

AIRBASE GEORGIA Dispatch



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Welcome, New Cols

Sworn in at the January meeting:

L-R: David Odeh, Jacob Dalton, unique in that they are both Eagle Scouts.



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Operations Update Col Peter Hague – Operations Officer

1. Aircraft Recurrent ground school and Crew Resource Management ground school.

It is that time of year when our pilots attend recurrent aircraft and Crew Resource Management training. <u>ALL members</u> of the Air Base are welcome and *highly encouraged* to attend. The dates are posted on the front door and on the door to the Officer's club.

2. Pilot License and Qualifications.

All pilots need to update pilot license certifications, medical due dates, and training qualifications with the Operations officer. We want to make sure that all pilot's current medicals, licenses and qualifications are in Rally Point and Kastrack. Please forward to me your current medical due date and if you have added anything to your license by 1 APRIL.

3. Operations Planning Group.

An Operations Planning group has been formed to improve our air show and ride events coordination across all departments. Cols Cottrell (Airshow Sales), Col Hague (Operations-Acting), Col Madrid (Development) and Col Hawkins (Maintenance) will meet quarterly to ensure that pilots / Air Base members and aircraft can meet the anticipated air show tasking. I will announce what shows we will be attending and asking for volunteers at the February or March General Meeting.

4. Pilot yearly tests.

Every year our pilots are required to pass an exam on CAF flight operations policy and procedures. As of January 16, CAF HQ has not published the new 60-1 and 6802 exams

Until notified pilots should NOT take the exams until informed by Operations. Pilots will be informed by email when cleared to take the exams



Cols, Update Your Member Information

Reminder: The updated Airbase Georgia Members area is now accessible on our website. Please check your profile to make sure we have the correct information for you. If the information is correct no action is required. If you have to update your information, enter the correct data once and click <u>SAVE</u>. Our Adjutant and Recruiting Officer will receive a notification.

The members area will allow you to stay updated with the activities at the Wing, please make sure to check it out weekly.

Here's how you access the members area: Visit http://members.dixiewing.org/

- (1) Enter your Username: (your CAF Colonel #)
- (2) Enter your Password: (your last name)



Rides Update Col James Sterns - Rides Lead Person

In January, we completed three rides in the T-34, one ride to a lucky recipient from the Fayette Flyers Club. The other two were for family members of Airbase Georgia member, Col. Art Martin.

We have some rides coming up before the end of the month for the SBD, and P-51. Fingers crossed for good weather and favorable Annual Inspections that are underway. All in anticipation of a busy summer rides season.



Training on rides paperwork for pilots and ground crew was conducted on January 15th during the annual CRM training session. This was designed to assist those pilots and ground crew who are providing rides at events and shows in completing rides waivers, and passenger information briefings.

On February 5, 2022, the Rides Program will host a training session for personnel selected from the volunteer solicitation. If you are interested contact Steve Hoofnagle via email at rides@airbasegeorgia.org, >>

James Sterns, Rides Lead Person

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Col James Robert Johnston, II of Newnan GA passed away in the early morning hours of Christmas day at Piedmont Hospital in Newnan. He was surrounded by his wife Jackie and family.

Jim was born on October 10, 1942 in Pittsburg PA. He was married to Jacqueline Brunelle Johnston for 26 years. Jim proudly served in the U.S. Air Force. He retired from Pratt & Whitney after 42 years of service. He had several international assignments and finished his career at Delta Airlines in Atlanta, GA as a Field Service Representative for Pratt Whitney. During his career he received many awards and recognition for his work.

Jim's love was all things automotive, racing and aeronautical. He was a licensed pilot and built his own experimental airplane. He was a member of the Commemorative Air Force in Peachtree City.

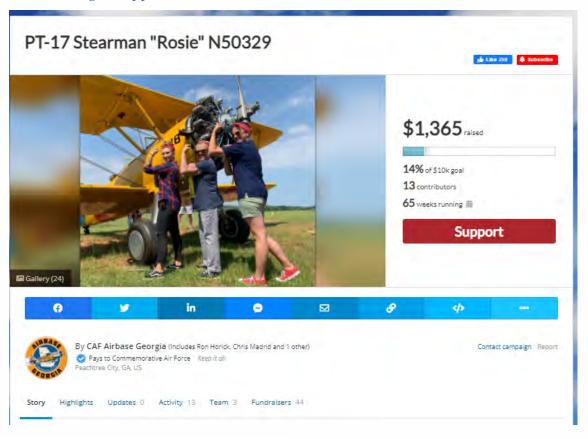


was a member of the Commemorative Air Force in Peachtree City. Jim restored many cars and motorcycles over the years including his favorite Model A Ford. All of his work was done with precision and not presented unless it was deemed perfect. He will be greatly missed by his many friends

A service will be conducted Saturday, February 5, 2022 at 4:00 pm at McKoon Funeral Home, Newnan, GA. The service will be live streamed at www.mckoon.com



On Saturday, January 15 CAF Airbase Georgia was invited by the Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association to the 57th Fighter Group restaurant at the Dekalb-Peachtree airport and provide a presentation about the CAF. CAF Member Mo Aguiari delivered a presentation and Airbase Georgia unit leader Joel Perkins flew his Cessna O-1 Bird Dog to support the event.



If you'd still like to give, the donate page is still open at https://fundrazr.com/71soD7

Development Officer Update Col Chris Madrid

As Development Officer, one of my priorities is to support member engagement and project success by assisting members in building plans and teams to implement and sustain their individual projects. Together we can demonstrate to the business, civic and education communities that the CAF Airbase Georgia is a resource that impacts the quality of life in Fayette County and throughout Georgia. Establishing a positive reputation, track record and relationship building are key to all future fundraising success.



The CAF mission is patriotic, inspirational and aspirational, but we always keep our feet on the ground with a clear focus on restoring, preserving and safely operating vintage military aircraft. Our hangar facility is critical to maintenance and operations. It also sends a message to our neighbors, and business and civic leaders, that we are a unique non-profit organization that takes pride in our mission and responsibilities.

In January, the conference room was repainted and new floors installed, and new bookshelves were built in the meeting room. The museum collection display in the hangar was streamlined so more room is available for aircraft and visitors. Previously the meeting room was also renovated, and the parking lot was resurfaced. All the improvements completed over the last several months have made Airbase Georgia a more attractive and appealing facility for volunteers, visitors and hangar rental customers. A big thank you to Paul Areson and team.

We are increasingly connecting with like-minded organizations to accomplish our mission. We are



also working with other CAF units to create compelling events consistent with our mission. This summer we will partner with the CAF Gulf Coast to stand up the 2022 Georgia Warbird Expo Tour. B-17 Texas Raiders will be making stops at Macon (May 20-22), Savannah (May 26-30), Douglas (May 31-June 2) and Cobb County International Airport (June 3-5). Airbase Georgia is collaborating with the Capital Wing and Floribama Wing to produce a Battle of Midway 80th Anniversary Event in Pensacola (June 15-20). The event is the first time three CAF units have joined forces to stand-up a new program. In addition to offering rides, the events provide rich recruiting opportunities. Look for details in future issues of Dispatch.

The events involve collaboration with regionally and nationally recognized institutions; the Museum of Aviation, National Museum of the Mighty Eighth, WWII Flight Training Museum and Museum of Naval Aviation. We are partnering with the Georgia WWII Heritage Trail and Explore Georgia to promote the stops throughout the state. Our goal is to earn the title of "Georgia's WWII Flying Museum".



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Development Officer Update (cont.)



Stearman Project

The Stearman Restoration Project continues to make progress. The team posted several video updates during December and January and the project received \$1,365 from 13 donors during "12 Planes of Christmas" online fundraising campaign. A follow-up online fundraising campaign is planned for this Spring. The project team will meet immediately following the February 5, 2022 Member Meeting. If you are interested in joining the team, please contact Project Manager Jeff Clark: Jeffrey.clark@gmail.com.

Aerospace and Aviation Career Exploration Fair

We are working with Fayette Schools and the Chamber of Commerce to host a first-ever career exploration fair for middle and high school students in November. The project will demonstrate to the educators, business leaders and civic organizations we are an organization to the success and quality of life in our community. The program will also enable us to connect with aerospace and aviation companies. Please contact me chris.madrid@airbasegeorgia.org or call/text me at 770-655-3315 if you are interested in assisting

WWII Heritage Days

The staff approved WWII Heritage Days as a one-day event on October 8, 2022. WWIIHD was attended by 3,000 people last year and has emerged as our annual open house. Education Officer Jane Simpson is chairing and leading the event with an expanded focus on education, but we will also again invite local warbirds, as well as antique cars to participate. A media release

announcing the event will be distributed late January and a kick-off meeting is planned for February. If you are interested in volunteering for WWII Heritage Days, please contact Jane at Jane.simpson@airbasegeorgia.org.

CAF AirPower History Tour to Visit Georgia The B-29/B-24 Squadron will be making a stop in Columbus, GA May 4-8. If you have never seen or flown in the Superfortress or Liberator this year is your bucket list opportunity. We are reaching out to the tour coordinators to discuss CAF Airbase Georgia participation in the stop.

Social Media Milestone

We now have over 40,000 followers on Facebook and Instagram. Our social media campaign connects with people throughout Georgia and across the United States, supporting airshows, rides and hangar rentals. If you have photos or videos to share, please send them to Kevin McNulty at kevmcnulty@gmail.com or 941-737-8575

Membership Briefing

You can download my January 2022 Development Officer Membership Meeting Briefing Here

2022 Hangar Rentals

Please pass on rental leads to Hangar Rental Officer Dave Riesselmann and/or if you are interested in assisting with the profitable program, facilityrentals@airbasegeorgia.org.

Member Dues

All members can pay their 2022 Airbase dues (\$48) by using the Donate tab at the bottom of Airbasegeorgia.org. Be sure to note that the donation is for 2022 dues. Dues can also be paid on the Members Area or by check.



EDUCATION OFFICER

Col Jane Simpson

Thanks to everyone for your continued support and interest. As shared at the General Meeting, we are proceeding with plans to build an annex. Wheels are slow to turn, so please have patience. In the interim, we continue to take photo inventory of the items in our trailer. The trailer is leaking, so it is a pretty dreadful job at the moment. Until the weather improves, I'm hoping to turn our attention to the items in the showcase on the back wall. If you know the history of any of the items in this showcase, please let me know!

The date for our World War II event has been set for October 8, 2022. Col Chris Madrid has secured three food vendors, and we are working on caterers to provide lunch boxes for the participants/volunteers. Col Jim Stearns has secured a vendor that can help us streamline our registration process so hopefully the Command Post will not be passing out meal vouchers all day long.

The event itself is still "under construction," as I continue to take polls and talk to CAF members, and brainstorm with former volunteers and outside vendors to test new ideas. My intent is not to detract from the success of past events and its focus on aviation, but to add items to remind aviation enthusiasts, history buffs, and our youngest visitors alike of other aspects of American life during and immediately after the Second World War. As our brave men and women served in military or related roles during and following the War, plenty of Americans were attempting to "carry on" (to borrow from our British friends!) in non-military roles.

The influences of the world conflict on political and cultural America are important to highlight, and we do have items in our inventory that could help tell this story. I'm going to guess, but I suspect the majority of our CAF membership fall into the generational age defined post-war as... gasp...BOOMERS! My understanding is that young folks today use the term "Boomers" in a pejorative way; little do they know that this generation carries this moniker PROUD. At least I know I do. I hope you enjoy our Highlight today; it is a nod to a very familiar item of American culture.

HISTORY HIGHLIGHT - VOL. 1, ART. 3

Influences of *LIFE*Magazine in
American Culture





If a current History student wanted to learn about the United States of America from 1936 to 1972, and a solar flare prevented said student from using the internet for research, a fantastic, tangible alternative could be found in *LIFE* Magazine. *LIFE* Magazine was purchased in 1936 by Henry Luce, who was the publisher of the more sedate magazine *TIME*. But did you notice the use of "purchased"? *LIFE* existed prior to Mr. Luce's purchase, but its content was that of a weekly humor publication, in the style of *The New Yorker* magazine. Mr. Luce's vision for *LIFE* was that of photojournalism, or the use of images to tell a story. While other publications used images in a



Life Magazine (cont.)

similar manner (e.g. Harper's Weekly, Illustrated London News), LIFE perfected this style and became a major cultural influencer on Americans of all ages. The magazine eventually lost its grip on the industry, and the publication ceased as a weekly publication in 1972. However, because the magazine was trusted and loved by so many Americans, it continues to publish special photo editions on historical events and people. Check your local bookstore for recent editions. Here are some of the advertisements (and one article page for fun!) found in the two issues we located during our last photo inventory. What has changed, and what has stayed the same...?





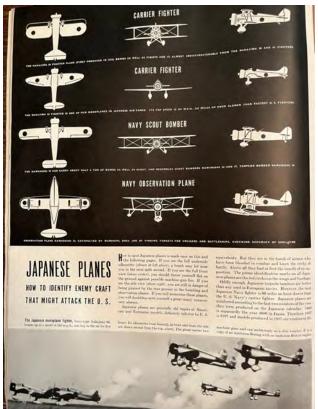




Life Magazine (cont.)







Resources: (Advertisements) LIFE Magazine, Issues December 22, 1941 and November 3, 1941 (both from our trailer!)

www.wikipedia.org (Photojournalism)

<u>https://www.history.com/this-day-in-history/first-issue-of-life-is-published</u>



ON THE HORIZON

February 5, 2022 Staff & Members Meetings / 0900 - Rides 101 Training

March 5, 2022 Staff & Members Meetings

April 1, 2022 Medical & License updates due to Operations Officer

April 2, 2022 Staff & Members Meetings

May 7, 2022 Staff & Members Meetings

May 14, 2022 PDK Good Neighbor Day

June 4, 2022 Staff & Members Meetings

October 8, 2022 WWII Heritage Day

PLANE CRAZY



This makes me remember the 1975 Plymouth Valiant I owned. It was silver, but therein the similarities end. If I had painted something on the side of that car it would have been:

Spirit of a lemon