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MEMBERSHIP MEETING CHANGED TO 4th WEDNESDAYS

MEETING NOTICE-June, July and August membership meetings will be held on fourth Wednesday eventings at 7:00 p.m. at the hangar. When the airshow season ends we'll consider Saturdays.

Last month's Mystery Plane... No winner but someone knew something...

Last month's mystery plane was a Lockheed P2V Neptune which flew from Perth, Australia. It was nicknamed 'The Truculent Turtle'. The news of the flight was in every newspaper and news broadcast around the world. This non stop world record flight demonstrated the ability of America to fly missions much to the displeasure of the Russians.

A couple years ago The Dispatch searched for the plane and followed up on many stories of it's demise including the possible destruction at Rickenbacker Air Base. The plane was found for the Dispatch at the Museum of Naval Aviation in Pensacola by Bob DeLay who had visited it there a short time before..

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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TUSKEGEE AIRMAN CAPT. HAROLD SAWYER PASSED AWAY



Harold Sawyer recently passed away. He was a resident of the east side of Columbus. Harold was one of the original Tuskegee Airman who flew with the fighter squadron in Italy where flying out of Ramitelli on July 12, 1944 he made his first kill over France while escorting B-24's. He brought down a FW-190 while flying a P-51 Mustang. In the photo above Capt. Sawyer is shown receiving the Distinguished Flying Cross from Colonel Noel Parrish. We honor Capt. Sawyer and salute all the Tuskegee Airmen for what they have done and for what they represent...the best of Americans.

WHERE DOES THE MONEY COME FROM TO OPERATE THE SQUADRON?

Well surprisingly most of it comes from the efforts of those who operate the PX at airshows as well as their efforts to sell things at the Gahanna Flea market. It's true. Did you know that they made about \$4,000 at the Akron airshow in June? Normally they make about \$2,000 at a show.

So who does all of this work and travel? Steve Clapper and Barb, Kathy and Jim Ridgway, Diane and Jerry McDaniel, Speedy and Rhonda, John Scialabba, Earl Watkins, Robb George.

The problem is they need help. Can you pitch in and help? Even if you couldn't go for the entire weekend, they would appreciate if you only helped one day. It's really too much to expect these few dedicated individuals to do this all the time when we all benefit from this money. There is always time for you to see the show and if space is available you may hitch a ride in one of the planes that is going to the show. Call Kathy at 614-899-9690 to help. They need you NOW !!

Also save your items for the **Gahanna Flea Market**: Household items, jewelry, appliances, tools, furniture, No clothes. We'll let you know where to bring them.

WINGS OF VICTORY AIRSHOW...the countdown begins.

As the days near, the final preparations are here for the air show. Did you sign up to volunteer for the airshow last month? Call president Steve Clapper to get your name on the volunteer list.

New this year will be two pilots from the Black Sheep Squadron. Jim Hill and Tom Emerage will be on hand for autographs. If you have ever watched the History channels Black Sheep Squadron show, you have probably seen these two gentlemen interviewed with comments about how the squadron really was.

Gregory 'Pappy' Boyington was the squadron leader of the Marine flyers. Boyington received the Medal of Honor from the U.S. Congress for his efforts. The unit was a activated reserve unit. It is interesting to note that of the 81 medals of Honor issued in the Pacific theatre, 41 went to the Marine Corps.

The Tuskegee Airmen will again be with us minus Harold Sawyer who

right-SNJ lays down smoke at 2000 Wings of Victory Photo- John Knouff



left-Gregory 'Pappy' Boyington with Medal of Honor. Nat'l. Archives photo

recently passed away. Lancaster Visitors Bureau is assisting with a poster for the air show.

Rides will be available in a Hughes 500 and the PT-17 Stearmans.

July issue of Country Living magazine had the full color story about the A-26 and a notice of the Wings of Victory airshow.

The local cable TV broadcast of an interview by Stan Robinson of Entereface Video with Public Affairs

Officer Bob DeLay took place on Wednesday June 5th. Bob was assisted by PR Specialist Emily Lorenzi.

Channel 53 has been selected as Video Media sponsor for the airshow is working on the special about the squadron and the airshow.

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, continued page 3

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SIGN UP A NEW MEMBER. If everyone would sign up one new member we'd double our membership. 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

GO RECRUIT A NEW MEMBER !! Campaign for new members !!!!

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

NEW ELECTED BOARD MEMBERS ANNOUNCED

Jerry McDaniel (1-yr.term), Wayne Swisher(2-yr.term), and Kathy Ridgway(3-yr.term) have been elected as board members for the Historical Aircraft Squadron, Inc. Join us in congratulating them and offering your support.

SIGN UP TO HELP WITH WINGS OF VICTORY 2002

call president Steve Clapper to help out and make this show successful.



Additional planes coming to the show are an L-5 Stinson, and an A-26 Invader like the one the squadron is restoring.

SNJ Wings of Victory 1999 Photo- John Knouff



Wings of Victory 2000 Photo- Bob DeLay

PROJECT TEAM REPORTS

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 740-653-8593
Bruce Brudzinski 614-755-0386
Don Bell 614-866-7715

The airplane jacks are now being rebuild 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. Branson is working on side mounting of jacks for the nose in order to raise the forward gear.

GNAT: Bob DeLay has been named team leader by the Board. Earl Watkins is doing research.

Rob George 614-491-8916
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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. Struts are being 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. Don Bell and Wayne Swisher removed the right Main wheel and Wayne had it foamed for static display and towing. Team members need to check the project file in office for tasks to be done.

TUGS:

Wayne Swisher 740-653-8593
Si Debolt 614-837-7013
Bruce Cook 740-474-1157
Bruce Brudzinski 614-755-4225
Michael Grant 614-276-5192

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 614-491-8916
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Wayne Swisher 740-653-8593

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

GROUP ACTIVITIES:

Earl Watkins 614-855-0386

HANGAR BOSS STILL NEEDED

WE KNOW YOU'RE OUT THERE. 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.

PULLING TOGETHER WE CAN ALL MAKE H.A.S. SOMETHING WE CAN BE PROUD OF.

Turn in all volunteer hours to Dick Debevoise TODAY. Clipboard in office.

ATTENTION

PX 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.

July 6-Goshen Air Show. AOne day only with night fireworks. Travel on 5th. H.A.S. PX
3rd Annual boys & Girls and their Toys- Aug. 23th Sat. at the Fairfield Co. Airport 11:00a.m. H.A.S. will run the PX

Sept. 7,8 MT. Comfort, IND. Set up Fri. the 6th H.A.S. PX 16 Corsairs scheduled to date.

Gananna Flea Market Sept. 15 9 am to 5 pm. H.A.S. PX

August 16,17,18 Wings of Victory airshow H.A.S. PX

Other shows with no PX participation

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 Detroit Thunderfest July13-14

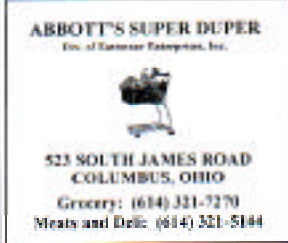
Toledo Air Show Sept. 7-8 Toledo Airport Blue Angels Akron June 22-23 MAPS museum

New date to be announced for the Hangar Dance at a later time to avoid holiday weekend.



This Month in History

July 7, 1929-First transcontinental train-plane service was inaugurated by Transcontinental Air Transport, Inc. (later called TWA. The service started by train in New York City to Columbus, Ohio where air service continued the trip on to California. A big day for central Ohio.



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