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With just a few weeks to go before our biggest event of the year, I'd like to mention a few things:

- Consider donating items for our silent auction or door prizes.
- Read the Hangar Dance member's packet you received in the mail and please volunteer to help with at least one of the listed activities.
- Buy your tickets early and invite some friends & relatives. They'll love you for it!
- Look at the pre-dance schedule and help us out on Thursday, Friday or Dance Day.
- Plan on having fun, making some new friends and acquiring an acute feeling of satisfaction for doing something great for our Wing and Community.

CAF Col. Gerry Spavale / Dance Chairman



**IT'S NEVER TOO EARLY OR LATE  
 TO DONATE!!!**

It's definitely not too early to think about donating any items you or a friend may have that could be used in our Silent Auction at the **2016 Hangar Dance**. Books, models, aprons, gift baskets, vintage items, pictures, crystal, or anything someone would find interesting or unique is what we're looking for. **We would like to emphasize that these items should be of good quality and, if possible, aviation-oriented.** Many \$\$\$\$\$\$s have been brought in to the Wing because the right someone found that very special piece of memorabilia or perfect "thing" they thought no longer existed.

Dig deep into your closets, basements, and footlockers. Do it! Break the bonds and move on with your life! Let someone else be responsible for care giving to that once prized possession. And guess what? I'll provide a Federal Tax form that you can use to document your thoughtfulness and generosity.

Please bring at least one item to the Wing and feel good about what you're doing for mankind. Besides, it will get you interested in looking at what others have brought and you can perhaps find a special item to take the place (and space) of your donated one. It's called perpetual motion...

CAF Col. Gerry Spavale / Dance Chairman



**UPCOMING EVENTS**



**Aug 13**  
**Aug 20**

Louisville, KY B-25  
 Sullivan, Mo. B-25, TBM, L3  
 General Meeting -

**Aug 27**  
**Sept 2-4**  
**Sept 10-11**

Coles County Air Show, Mattoon, IL B-25, TBM, L3, PX  
 B24 Appearance, Branson, MO B-25, TBM, PX  
 Camdenton, MO B25, PX

**Sept 17**  
**Sept 23-25**  
**Oct 1-2**  
**Oct 8**

**HANGAR DANCE**  
 Warbirds in Flight, Olathe, KS B-25, TBM, PX  
 Robbin Air Force Base, Atlanta, GA B-25  
 Mountain Home, Arkansas B-25, TBM

Sept 23 - WWII 314th Infantry -  
 70th Reunion  
 Sept 24 - Redman Wedding  
 Oct 1 - Paris Wedding  
 Oct 8 - Staggmeier Wedding  
 Oct 15 - Harris Wedding

**Saturday**  
**August 20**  
**General Meeting**  
**1:30 pm**

## WING LEADER'S REPORT

### PREPARATIONS UNDER WAY FOR THE 2016 HANGAR DANCE



As we grow closer to the 34th Annual Hangar Dance I find it hard not to repeat everything that has been said...for the last 33 years. However, if you had read my email post from Aug 8th you can see there is still much planning to do. With that said if you are unable to come to the hangar and sign up on the sheets posted in the galley then please contact myself or the Dance Chairman Gerry Spavale. Gerry can be reached at 314-808-5033 or [gspavale@yahoo.com](mailto:gspavale@yahoo.com).

Now with that all said the Hangar Dance is something that we should all be able to enjoy. It is a great night of music, fun and a chance to relax with friends. It is also a time for us to bring in some much needed revenue. Perhaps with the exception of the newer members most of us have heard Finance Officer Steve Go\$ett say many times that there is nothing better than free money. At air shows the free money is what people drop in the donation bombs. At the Hangar Dance it is what people will pay during the Silent Auction. These are items that have been generously donated to us and every dollar made is dollar for dollar. I started to stress this last year with greater focus but what we need to do is to provide to our guests items of intrigue and quality to really give them the desire to make an offer. There are some that will come to the dance for the fun of it and not even think of us. However there are many that come knowing that this is the largest fund raiser of the year and will do what they can to help.

What does all that mean, well we need some good stuff. WWII related items with authenticity will do very good, famous signatures as well. Framed prints of WWII aircraft is certainly a win win. Then there are the items for local sports teams...box seats to Cardinal games, Blues... People really enjoy bidding on those tickets! Of course there are the great gift baskets. Hopefully some of you might have an inside to local winery's or Restaurants like Lewis and Clarks or other St. Charles establishments. While these obviously are larger items if you are able to secure smaller items, say a gift card that are great for our door prizes.

The main part to all of this: "Who might you know that would be willing to help out the Missouri Wing and what we stand for."

*CAF Col Bob Lawrence*  
Wing Leader



## UNIFORMS AND COSTUMES

One of the highlights of the Dance is watching all the people who come dressed in various military uniforms or apparel of the Big Band Era. This is probably the only local event where you have a chance to dress as someone from the past and even receive an award from a group of judges. Why not plan on joining the fun this year and show up in your favorite outfit?! Visit the Wing website for some photos of past dances and get an idea of who (or what) you might want to be.

*CAF Col. Gerry Spavale*

## HANGAR DANCE UPDATE



### EVER HEAR OF A 50-50 DRAWING?

This is always a lot of fun. Simply stop one of our members selling the tickets and wait for your number to be called at one of the intermissions. The winning number is entitled to half of the money collected for the drawing. Thus the name "50-50". Oh, did I mention that this is given out in cold, hard cash! Give it a try!

### NO TICKET NO WRISTBAND NO ENTRY



As in all prior years, we thank all the members who buy tickets to support the Wing and then offer to help before, during, and after the Dance. This support enables the Dance to be as successful as it always has been and makes each member proud to be a part of this memorable evening. Each year our patrons who attend this great event simply rave about it and thank all of us for putting it on.

Again this year, everyone who buys a ticket will be presented a wrist band. This will enable us to see, even from a distance, that each person has paid to attend. Yes, it is sad to believe that, in past years, we have had a large number of people who attended but did not pay for a ticket. To avoid confusion, our members will also wear their wristband to show that they have also bought a ticket in addition to helping during the event. This should eliminate the possibility of anyone entering the function without buying a ticket.

And... Don't forget that getting tickets online is as easy as One, Two, Three!!!



## SILENT AUCTION

Looking for a bargain? How about an unusual or collectible item? Be sure to check out the many items available at our Silent Auction while at the **September 17<sup>th</sup>** Hangar Dance. These items are donated by friends, members, and various businesses to help fund our activities. **(If you would like to donate an item, please let us know so we can include it on our list).** Take a few moments to stop by and see what is available and select what items you would like to take home. Some have a minimum bid required, but many are simply up to you. Oh yes, we do accept credit cards as payment. It's a lot of fun, so give it a try.

*CAF Col. Gerry Spavale /Dance Chairman*



# FORDS UNLIMITED GROUP TOUR



On Aug. 6th we had a great tour with the Fords Unlimited Group when they drove out to Smartt Field. Show Me was on jack stands having the brakes worked on so unfortunately she wasn't available to be towed out onto the tarmac for some photo ops with their great cars but they were able to work around that and get some great pictures.

They were very enthusiastic about seeing our facility and witnessing living history. A group of people who put a lot of time and effort in restoring and maintaining their beautiful vehicles can appreciate what our members do here at the Missouri Wing. Bob Kalal and I took them out in 2 groups while Josh Daniels and Dakota Jones handled the museum. Everybody did a great job and thanks to Buddy Welsh for setting up a stand so our visitors could get an intimate look at our B-25.

So thanks to all of our members for another successful tour.  
CAF Col. Gerry Spavale



Keith received his A&P license.

**CONGRATULATION TO KEITH DANIELS**

# NEW MEMBER



Charles Finnegan

During my corporate life, I was a production manager for a direct mail company – responsible not only for managing the people but developing systems and procedures to improve the flow of the output.

My wife and I were both born and raised in St. Louis, Missouri. We spent 11 years living just outside of Philadelphia, PA but returned to be back with our families.

Upon our return to St. Louis, I began purchasing and managing multi-family properties in South Saint Louis. We currently have six physical locations with 24 units. I take care of all of the maintenance and upkeep myself but have a management company take on the responsibility of keeping the units filled with tenants.

I have always been interested in history and have attended any air show I have come across. When we stopped by for a visit a few weeks ago I was compelled to find a way to help keep these awesome planes in service. I look forward to being a part of the group that does just that.



# FACILITY UPGRADES

Steve and Dennis putting up trim around the new air vents.



Awaiting new sign for the front of the hangar.

**Hangar Dance Tickets on Sale NOW !!!**

"With this weather sales are hot!!"





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**ATTENTION:  
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**DULUTH, MINNESOTA - DAV**



**HAPPY  
 Birthday**

Tim McCluskey (2) • Mary Racine (3) • James Doucette (12)  
 Marilyn Feltham (13) • John Marshall (25)  
 Jim Lammert (26) • Mark Statler (27)

**August  
 Birthdays!**

*Compass Deadline: Articles should be submitted by the 24th of the month.*