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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.

First Start-up of the A-26 INVADER

With the fire department standing by



Photo- Bob DeLay

This month's Mystery Plane...

This month's mystery plane flew into Columbus on 29 September, 1946. It had completed a record long distance flight that would stand for the next 16 years. Name the aircraft type, manufacturer and its nose art name, where it flew from. Also the Dispatch did a search for the plane a couple years ago. Do you know what happened to it? Call Bob DeLay at 514-846-2876 if you know the answers.

WE'VE GOT A WINNER !!

Last month's mystery plane



Jerry McDaniel wins the Mystery Plane Contest-The plane was a Lockheed SR-60 Constitution. Only two were built, for the U.S. Navy. The one pictured was here for Navy recruiting celebration. The first plane flew in late 1947. The last one flew in 1951. Later they were sold and cut up for scrap. In 1947 they were considered the largest plane flying after the B-36. Congratulations to Jerry. I understand you were only 9 years old at the time but you got on board and it must have made a big impression. -Si DeBolt

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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WINGS OF VICTORY AIRSHOW

As the airshow draws near many things are falling into place thanks to the airshow committee and key volunteers. Speaking of volunteers, we still need to get more people assigned to tasks prior to and during the airshow. Call president Steve Clapper to get your name on the volunteer list.

B-17 flyby at 2000
Wings of Victory
Photo- John Knouff



As you may have noticed publicity for the event is beginning to appear. Watch for your July issue of Country Living magazine to catch the full color story about the A-26 and a notice of the Wings of Victory airshow.

Also any day now the local cable TV broadcast of an interview by Stan Robinson of Entereface Video with Public Affairs Officer Bob DeLay discussing the airshow.

PR Specialist Emily Lorenzi is spearheading efforts to make contacts for Bob to follow up on.

Lancaster Gazette published a story about the squadron and Wings of

Victory Airshow. They also covered the Pearl Harbour theme Lancaster High School prom at our hangar. The theme for the Prom was Pearl Harbor.

Channel 53 has been selected as Video Media sponsor for the airshow and will be doing one and possibly two half hour specials about the squadron and the airshow a couple weeks before the airshow.

Lancaster Police officer Dan Patten has volunteered to provide volunteer night security officers during the air

show. 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.

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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
More MEMBERS PAID THEIR DUE: AFTER NOTICES LAST MONTH.
Thanks for your continued support.
NOTE: without paid dues the newsletter will not continue to you.

4 NOMINATIONS ACCEPTED FOR 3 OPEN BOARD POSITIONS

Jim Belshe, Jerry McDaniel, Wayne Swisher, and Kathy Ridgway have been accepted for the nominations for the three open Board positions. Ballots going out in the June newsletter to all 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. If you have questions you can contact Steve at (614) 877-9872, or Sue Boden at (740) 653-9169 or email coolbug@columbus.rr.com. Results will be announced in June.

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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 okay 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.

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

Everything is moving along and indica-

tions are that this will be another great show.

Many people have expressed delight in the fact that the show is back after a one year absence. That was made necessary due to the building of the hanger and the efforts to bring that to a successful conclusion.

Call Steve and join the other v olunteers.

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. Branson is working on loaners if the jacks can't be rebuilt in time.

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

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 are being 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 apro 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
Don Bell
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: completed!

GROUP ACTIVITIES:

Earl Watkins

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.

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.JPX

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

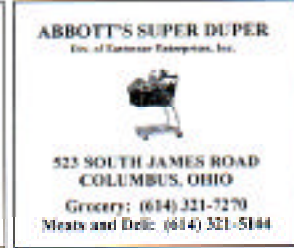
New date to be announced for the Hangar Dance at a later time to avoid holiday weekend.



This Month in History

June 5, 1912- Lt. Col. D.B. Winder,Ohio National Guard, became the first of all National Guards to become a pilot. He was taught to fly at the Army School, Augusta, Georgia. A First for Ohio and the nation.

June 8, 1912- First aeronautic exhibit building was dedicated at the Jamestown Exposition, Jamestown, Va.



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