March 24th. This is unacceptable and Colonel Jacobs will address the matter with the Staff Officer at the first opportunity.

5. New Corporation Charter and Grant Application

Colonel Russell received a response from the Secretary of State on our question as to whether or not chartering a non-profit Florida corporation consistent with the Articles and By Laws of the American Airpower Heritage Museum Foundation would be acceptable to the state for grant purposes. The answer was positive and in fact we learned that chartering a Florida corporation was not necessary in order to apply for a state grant as previously believed. The Texas non-profit corporation would be acceptable as long as it is licensed to do business in Florida, which it is. However, an application for a Volusia county grant (for expansion of the hangar) must be submitted by a non-profit corporation chartered in the state of Florida so the Staff hired an attorney to draft Articles and By Laws. This draft was sent to HQ for approval. HQ had some relatively minor procedural points to be addressed, but in addition the draft articles specifically provided that the President of the Florida corporation be given the authority to determine what monies are issued to the Florida Wing (on a two signature check) from grants, donations, etc., made to the Florida Corporation. Addressing this provision, HQ responded that the Board of Directors, comprised primarily of General Staff members, must make this determination. Colonel Jacobs believes this is not feasible as it would slow operations down and has appealed to them in writing to reconsider this decision. In the meantime, the attorney has been asked to review the minor changes proposed by HQ and get the revised draft back to Midland. The name of the new non-profit Florida corporation is American Airpower Heritage Foundation of

Florida, Inc.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Air Show Marketing

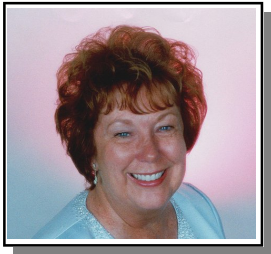
Colonel Jacobs stated that since the Wing now has a "formation" of L-17 aircraft, the Wing has an attraction that, with the proper signage and proper marketing, could be of interest to air show organizers in Florida, Georgia and perhaps southern Alabama. Drawing the attention of air show organizers will require proper marketing of the aircraft. He is asking that a volunteer, who is willing to put the time and effort into real air show marketing, please step forward. Marketing will entail drawing up a brochure describing the aircraft and their history, describing who and what we are, what we offer, etc., which would be sent to air show organizers. This does not necessarily mean marketing the aircraft for flying demonstrations, but primarily for static display. Colonel Jacobs believes we should ask \$750 for a weekend plus fuel, room and rental car. In addition, the Wing would also ask that the PX go along with the aircraft and that space for the PX near the parked aircraft be provided at no cost plus at least one room for those working the PX. There should also be no charge for space or percentage taken from PX sales in return for granting it space. Achieving all this will take time, but concentrated effort could make it happen.

Colonel Cline, Newsletter Editor, will place a notice in the next newsletter that the Wing is looking for someone to head up air show marketing.

Since "Misty Blue" is being housed in Colonel Cline's hangar for the time being, all pilots authorized to fly and desiring to fly the L-17 should contact Colonel Cline for instructions on how to gain access to the hangar.

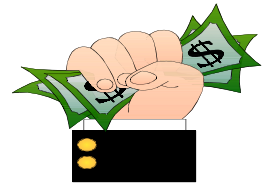
- 1. THE NEXT REGULAR UNIT STAFF MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR 1100 HOURS ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 9, 2007 IN THE CAF HANGAR, 2302 OLD NDB ROAD, DELAND MUNICIPAL AIRPORT, DELAND, FLORIDA.**
- 2. THE NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP DINNER MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2007.**

There being no other business to come before the Staff, the meeting was adjourned at 1210 hours.



FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT

Colonel Alexis Montague
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A big "THANK YOU" to the following colonels who added an extra contribution to their 2007 dues check: Baker, Bennett, Calobrisi, Harrison, Keifer, Leone, Maiz, Powers, Rebello, Russell, Staiger, Terry, Thompson and Yelvington.

2007 dues have not been received by the following colonels: Lancaster, Nichols, Ormsby, Truesdell and Williams (Bruce). Your dues are used for the everyday operation of the Wing for rent, water, electricity, insurance, etc., and we can't do it without you.

The time and money donated by our members for the Hangar Dedication is appreciated. The entire affair was paid for by the members, and received rave reviews from those who attended. We are a great team!

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financial status.*

The Bob Robbins Memorial Library

Dedicated In Memory Of

Robert M. "Bob" Robbins

(May 15, 1916—May 18, 2005)



Engineer– Test Pilot– Friend

Bob Graduated from MIT in 1938. After over 2 years with Pan American Airways, during which Bob made 28 Atlantic crossings in the Boeing 314 flying boat, he was hired by Eddie Allen at Boeing Aircraft in 1941. Bob courageously took over the XB-29 flight testing immediately following Allen's death and helped solve many design problems which plagued that aircraft, ensuring its development into the strategic weapon which ended World War II. Following the war, Bob led the XB-47 program, making the initial flight of this first swept wing bomber in 1946. In 1948, he left flight test but stayed in Boeing engineering management until his 1979 retirement, having led the B-47, B-52, and KC-135 development programs. Recipient of many honors, Bob was the first civilian inducted into the Air Force's "Gathering of Eagles" in 1997. Bob, and his wife Ann, were strong and generous supporters of the Commemorative Air Force. Bob was a member of the B-29/B-24 Squadron, and the co-founding member of the Florida Wing.

A man whose COURAGE helped win the victory in WWII
A man whose VISION helped keep the peace in the Cold War
A man whose LEADERSHIP brought aviation into the jet age
A man whose FRIENDSHIP was truly an honor.

March 31, 2007

Colonel Peter J. Jacobs – Wing Leader



Installation of the new hangar ramp

Florida Wing at the Tyndall Air Show



Tom Evernham, Col. Dick Russell, Col. Tony Crawford, Col. Jerry Borchin and Col. Ken Terry



SweePea L17-B at Tyndall



Air Show Coordinator Col. Dick Russell recharging the batteries.



Air Show Coordinator Col. Dick Russell training a new pilot.



Food Service Officer Col. Earl Leone mans the Wing PX



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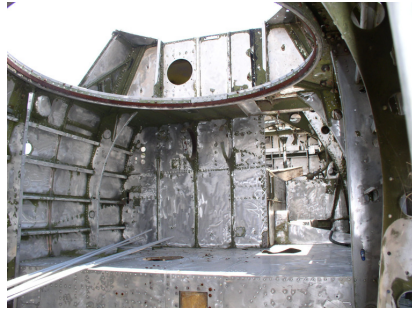


**The newest addition to the Florida Wing inventory,
Navion L17-A, N4321K, “Misty Blue”**



The Florida Wing office and library

The TBM Project-Before



The TBM Project-In Progress



We're looking for YOU !!



We're looking for a few good people to join the Florida Wing of the Commemorative Air Force. Are you one of the ones we're looking for? If you have an interest in aviation visit our WEB site at <http://caffl.org/>. Join us!

ALSO, the Florida Wing desperately needs someone to act as the Airshow Marketing Coordinator to create aircraft brochures and establish close relationships with airshows in our area. If interested contact Wing Leader Peter Jacobs.

ROSTER ADDITIONS, DELETIONS AND CORRECTIONS

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