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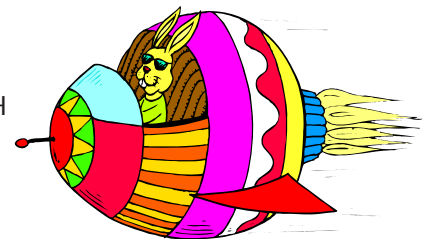
B-25 COMING DOWN OFF THE JACKS



Col. Pat Fenwick and his B-25 crew of mechanics get Show Me on the ground. Another good thing is the rebuilt oil coolers have come in and work has already started on reinstalling them.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 8** General Meeting - 1:30 pm
- April 16-19** * Doolittle Reunion Urbana & Dayton, OH
- May 5-7** Easter, SC Guard Base B-25
- May 7** Veteran's Flyover, Union, Mo.
- May 13** General Meeting - 1:30 pm
- May 20** TBM Gathering - Peru, IL TBM
- May 20** Pause for Patriotism - Kankakee, IL B25
- May 27-28** Rides Event, Chesterfield, Mo. B25, TBM, L3
- June 3** * Lake of the Ozarks, MO TBM
- June 10** General Meeting - 1:30 pm
- June 10-11** Scott AFB, IL B25, TBM, L3
- June 24-25** Jesse James Show - Excelsior Springs, MO B25, TBM, L3
- July 2-4** Six Flags Flyovers - Eureka, MO B25, TBM
- July 8** General Meeting - 1:30 pm
- August 12** General Meeting - 1:30 pm
- August 19** Sullivan, MO
- August 26-27** Flyin - Ottumwa, IA B25, TBM, L3
- Sept 9-10** Joplin, MO B25, TBM, L3
- Sept 9** General Meeting - 1:30 pm
- Sept 16** **HANGAR DANCE**
- Sept 22-23** Camdenton, MO B-25, L3
- Sept 30-31** Flyin - Beech River, TN B25
- Oct 7-8** * Wings Over Dallas, TX (* Tentative Events)
- Oct 13-15** Veterans Event - Louisville, KY B-25, TBM
- Oct 28** Pumpkin Drop, Smartt Field B25, TBM, L3



Happy Easter!!

- #### Rental Events for 2017
- April 28 - Missouri Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons
 - July 22 - Stroew Wedding
 - Sept 30 - Westerfeld Wedding
 - Oct 08 - Saettle Wedding
 - Oct 14 - Blannie Wedding
 - Oct 22 - Lang Wedding

Saturday
April 8
General Meeting
1:30 pm

WING LEADER'S REPORT



Communication

One of the hardest things most of you have heard from Col Pat Kessler (Wing Leader Emeritus) and myself say is that the Wing Leader article is always one of the harder things we do on a monthly basis. It's not that it is particularly difficult to do as all you do is sit there and type. What is hard is that in this position you think about everything on a daily basis and as progress happens over the course of the month you lose a bit of connection on what membership isn't caught up on. It seems like every year I come up with some new way of saving topics and thoughts to share in the best means that I have. I have three main ways to accomplish this, The Monthly Meetings, This Monthly Newsletter and via Email. At the March General Staff meeting we were working as a collective body of 11 with our Headquarters Staff to find ways of engagement for our membership, a long term vision and advancement towards the Mission of the CAF. In these conversations communication was repeatedly brought up. Being a "still employed" CAF Colonel I do my best to keep you all informed but as my life gets busy sometimes things drop off and I apologize about that. Communication is that area that seems to lack the busier you get. I will continue to work hard to keep you all informed. In doing this please let me know where I am lacking as I will truly take that as help.

Keeping the theme of Member Engagement going I want to Thank a few of you that sent me notes:

Col Joseph Vera Martinez on helping with layout concepts for the museum project.

Col Bob Kalal on sharing interest in the new education initiative.

Col Tim Mohr on wanting to formalize a ground vehicle maintenance program.

(Standing Disclaimer: If I missed someone, I am again sorry. Too much rattling around this mind.)

There are many ways to help and some that I have not even thought of. This is where you come in. I have this big cloud that I pick and choose from and in that cloud is probably only 50% of what exists. Your eyes see things that I have yet to even think about so please put them on my radar. Obviously I am looking at ways to engage our membership and want your collaboration on these however I realize that some of these might be beyond ones skill set. But they still need to be evaluated.

With that said, there is a giant open door for you to be productive and valuable member of the Unit. We the Staff are ready to get you into something that you would enjoy doing. At the end of the day all you need is the desire. We look forward to hearing from you!

CAF Col. Bob Lawrence, Wing Leader



2016 AWARDS RECIPIENTS

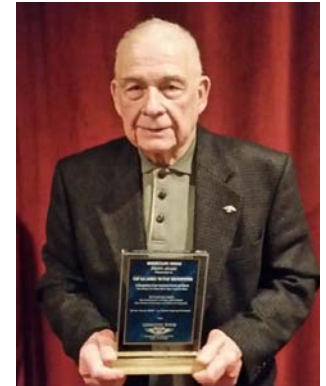


Col Patrick Fenwick -
George D. Carpenter Award

Col Fenwick is the first recipient for this recognition of a lifetime of exceptional service to the Missouri Wing, CAF.



Col. Gerald Spavale -
Member Of The Year



Col. "Dutch" Meyerpeter -
PROPS Award

It was a great evening. Thanks to Bob Moore for letting me use his cell phone camera. Otherwise, I would have had to sketch the recipients.
CAF Col. Gary Chambers



KOREY'S KARE FUNRAISER

Saturday, April 22, 2017 ~ 3:00PM - ???
Location: **EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD** - Gymnasium
6596 Smiley Ave. St. Louis, MO 63129

Korey's Kare will be having a Bar-B-Que Fundraiser along with a Silent Auction, 50/50 Raffles, Music and Drinks.

All proceeds will go towards the medical bills and long term care of Corey Tacchi.

To make a donation, make checks payable to: **Korey's Kare**
Mail to: Patty Ellison-Brown
3131 Franke Court St. Louis, MO 63139

Questions please contact:

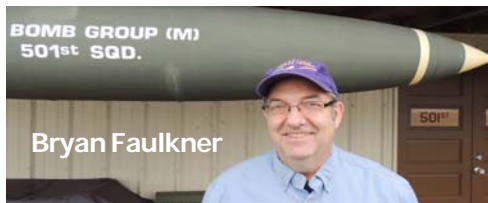
Patty Ellison-Brown 314-560-2172 or #tacchistrong
Julie Ellison 314-518-5281

If you are on Facebook and want to RSVP through the event you can follow this link: <https://www.facebook.com/events/243154712812064/>

The Missouri Wing has donated to their silent auction:
a B-25 flight for 5; a TBM flight for 2; a L-3 flight for 1.
Let's help make this a successful event !!!

CAF Col. Bob Lawrence, Wing Leader

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS



Bryan Faulkner

I'm 59 years old and have been married to my wonderful wife Donna for 39 years. We have two grown sons who are both married and two grandchildren. I was an aircraft mechanic (HC-130P) in the USAF from 1976 – 1980 and stationed at Hickam AFB Hawaii. I obtained my private pilot's license through an Air Force Aero Club at Sheppard AFB in 1976. Over the years, I had the privilege to fly several different types of aircraft and loved them all. In the early years, I flew various models of the BE-18, both tail draggers and nose-wheel (Vopar Conversion) versions between the Hawaiian Islands. Later I flew YS-II's and Bae-146's for Mid Pacific Air. I finished my professional flying career flying B757's for ATA (American Trans Air) where I sometimes had the honor of flying America's fighting men and women to and from the Middle East. Presently I live in the quiet and peaceful county side just south of Bourbon Missouri. For the last nine years I have been working as a Manager for a small manufacturing company near Bourbon Missouri. I enjoy working with my hands and look forward to helping anywhere I am needed.

CAF Col. Bryan Faulkner

David Smith



Hi folks!

My name is David Smith – I mainly go by Dave. I was born on December 10, 1932 in Kansas City, Missouri. I am married to Louise, who volunteers as a surgery assistant at an animal hospital in Maryland Heights. She is a retired teacher, after 30 years, with the Hazelwood School District. We have 2 daughters and 2 sons (one deceased), along with 9 grand children and 3 great grandchildren. I attended Horace Mann elementary school and Paseo High School, as well as junior college in Kansas City, Missouri.

At the early age of 14, I acquired a love for old cars and motorcycles. I guess it came naturally because my Dad was a master mechanic, and a championship motorcycle racer. He held this honor for 5 years in the state of Missouri.

I served during the Korean War from 1952 till 1955 as an Army cook. After the War, I attended Kansas City College, Central Technical Institute, Universal Electronic Institute of Technology, and received my Engineering certification from the Board of Engineers in Washington D.C. I took a course in Advanced Transistor Physics and owned and operated Smith's Television Service for over 40 years.

After the War, while I was attending school, I was employed by the Atomic Energy Commission in Kansas City, Missouri, as a radar engineer for the Thor Missile Program. After 13 years of this, I desired a change, so we moved to St. Louis so I could work for McDonnell Aircraft on the space program. I was part of the Ground Support Operation team as a senior engineer. We took all the astronauts through their tests for outer space conditions.

My hobbies are: working in my wood shop, playing pool on my 150 year old Brunswick pool table, and playing and maintaining the juke boxes that I restored. I have been retired for 22 years and have loved every minute of it!

CAF Col. David Smith

THE CAF MO WING VISITS ST. CHARLES H.S.



Cadet Josh Daniels arranged for us to make a presentation to Mr. Gephards' Freshman History class on 01/30/17. They were just starting the Pacific Theater of WWII making it a great time to bring some articles from the museum. We were able to talk about the B-25 and its participation of the Doolittle Raid in April of 1942 and the Avengers role in the Battle of Midway. Josh had a slide show presentation about Pearl Harbor and the Doolittle Raid and also about the CAF and our mission.

The next day on 01/31/17 we were back in the afternoon making a presentation to another of his history class in the Auditorium. The students were well attentive and appreciative, at least I know Mr. Gephards was, HaHa! I enjoyed helping Josh inform the students about WWII history and the CAF.

CAF Col. Gerry Spavale

SAFETY ARTICLE

It's hard to believe spring is here. That will mean more guest will visit the airport and view our planes. Keep a watchful eye out for any hazard that could lead to someone getting injured. Grease or oil on the hangar floor could lead to a slip and fall. When the mechanics and pilots are running the engines, people tend to get as close to our planes as possible.



Please keep our guest at a safe distance from our planes. Debris from the ramp could cause and injury. Please educate yourself to the location of all the fire extinguishers and first aid kits. Safety is everyone's responsibility.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone who attended the B-25 safety school. Participation was great and a special thanks to Tom Wagoner, Sr. and Hubert Looney for their assistance with the training.

CAF Col. Tim Dexter

A promotional poster for the Thunderbirds Airshow & Open House. The poster features a large image of a Thunderbird aircraft in flight, with the text "Thunderbirds" in a stylized font. Below the title, it says "AIRSHOW & OPEN HOUSE SATURDAY & SUNDAY, JUNE 10-11, 9AM-5PM SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, ILLINOIS". The poster also lists activities: "FLYING DEMOS STATIC DISPLAYS HERITAGE & STATE-OF-THE-ART AIRCRAFT". At the bottom, it says "FREE ADMISSION www.scott.af.mil HWY 64, EXIT 19A" and includes a "Centennial Celebration" logo.



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TBM being test ran at the end of its annual inspection. Since this picture the TBM has even been test flown.



< Mike Mario (lt) and Lou Tacchi (rt) just finished painting the trailer that will carry the B-25 model in parades.

Dan Bauer replacing bulbs in the O-Club. >



< Tim Mohr's new old Army ambulance.

Two new displays in the museum. >
Bazooka model made by Tim Mohr and model of a BAR (Browning Automatic Rifle) from Lou Tacchi.



April Birthdays

David Woodson (14) • Bill Coffey (15)
Mark Pruitt (18) • Rick Rea (30)



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