



AIRBASE GEORGIA *Dispatch*



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From the Left Seat

Col Jim Buckley, Airbase Georgia Leader

Wings over Dallas went well for the SBD, right up to where the oil cooler sprung a leak. At least we were able to get the show done. Dallas is a great place to break with all of the pilot and mechanic resources available. We are currently waiting for a new cooler from the overhaul facility.



Our Traron Formation Clinic was quite a success with 8 visiting aircraft and 11 instructors and candidates. Our clinic organizer Col Clint Cottrell, was able to get his 4 ship wingman card, and Col Joel Perkins got his 2 ship wingman card. We were all glad to see Col Robert Harris in attendance, although, he will take some time to fully recover. Five photographers paid for our night run clinic on Saturday evening, thanks to Col John Willhoff.

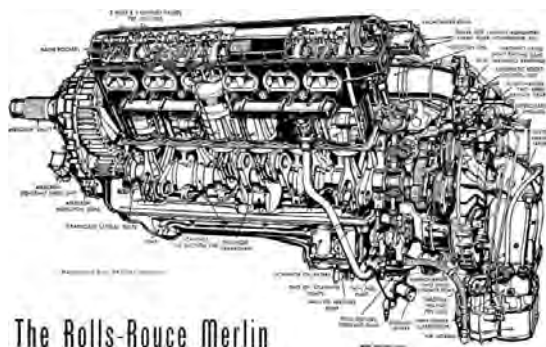
The PT-19 finally passed a test flight, performed well with the new climb propeller and landed without a tailwheel shimmy. That's one in a row! The 35-hour inspection on The P-51 is now complete and she is ready for rides. T-34 electrical problems are identified and will soon be back in service.

On Saturday, November 20, a memorial service was held for C-45 "Bucket of Bolts" Crew Chief Dave Becker and his wife Sally who also was a Col who helped out a lot with the Air Show Contracts. Lunch and drinks, followed by a three ship missing man flyover rounded out the service. ➔

Blue Skies and Tailwinds to All, Jim Buckley

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The Rolls-Royce Merlin

2021 Airbase Georgia Staff Election Results

The Winners of the 2021 Georgia Airbase Staff Election held on November 6, 2021 are shown below:

Wing Leader - Col Joel Perkins

Financial Officer - Col Peter Daliere

Development Officer - Col Chris Madrid

Education Officer - Col Jane Simpson

Safety Officer - Col Gregg Scott

We sincerely thank all candidates who ran for office. Your willingness to serve is greatly appreciated by the entire membership.

This concludes the 2021 Georgia Airbase Staff Election process.

2021 Election Committee: Col Joe Broker, Col Charles Burcher, Col Don Burgess, Col Art Martin and Col Jim van den Heuvel. →

ATTENTION AIRBASE GEORGIA COLONELS!

It's that time again. Your Airbase Georgia dues for 2022 are due. Your dues for 2022 will remain at \$48.00. We value your involvement with the Airbase and the Commemorative Air Force, and look forward to you continuing to be a member of the organization in the coming year.

Please submit payment now to the Finance Department to remain a member in good standing with the Airbase in 2022. Your dues may be paid by cash, check or credit/debit card. You may also pay online by visiting the AG website at <http://members.dixiewing.org> and entering your username and password. This will take you to the "dues payment" screen. NOTE: There is a \$1.00 service charge for using the online option for a total payment of \$49.00.

You may stop by the Finance desk at any time and pay your dues in person. If you should decide to mail your dues payment, please use the following address:

**CAF Airbase Georgia - ATTN: AG Dues
1200 Echo Court
Peachtree City, GA 30269**

If you should have questions, please email the Finance Department at: finance@airbasegeorgia.org

Thank you in advance for the prompt payment of your 2022 dues.

Col Peter Daliere
Finance Officer



Rides Update

Col Steve Hoofnagle

Rides Officer



The busy "airshow" season is winding down and Airbase Georgia is settling in for winter maintenance (annuals) from 15 DEC – 15 MAR. We will continue to do Rides by appointment depending on aircraft availability vs. maintenance needs.

As mentioned previously, we will be instituting a price increase on all aircraft (except the SBD) as approved by the Staff at the November Staff Meeting. This is the first increase in prices since September 2017 on all aircraft but the *Mustang*, which had a modest increase in January 2019. The increases are a result of the higher insurance and operating costs and put us in line with prices charged by other warbird operators. Below is a breakdown of the new pricing structure that goes into effect on 1 JAN 2022:



AIRCRAFT/ RIDE TIME	2017 PRICES	2019 PRICES	% Increase	2017-2019 Approved 2022	2019 - 2022 % Increase
P-51 - 20	\$1,595.00	\$1,695.00	6.3%	\$1,895.00	11.8%
30	\$1,995.00	\$2,095.00	5.0%	\$2,295.00	9.5%
40	\$2,295.00	\$2,395.00	4.4%	\$2,595.00	8.4%
60	\$2,695.00	\$2,795.00	3.7%		
SBD - 20	\$995.00	\$995.00	0.0%	\$995.00	0.0%
30	\$1,195.00	\$1,195.00	0.0%	\$1,195.00	0.0%
40	\$1,395.00	\$1,395.00	0.0%	\$1,395.00	0.0%
LT-6 - 20	\$350.00	\$350.00	0.0%	\$395.00	12.9%
30	\$450.00	\$450.00	0.0%	\$500.00	11.1%
60	\$650.00	\$650.00	0.0%	\$700.00	7.7%
T-34B - 20	\$195.00	\$195.00	0.0%	\$250.00	28.2%
40	\$265.00	\$265.00	0.0%	\$320.00	20.8%
60	\$325.00	\$325.00	0.0%	\$380.00	16.9%
PT-19 - 20	\$150.00	\$150.00	0.0%	\$195.00	30.0%
40	\$225.00	\$225.00	0.0%	\$270.00	20.0%
60	\$275.00	\$275.00	0.0%	\$320.00	16.4%

Remember that all Airbase Members in good standing are entitled to a 20% discount off the published prices, limited to one discount per aircraft per calendar year.



Rides Update (cont.)

As a reminder, we post the upcoming Rides on the bulletin board in the Hangar by the kitchen door. There are also “generic” entries on the calendar that is accessible at the Airbase website (no need to log in, it’s the same calendar either way).

We will be holding a “Rides Program 101” class in February (date TBD) and providing a Rides Briefing to the attendees at the various ground schools after the first of the year. We will send out more information on the “101” class in next month’s Dispatch. ➔

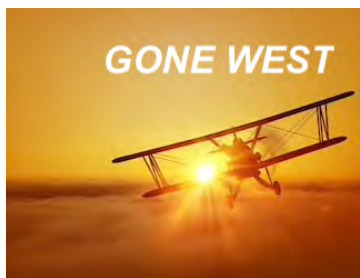
rides@airbasegeorgia.org

770-309-5584 (new Airbase Georgia Business cell number)

Hoofer



Striking a pose after the November Airbase meeting: (L to R) Cols Dave Riesselmann, Jerry Robinette, Jim Buckley, Willard Womack, and Steve Forsyth. Photo by Col Chris Madrid.



Col Richard "Dick" Hyde, 84, took his final flight in the early hours of 31 October 2021. Though unexpected, he passed away peacefully at Northside Hospital in Lawrenceville, GA. Dick was born on 7 July 1937 in Minneapolis, MN. Dick went to Minnesota University, graduated



from Cornell University, and then went on to study law at the University of Michigan. His law career began in San Francisco where he met his wife, Nancy, whom he married in 1964. A job with United Airlines brought him to the Chicago area in 1966, where he resided until 1996. Following retirement, Dick and Nancy moved first to St Louis, and later (2013) to Suwanee, GA. Dick was an avid traveler, and passionate about aviation. For most people, the sky is the limit - but for Dick, the sky was his home. Coupling his passion for aviation with his passion for World War II history, Dick was a member of the Commemorative Air Force (CAF) in both the Missouri Wing in St. Louis and Airbase Georgia in Peachtree City, where he dedicated his time to preserving WWII aircraft - and to his delight was even able to hitch a few rides in B-25 and Dauntless aircrafts! Dick also shared his extensive knowledge of WWII with others, teaching a number of memorable courses on the topic for Lifelong Learning at Washington University in St Louis, and actively participating in the WWII Roundtable in the Atlanta area. Always a great storyteller, Dick wrote with humor to the joy of all who read his cards, letters, and newsletters, and was a contributor to the Airbase Georgia Dispatch. Please consider a memorial donation to CAF Airbase Georgia in Dick's name: Airbase Georgia, 1200 Echo Ct, Peachtree City, GA 30269. Website: <https://airbasegeorgia.org>. ➔

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 SAVE. 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)

RECRUITING * ORIENTATION * RETENTION

Col Jim Dalton, Recruiting Officer



I have some good news to report, as Col Dave Richardson has agreed to take the lead of a member engagement program beginning in Jan.

Col Richardson became a member of Airbase Georgia and the Commemorative Air Force (CAF) in 2021 after taking a ride on the Dauntless back in April. He said that the incredible ride made him appreciate the hard work and dedication of the CAF volunteers. He joined that afternoon.

He may be the only Professional Engineer in the US whose college education was mostly paid for by a blimp (Goodyear Blimp America/ former WW 2 US Navy Blimp L-8).

Dave is an avid history buff. His interest in military aviation dates back to time spent with a great-uncle that served with the famous 20th Aero Squadron in World War I, an uncle who flew on bombers in World War II, and was further fueled at air shows that featured the blimp plus WW II aircraft of the CAF's predecessor. Now semi-retired, we look forward to his efforts at Airbase Georgia.



Dave is in the middle with his favorite aircraft.

Semper Fidelis,

Jim

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.



CAF Airbase Georgia is closing the year strong by participating in several large airshows, including Wings Over Dallas, the Blue Angels Homecoming and Stuart Airshow. The SBD received much coverage at Wings Over Dallas.

CAF Airbase Georgia's second annual Warbird Formation Clinic Nov 11-14. Thanks to Clint Cottrell CAF Airbase Georgia is supporting the future of our mission by providing pilots with invaluable training. That same weekend John Willhoff hosted an Aviation Photography Clinic. Plans are underway to bring both events back in 2022.

Looking to next year, my focus will be increased membership involvement and outreach to the business community, to include the tourism sector. I am assisting Dave Richardson in a membership outreach program, while Jim

Dalton and Dave Serafin will resume our online recruiting campaign in January.

Our business community outreach campaign kicked-off Nov 18th when we hosted the Fayette Chamber Business After Hours. The event was attended by over 60 business owners and employers. Representatives from Fayette County Public Schools and the Peachtree City Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB) shared their appreciation for CAF Airbase Georgia. We are working with the Chamber and school system to host an Aerospace and Aviation Career Expo next Fall. We are also working with the CVB to host a motor coach association conference and group tours that we can monetize. The renovated meeting room and newly surfaced parking lot were noticed and appreciated.

Incoming Education Officer has volunteered to Chair and lead WWII Heritage Days in 2022. Jane is innovative and organized and she brings leadership, organizational skills and passion to our mission. I look forward to supporting Jane in her new roles.

Please be sure to purchase your Christmas Party tickets. The last two years have been a challenge, but we have much to celebrate.



Development Officer Update (cont.)



Stearman Restoration Project

The project team will meet following the January 2022 Membership Meeting. If you are interested in joining the team, please contact Project Manager Jeff Clark, Jeffrey.clark@gmail.com

Community Outreach

- 80th Anniversary Pearl Harbor Commemoration and University Partnerships – We are working with Kennesaw State University Museum of History and Holocaust Education (MHHE), FDRs Little White House and the Georgia WWII Heritage Trail to create an 80th Anniversary Pearl Harbor Commemoration program, Dec 4-11, 2021. Willard Womack will discuss the role of the SBD and Kate at Pearl Harbor during a webinar on Dec 7th.
- Recruiting & Retention – We have recruited over 60 new members in 2020 and 2021. Our focus for 2022 is to encourage existing members to become more involved. Our next Virtual Recruiting Open House is scheduled for January 12, 2022. If you know a potential recruit, please contact Jim Dalton (lawdalton@aol.com) or Dave Serafin (dserafin58@comcast.net).
- Hangar Tours – Effective Dec 9, 2020, the hangar is advertised as closed to the public. In the meantime, members are welcome to host friends and family members. If you provide a tour, please use your best

judgment in protecting yourself and don't forget to ask our guest to consider a donation.

GSU Graduate Research Assistant (GRA)

Georgia State University GR) Ben Schmidt is working with the Museum Refresh Team to design a strategy and written plans to support our refresh and long-term efforts. Please contact Jane Simpson if you are interested in volunteering.

Scope of Work:

- Exhibit design strategy aligned with the Post Pandemic Refresh plan
- Artifact inventory plan to be executed by GRA with CAF Dixie Wing volunteers
- SOPs for ongoing inventory management by volunteer staff
- Recommendation for digital collection management system for continuity

Hangar Rental

In past years hangar rentals generated over \$30,000 in revenue to support our restoration and maintenance efforts. Events are also a valuable source for members and potential donors. Please contact Hangar Rental Officer Dave Riesselmann if you are interested in assisting with the profitable program. Also, please pass on rental leads to Dave, facilityrentals@airbasegeorgia.org.

CAF Airbase Georgia Uniform Shirts

If you would like to purchase or customize a CAF Airbase Georgia polo shirt, local business Uniforms for America can sew "Airbase Georgia" and your name onto an existing CAF Dixie Wing shirt. Polo shirts are also available through the CAF website. Members representing CAF Airbase Georgia at airshows and other public events are expected to wear a CAF Airbase Georgia shirt. Uniforms for America is located at 135 Huddleston Road, Peachtree City. Phone: 770-632-0253.

CAF Airbase Georgia warbird t-shirts are available for purchase through the PX. ➔



*Santa is coming
...How about you?
Airbase Georgia
Annual Christmas
Dinner
12 December 2021*

SUNDAY, 12 DECEMBER 2021, \$42 a person

1700 Social Hour

(Cash bar)

1800 Dinner

Flat Creek Country Club

100 Flat Creek Road, Peachtree City

Business Casual / AG Uniform

**Reservation/payment
deadline – 1 DECEMBER**

Contact Jerry Robinette or
Merikay Franklin at: franklinptc@bellsouth.net
678-654-2464

or

Use the clipboard in the business
office to make your reservation.

This year you will have the option of conveniently making your reservation and payment on-line with your credit card. To access on-line payment, simply go to the Airbase Georgia website, click on *MEMBERS* at the top of the page and enter your login information. That will take you to the *DASHBOARD* page where you will see *PAYMENTS*. Click on *PAYMENTS* and you will see the option to make reservations and payments for the Christmas Dinner.

EDUCATION OFFICER

Col Jane Simpson

First of all, thanks to CAF Airbase Georgia members for your confidence in me to be your next Education Officer. It is my hope that the educational side of CAF Airbase Georgia will become more active and more visible to our members and to the public. One place to start is to let the staff know what has already been accomplished by former Education Officers and Development Officers, including lesson plans, plans for an annex, a docent handbook, and working relationships with local school systems. It will be important to further these efforts, and in order to do that, more CAF AG members need to become more actively engaged.



As your Education Officer, I will call upon the skills of our members to grow the education mission. My long-range goals include a new museum annex, a permanent stage for events, and greater recognition of CAF AG's mission in Georgia and the region. And because the museum and education aspect of CAF AG has so much to offer, I hope to highlight a CAF AG member and an artifact sponsored by that member in each issue.

Our first artifact was made possible by Col Malcolm Lelliott. Thank you Malcolm! If you would like to sponsor an artifact in the next issue or if you would like to join our Task Force, please send me a message at jane.simpson@airbasegeorgia.org. See you at the hangar!!

ARTIFACT HIGHLIGHT - VOL. 1, ART. 1

The Infant Gas Mask

CAF Airbase Georgia Col Malcolm Lelliott purchased the Infant Gas Mask for CAF AG and gave us the following information about the artifact. Thanks Malcolm!



The Infant Gas Mask (cont.)

The onset of war with Germany in Great Britain in 1939 brought fears of gas warfare based on the use of gas in World War I. The mask was invented and developed by the Royal Air Force in 1938 and distribution throughout the country to all parents of infants began before the onset of the war. Made from pressed steel, canvas, and leather, it was a bulky, heavy device with a manual pump attached to allow the air pressure in the contraption to be brought above atmospheric pressure. An asbestos filter on the pump inlet removed any gas that was present in the atmosphere. Health visitors and Child Welfare Centers taught the mothers how to use the masks, but many mothers refused to use the contraption because of its appearance and fears over its safety.

Thankfully gas was not used by the enemy and the contraption was not required for its intended purpose, but it did serve an unexpected purpose in the lives of Malcolm and Lois Lelliott. The twins were in their pram outside the rear of their house in Hackney Wick, a district of London in the East End. A bomb exploded close to the house, one of a row of town houses. Shards of glass from the third floor windows blew out and fell into the pram and but for the sturdy materials of the baby gas masks, could have caused serious injury or even death.



Col Malcom Lelliott, CAF AG member since 2000.

Col Lelliott found this infant gas mask in England and arranged for its transfer to the CAF AG. Col Lelliott and his twin sister spent many hours in such a device while outside of their home in London.



TRARON FORMATION CLINIC

Col Clint “Ricochet” Cottrell, Clinic Lead

Airbase Georgia recently held its second annual TRARON Formation Training Clinic on Veteran's Day weekend. If you spent any time around the south side of Atlanta on November 11-14, you probably heard the roar of multiple T6 Texans flying in close formation! It is a wonderful thing to see members from multiple CAF units come together in fellowship and flying.

Eleven aircraft from around the southeast came to participate in our clinic. We were privileged to have instructors fly in from as far away as Alaska and Idaho to teach and mentor our new pilots! Together we accomplished our goal of achieving "carded" status for two new pilots, Joel Perkins and Clint Cottrell. We also accomplished yearly recurrent training for many others.

Many thanks to all those who participated and a very special thank you to all those non-flying volunteers who made this weekend possible. Without our active volunteers, we wouldn't be such a successful organization. We look forward to another successful clinic and a year of safe flying in 2022!



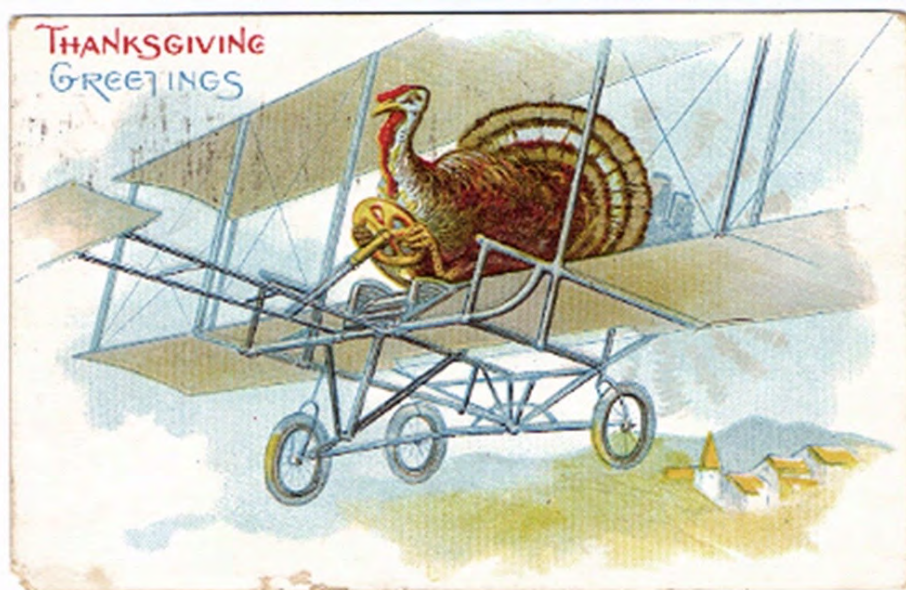
Photos by Col Charles Burcher



TRARON FORMATION CLINIC (CONT.)



Col Chris Madrid hones his skills as an aerial photographer from the rear cockpit of another aircraft. Meanwhile, with the anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor on the horizon, I'd keep a sharp eye on the guy on the left. Wait a minute It's our own Col Alan Armstrong in his *Kate*. Stand down men. That is all.



TRARON FORMATION CLINIC (CONT.)

Just as we were ready to go into publication we received some additional photos from the TRARON Formation Clinic. These photos, taken by our own Col John Willhoff are too good to not include in this month's issue.



TRARON FORMATION CLINIC (CONT.)



JWillhoff, 2021

TRARON FORMATION CLINIC (CONT.)



Helping Hands!

Col Tom Walsh

These photos were taken on October 22nd at the Punta Gorda (FL) airport, and the kids pictured are enrolled in the Aircraft Maintenance Technician program at Charlotte Technical College. Three students, under the direct supervision of their instructor Jamie Trudeau, were working on removing panels (cowling) from the Corsair after it developed an engine problem on departure from the airport after the air show. They were giddy, being able to get covered in oil and grime from a real WWII AIRPLANE.



Scenes From The Hangar



Left: Col Tom Romine works on a lathe in the machine shop.

Photos by Col Charles Burcher

Below: Outside of the hangar, preparations are made for a badly needed repaving around the building.



Scenes From The Hangar (cont)



"I love the smell of asphalt in the morning."

Photos by Col Charles Burcher





ON THE HORIZON

December 12 Airbase Georgia Christmas Party

January 8, 2022 Staff & Members Meetings

January 12, 2022 Virtual Recruiting Open House

February 5, 2022 Staff & Members Meetings

March 5, 2022 Staff & Members Meetings



PLANE CRAZY

In an effort to reduce production costs, Lockheed-Martin unveils the latest model of the *Lightning II*.

