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MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS 4th WEDNESDAYS except NOV. which will be on 4th Tuesday

MEETING NOTICE-Membership meetings will be held on fourth Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. at the hangar. Open Board meetings are on second Tuesday of month at 7:00 PM. Due to Thanksgiving the November meeting will be on the 4th Tuesday include board election for open seat. Nominations accepted at October meeting.

TRAGEDY AT CIRCLEVILLE

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AT-6's over Wings of Victory airshow. photo B. DeLay

NEW MANAGEMENT AT FAIRFIELD COUNTY AIRPORT

Following the retirement of airport manager Dick Wharton, Jeff Gerken and Steve Slater were appointed to head up the management of the airport.

PLAN TO ATTEND THE ZONING AND PLANNING MEETING AT OUR HANGAR ON OCTOBER 14TH AT 7:00 PM.

This meeting is to get feedback from the public regarding continued operation of the Fairfield County airport. We will an opportunity to show the importance of our efforts to the county economy and education to the public. Benefits to the county population are important during this meeting. Economic contributions by the airport are foremost.

1:00 pm. Plan on coming and voicing your interests in one of these projects. Your input is needed to establish budgets and work schedules as well as team leaders who have the ability to organize week by week efforts of the team.

At the completion of the projects, a plaque will be displayed for each project with the names of those who work with the required minimum hours on a project.

Please stop by and let us know your ideas and interests.

DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY OF BOB BECKMAN -HAS

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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NEW PROJECTS BEING CONSIDERED BY THE BOARD

The board is in the early stages of establishing priorities of new projects. They would especially like to hear from members of the squadron who have interest and or expertise to establish a team for the restoration of the helicopter. Also they would like to consider a team for the restoration of the Stuart light tank for static display. Another consideration may be the C-45.

A meeting is planned for October 13th at

UNIQUE MODEL BUILDING SKILLS NEEDED.

The squadron recently received a large display model of an F-14 Tomcat. The model has suffered many years of weathering and poor maintenance and repair. With the right people this can be a beautiful addition to our future museum.

NEXT YEAR AIRSHOW AND HANGAR DANCE DATES:

Wings of Victory airshow will be August 16, 17, 2003. The Hangar Dance will be on September 20, 2003.

A TRIBUTE TO BOB BECKMAN

As the airshow season drew to a close, the four A-6's performed at the Circleville fly-in(9/29). It was Bob Beckman's hometown. It was there that tragedy struck. Bob died during the aerial demonstration when his plane nosed into the ground at a low altitude and burned.

Bob was a member of the Historical Aircraft Squadron and made our hangar the base for his aircraft. Bob typified the air enthusiast who works long hours to restore historic planes and then loved to share them with the people.

We will always remember Bob for the great person he was. An enthusiastic aviator who's enthusiasm also made him a successful businessman and father and husband. He was many things to many people. When he and Bruce organized the formation team they brought a new thrill to airshow audiences.

Their popularity grew quickly and were in demand. Bob loved the airshows. He took



Photo of Bob Beckman and Bruce Cook by Bob DeLay

great pride in his plane and his buddies just as he did in family and business. They brought new excitement to Wings of Victory show.

We took great pride in Bob. Bob joined the long history of those who know the risks but love aviation. He carried the banner high for aviation and for all those whom he represented in the military and general aviation. We honor the memory of Bob Beckman. There is an empty space in our hangar and in our hearts. (editor)

WELCOME HOME BROTHER

The Viet Nam veterans at the Grace Brethren Church in Westerville have undertaken a project to honor Viet Nam veterans in Central Ohio. The tribute/program will start at 7:30 p.m. Veterans organizations have been invited to take part. For information call 614-410-4222 ext. 4444.

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MEETINGS-Open board meet
2nd Tues. at 7:00 pm
Membership 4thWed.7:00 at hangar.

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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.

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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.

HANGAR DANCE WAS GOOD TIME FOR ALL



2nd Annual Hangar dance was held Saturday Sept. 21 7pm to 11pm. Again featuring the Steve Samuelson Band. It was a perfect night with warm weather a clear sky and a full harvest moonrise on view from the hangar. More people showed up in period dress. Although attendance was down due to late date announcement. Next year's promises to be a full house.

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				shipping.....	\$ 5.00

TOTAL ENCLOSED _____

TO ORDER MORE THAN ONE JUST INDICATE THE NUMBER REQUESTED AND MULTIPLY THE COST

ATTENTION

NEW BOARD POSITION OPEN FOR NOMINATIONS

Nominations will be accepted for an open board position at our next membership meetings. If you are interested in this position please come forward and let it be known. This is a good opportunity to help guide the squadron through this growth time. It's your organization. Let's continue the success and nominate a good candidate.

Mark your calendar for October 14th to attend a County Planning commission meeting at our hangar to discuss zoning which could adversely affect airport operations and HAS.

NEXT YEARS WINGS OF VICTORY AIRSHOW AUGUST 16,17, 2003
NEXT YEAR'S HANGAR DANCE SEPTEMBER 20, 2003



This Month in History

October 11, 1910- First American President to fly was Theodore Roosevelt.


October 9, 1918 Highest concentration of air forces to date- more than 250 bombers and 100 pursuit planes- dropped 32 tons of bombs between La Waville and Damvillers.

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