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An all-volunteer, non-profit organization dedicated to the restoration, display and operation of former military aircraft



MEETING INFORMATION

MEETING NOTICE-May membership meetings will be held on Saturdays at 10:00 a.m. at the hangar. As the airshow season begins in June we'll schedule this meeting for another time.



CAN YOU NAME THIS PLANE-This photo shows one of only two built. It was on display at Port Columbus in August of 1949. At the time it was considered the largest plane flying next to the B-36. The planes were flown by the U.S. Navy until 1951 and then was scrapped. Call 614-837-7013 to register your guess. (answer next mo.)

If you'd like to sponsor a newsletter call Bob at 614-846-2876. It's only \$65 and will allow you to dedicate the issue to family or friend.

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AN A-26 DOUGLAS INVADER IS COMING FOR A VISIT

An A-26 Invader will be here for the Wings of Victory Airshow. This will be of interest to Squadron members as our own Invader is so near to completion. With our own Invader on display it will be like a before and after exhibit.

Steve Clapper has announced the line up of aircraft for the Airshow and that list is on page 2. Steve has also finished the Kitchen, Office and bathrooms at the hangar. Congratula-

tions, Steve. It's a job well done.

Branson is beaming from ear to ear with the successful start up of the engines on the Invader. The squadron extends it's congratulations to all the team members on these and other projects.

Bring your family and friends by the Hangar on Wednesdays or Saturdays to show off our progress.

WINGS OF VICTORY AIR SHOW UPDATE.... list of participating planes

The Air Show meetings are held the last Saturday of each month at 10:00 a.m. Wings of Victory airshow will be the August 16, 17, 18 The 16th is the fly in date.

The following aircraft are scheduled to appear: P-51 Mustang, F4U Corsair, TBM Avenger, YAK 9, T-6, SNJ, BT-13, BT-15, B-25, L-39, Russian A-16, DeHaviland C Venom, PT-17 Stearmans, L-5 Stinson, and an A-26 Invader like the one the squadron is restoring.



Also there will be an encampment of the Airman's Presevation Society which is a WWII Army Air Corps group. Two of the Blacksheep Squadron pilots will also be on hand to meet the public.

Diane has list of 1999 airplane sponsors for contact this year. Jerry is authorized to okey sponsor display area. Standing Stone Bank has offered the use of their copier and fax machine for airshow activities. The airshow account is with Standing Stone.

Scott Moorehead is being contacted about the program this year again. Not yet finalized.

Tickets will be sold in advance by the squadron at locations yet to be announced. Tickets are: \$10 per adult, \$5 for childrer 6 thru 12 years. 5years. and under are free

Steve is working with Ricart for an advertising partnership.

PUBLIC RELATIONS UPDATE

The Public Affairs Officer, Bob DeLay and PR Specialist Emily Lorenzi have been busy doing interviews with the media. Potential results are forth coming from the following:

Lancaster Gazettepublished a story about the squadron and Wings of Victory Airshow. They also covered the Pearl Harbour theme Lancaster

High School prom at our hangar.

Channel 53 is exploring doing a half hour special on the squadron and the Wings of Victory airshow. Public Service announcements will also be made. They will also consider media sponsorship of the show.

Country Living magazine is also

considering a story on the squadron and our many activities.

All major national and local publications were provided information on the airshow for thier calanders.

Additional news releases are in the mail. Watch the news.

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Haven't paid your dues yet? Now is the time to do so. It's time to "thin the herd" and stop sending newsletters out to those who are no longer paid up members. Full membership is \$50 and Assoc. membership is \$25.

If you'd like to continue to receive the newsletter and be a member of the Squadron, please send your check or money order made payable to "Historical Aircraft Squadron, Inc.:" to our post office box address. That address is: PO Box 156, Carroll, OH 43112

32 MEMBERS PAID THEIR DUES AFTER NOTICE IN THIS NEWSLETTER LAST MONTH.

Thanks for your continued support. NOTE: without paid dues the newsletter will not continue to you.



**NEW MEMORIAL PROGRAM LAUNCHED TO
PROVIDE FOR
MEMORIAL DONATIONS
to the Historical Aircraft Squadron**

Wings of Angels
Memorial Fund of the Historical Aircraft Squadron

WINGS OF ANGELS is a memorial program of the Historical Aircraft Squadron. Membership is for those members who bequeath \$500 or more to the Historical Aircraft Squadron. Members are honored by inclusion of their name on a plaque which is on display in the museum area of the squadron at their hanger located at The Fairfield County Airport. This fund is to assure the continued legacy of the Historical Aircraft Squadron it's efforts to remember the men and women who served in our military services.

To be included as a member of this prestigious group, one is only required to include a donation to the group of a gift of \$500 or more designated to the Wings of Angels Fund. This can be done by the living individual, family or by a gift in their will. It can also be done by a surviving family member to recognize a family member or friend. By so doing you'll also support the squadrons efforts to preserve the memory of the men, women and machines of our military. All such donations should be made out to The Historical Aircraft Squadron and sent to Invader, P.O. Box 156, Carroll, OH 43112.

Please include the military record of the honoree, any military memorabilia for display and your check.

- a ONE STAR donator to WINGS OF ANGELS is \$500 to \$1000
- a TWO STAR donator to WINGS OF ANGELS is \$1000 to \$2000
- a THREE STAR donator to WINGS OF ANGELS is \$2000 to \$3000
- a FOUR STAR donator to WINGS OF ANGELS is \$4000 or more

Please remember the Historical Aircraft Squadron in your estate. Preserve our history. Preserving the legacy of those who have given so much to the Eternal Vigilance for Freedom.

The Historical Aircraft Squadron also encourages the donation of military memorabilia by the Wings of Angels donors for inclusion in our exhibits. Acceptance into this prestigious group will include your name onto our wall of Angels display and also be announced in the Squadron's newsletter.

For More Information Contact:

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NOMINATIONS BEING ACCEPTED FOR 3 OPEN BOARD POSITIONS

Nominations are now being accepted for 3 open "Board board positions on the Squadron's Board of Directors. The Board of Directors oversee the Squadron Officers and participate in making important Squadron business decisions. If you are interested in running for one of the positions or if you would like to nominate someone else (with their permission, of course), please let either Steve Clapper or Sue Boden know as soon as possible. We must have the names of all interested parties by the general membership meeting on May 25th. Voting will take place in June, with ballots going out in the June newsletter to allow voting members. The person with the most votes will serve a term of 3 years, the second most votes will serve a 2 year term, and the third most votes will serve a 1 year term. You can contact Steve at (614) 877-9872, or Sue Boden at (740) 653-9169 or email coolbug@columbus.rr.com.

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY

Still need volunteers to prep planes for the airshows next spring. Crew for simple prep of the Huey helicopter for static display at the hanger. It's easy work. Come help.

Call NOW !!
Art Moose 740-454-7058 S2F

Tracker
Branson Rutherford 740-756-4136
A-26

NEEDED- HANGAR BOSS
we want someone to check fire extinguishers and serve as hangar boss for hangar maintenance. This would be the point man for making sure everything is in order and reporting details to the board. Organizational skills necessary.

Jim Belshe completed inventory of equipment.

Dick Debevoise is collecting volunteer hours for documentation. Turn in your hours TODAY.

ANOTHER B-29 TAKES TO THE AIR 'DOC' HAS BEEN SAVED FROM THE TARGET FIELDS OF CHINA LAKE



Another B-29 is being restored for flight. It is the result of one man's dream. Not willing to give up on finding a B-29 Tony Mazzolini of Cleveland spent years finding one to restore. Finally at China Lake he found one which the Navy owned for target practice. By negotiating with the Navy he was able to buy and restore and then trade a B-25 to the Naval Aviation Museum in Pensacola. Solicitating the help of the Boeing Wichita where the B-29 nick named 'Doc' had been built, work began there. After many years



completion is expected in 2002 if all goes well. Look for it in the show circuits.

Smithsonian photos

VOLUNTEER PROJECT TEAMS

activities and updates of latest information. Be sure to contact the editor to inform him of latest activities and instructions for others.

AIRPLANE JACKS:

Wayne Swisher
Bruce Brudzinski
Don Bell

The airplane jacks are needed for the testing of the landing gear retraction on the A-26. This is probably the most important project to getting the A-26 back in the air. There are 2 large, 2 medium and 1 small jack. They need to be cleaned, rebuilt if necessary and tested.

GNAT:
Rob George
Earl Watkins
Bob DeLay
Don Bell

The GNAT needs to have the body work finished and prepped for painting. This includes removal of previous filler and roughing the surfaces with very coarse sandpaper so that filler

will adhere. Block sanding of the new filler and primer paint. Tires need to be foam inflated, struts reinforced and decals or markings will be added for a finished product. The GNAT will be used as a static display, taken in parades and as a prop for selling pictures of people sitting in it during our airshow. Protective canopy cover needed to protect interior.

TUGS:
Wayne Swisher
Si Debolt
Bruce Cook
Bruce Brudzinski
Michael Grant

The tugs, Little John and Fat Boy, need some tender loving care on a regular basis. Little John has a dragging starter and Fat Boy needs a good once over.

LANDSCAPING:

Rob George
8916 Don Bell
7715 Wayne Swisher

Spring has arrived. Grass has to be seeded around the hanger. Flowers need to be planted and general lawn care throughout the summer. We do have a lawn mower.

OFFICE DOORS:

Rob George
Frank Leach

The office, bathroom and utility room doors need to be sanded, stained and handles reinstalled. Signs installed.

GROUP ACTIVITIES:

Earl Watkins

This would involve someone presenting to the group information on field trips, cookouts, ball games and anything else members would enjoy doing together as a group.

PULLING TOGETHER WE CAN ALL MAKE H.A.S. SOMETHING WE CAN BE PROUD OF. Please call Mike Lorenzi to become a member of one of these teams. **740-808-1642**

TESTING THE ENGINES ON THEA-26

April 3 was the magic date

After nearly three years of patience and perseverance, the A-26 Invader is progressing towards completion. On April 3rd Branson gave the okay and the radials came to life. First belching blue smoke and then roaring to life. Nothing sounds like a radial. It is raw power. History was vividly brought to life at that moment. There was satisfaction on all of the faces present. As they reached operating temperature they purred and the day was complete. A special congratulations goes to the guys who made this possible especially the following active volunteers:



Branson Rutherford, Jim Ridgeway, Jim Baldwin, Jim Belshe, Ralph Marshall, Tom Palmer, Harold Carpenter, Ralph Woolever, Mike Ryan
Welcome to new team member Tom Saddler.

B. DeLay photos



Last minute checks.



Into the scattered sunshine.



Everyone pitches in to make this day.

The Douglas A-26 Invader was ignited again on Friday 26. Below Branson gives the go ahead to start her up.



Jerry goes for the fire extinguisher while Jim Baldwin watches as the radial comes alive.



The guys are now working with bigger smiles on their faces.

Work on the generator and the hydraulics of the braking system

When the engines were fired up on Friday 26, Branson, Jim Ridgeway and Jim Baldwin were in the cockpit monitoring all systems at various RPMs to check out all of the operating systems. There is nothing like the sound of those radials. They performed like clocks. Not all systems did as well so it's back to the hangar for more work. **CONGRATULATIONS GUYS!! YOU MAKE US PROUD!!**

ATTENTION

Schedule to date

Volunteers needed to work at the Squadron tables at other airshows. Call Kathy Ridgeway 614-899-9690. All shows are 9 a.m. through 5 p.m. Sat. and 9 a.m. through 4 p.m. Sun.

Moraine May- 5	Dayton July 13-14 T-birds	Cinn. Airshow 2002 Sept. 21-22
Findlay May 17,18,19	Willoughby July 12-14	Elmira,NY Aug. 21-28 T-birds
Blue Ash June 8,9	Dover AFB May 25-26 T-birds	Pensacoloa July 9-13 BlueAngels
August 16,17,18 Wings of Victory airshow H.A.S.		Detroit Thunderfest July13-14
Toledo Air Show Sept. 7-8 Toledo Airport Blue Angels	Akron June 22-23 MAPS museum	
August 30 Hangar Dance with Sentimental Journey and a Heinkle bomber on display		



This Month in History

May 18, 1953- Jacqueline Cochran, flying a Canadian-built F-86 Sabre at Edwards AFB, California, became the first woman to fly faster than the speed of sound. In so doing, she broke the international speed record for a 100-km closed course by averaging 652.337 mph, and also broke the women's jet speed record.

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