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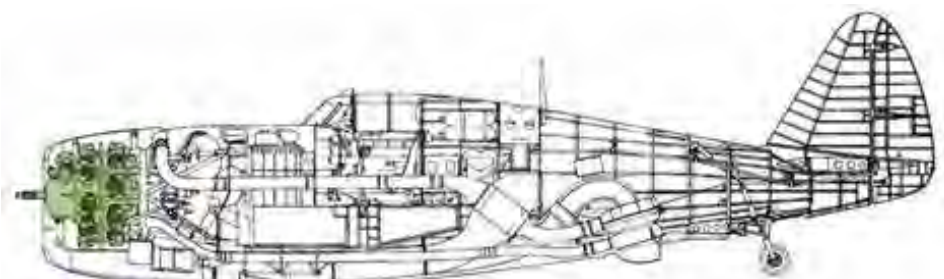
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The *Stearman*, now put together, awaits a dismantling for the application of its fabric covering.

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Welcome, New Cols ...

Two new Cols were sworn in at the April meeting. On the Left, Executive Officer Col Gerhard Frenz welcomes Sean Buckley, and in the right photo welcomes Lenny Solomon.

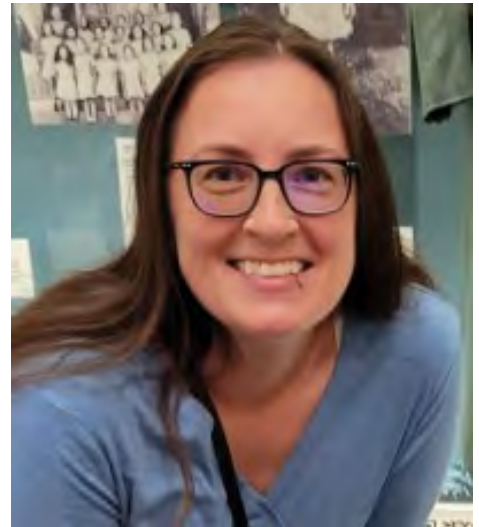


Left: ABG Docents (the “Red Shirts”) Cols Vince Garland and Chris Schamel gaze out the window as the PT-19 gets ready to taxi out to the runway.

Photo by Col Charles Burcher.

Member Engagement

Col Marybeth Britton, Volunteer Coordinator



On April 13, 2024, Airbase Georgia staff voted to create a new position of Volunteer Coordinator, and I have accepted that position. My goal will be to create a team which will spend time getting to know all our members in order to create member profiles and better understand each member's goals within the organization, as well as keeping members informed of new opportunities. It is our goal to learn our membership, to understand each person's interests with the CAF, as well as their skills and stories.

By building a stronger relationship with each member, we will better understand our operation and meet production goals. Our team will work with the project managers at Airbase Georgia to understand the different roles of each project and the places where volunteer assistance is needed. After gathering all this information, we will be able to more successfully match members who have an interest in volunteering to the various roles and needs in our organization.

In addition, we will have a team to assist new members become involved by offering a new member orientation class and a buddy system. We will also be increasing our recognition efforts to ensure all members who contribute understand their importance and our appreciation.

This is a long-term plan with segmented goals along the way. In the coming weeks, we will be looking to add members to this new team and start working on our new goals. My goal is to create a program for member engagement which will be sustainable long past my tenure. I'm excited to create this program and to get to know all our members on a personal level. There is still a bit of groundwork to do first, but please watch for further updates in the coming weeks. →

PLANE CRAZY

"But Honey ... you won't BELIEVE what a great deal I got on this!"



Safety Update

By Col Steve Hoofnagle, Safety Officer

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BURNING DOWN THE HOUSE

We are fortunate that our facility is protected by automatic fire sprinklers. The main controls are located both outside in a Pit (control valves) by the front parking lot and the Automatic Sprinkler Riser (ASR) located in the Shop in the area commonly called "Avionics" or "Calvin's Corner" (photo below left). The ASR cannot be blocked by items such as battery carts, tool boxes, or (this month's winner) big a\$\$ fans (photo below center). It is a fire code violation (for which we were cited by the Fire Marshal in 2023) to block the riser and it is posted accordingly. If you see anything in front of the riser, please move it and remind everyone that this area must remain clear. Photo with fan removed below right.



HEAT WAVE

April is already like a heat wave burning in my heart with highs pushing 90F, so now's the time to start preparing for warm weather operations, either at the Airbase, at offsite events, and at home. We are installing two new 96" High Volume Low Speed (HVLS) fans in the Shop on 25 April. These will help with the high temperatures/humidity this summer. Please be sure to have plenty of water on hand, along with sunscreen when outdoors.

FIGHT FIRE WITH FIRE

Well, how about FIRE EXTINGUISHERS? As announced in the April Monthly Meeting our annual, recurrent Fire Extinguisher Training with the Peachtree City Fire Department is scheduled for Saturday, 27 APR at 1000h. We will start with a "classroom" review in the Meeting Room, followed by "hands on" training with practice extinguishers behind the Hangar. Training time will depend on the number of participants, but will likely (continued on next page)

Safety Update (cont.)

be over by noon. This training is mandatory per CAF Policy for Marshalls and is recommended for everyone in the Rides Program, Maintenance, Crew Chiefs and all ABGA Members. Please arrive early and dress comfortably. **Please send an email to safety@airbasegeorgia.org to reserve your spot by and/or if you have any questions, comments, or suggestions.**

WE DIDN'T START THE FIRE

While our focus at Airbase Georgia is on PREVENTION, we also have to prepare for emergencies that happen despite our best efforts at preventing them! We are working on dates for CPR-First Aid and Active Shooter in June – August and will advise in future Dispatch articles and at the Monthly Meetings.

GREAT EYEBALLS OF FIRE

Did you look at the eclipse without proper eyewear? OF COURSE NOT and we all know that proper eye protection is critical at Airbase Georgia every day!

May is Healthy Vision Month, and while the focus of the CDC's Healthy Vision Month is on exams and physical health, at the Airbase our focus is on using proper Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), in this case SAFETY GLASSES, and welding goggles, and face shields.

Safety glasses are provided in dispensers located in the Shop and the Hangar. Please feel free to KEEP your pair as your own. For any safety glasses used temporarily (e.g. by visitors), please return to the "used glasses" container. They will be recycled.

We also provide side-shields for persons with prescription glasses and can provide special safety glasses that can be worn simultaneously with your prescription glasses (just contact the safety officer).

For more information on vision health please visit:

<https://www.cdc.gov/visionhealth/healthyvisionmonth/index.htm>

SHOT DOWN IN FLAMES

All the great Aces know that a "Wingman" is there to help keep you from getting "flamed." Every ABGA Member is a "Wingman" for Safety! You are the Safety Officer's EYES and EARS. Please send any Safety related questions, comments, or suggestions to "safety@airbasegeorgia.org".

"Have you an eye for safety or are you blinded by bad habits?" →

Best Regards,

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Facility Rentals

Col Mark Richards, Facility Rental Officer

After back-to-back big Hangar Events in late March, we started April with the biggest event of the year so far with HOPS & PROPS!! What an exciting evening featuring 22 different brewers, 2-food trucks, 2-great bands, and Airbase Georgia aircraft and people at their finest.



Thanks to all the hard work by Airbase Georgia Volunteers and the Peachtree City CVB Volunteers, Hops & Props was a huge success with over 400 people attending. The feedback from the event goers has been very positive and plans are already in the works for next year's event.

We have one event left in April which is the Fayette County Education Foundation fundraiser on Friday evening April 26. These are amazing people who work hard to make sure that every student can go to school with everything they need to succeed.

This group has rented the hangar for their event and has also purchased an airplane ride in either the PT19 or T34 to raffle. They are expecting 250 – 300 people to be in attendance. We would like to have our docents at this event to interact with the event goers as well as our Event Team Members. If you are interested in volunteering for this event, please contact me.

May is going to be a very busy month with several "Big Events". Our first big event will be with Team Pulte LLC, and the event will basically take 3 days, May 6, 7 and 8.

On May 6 we set-up, May 7 will be the hangar event with an estimated 450 - 500 people, and May 8 will be a private business meeting in the meeting room. Mr. Pulte is a multi-media Philanthropist with over 5M followers, and they will "live stream" their event on Tuesday May 7. This event is a weekday event, and I am looking for volunteers for the May 6 set-up and the May 7 event along with the clean-up on May 7 and May 8.

Along with the Pulte event, there are 2-hangar wedding receptions and an 8-family hangar graduation celebration in May.

Looking ahead into June, the second of three planned Airbase Georgia Open Houses will occur. The June Open House will be held on Saturday June 22 and the event will be themed to celebrate the 80th Anniversary of D-Day. Airbase Georgia Docents, Rosie the Riveters and Period Actors are needed to make this event the special day that it commemorates. The Open House will be from Noon to 4pm.

As you can see by the list of events on the next page, we have a full schedule of rental activities with plenty of opportunities to volunteer. If you are interested in volunteering for any of these events, please text or call me.

Facility Rentals (cont.)

UPCOMING EVENTS:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Event Time</u>
4-26	FCEF Hangar Event	6p - 10p
5-07	Team Pulte May Hangar Event	4p - 10p
5-08	Team Pulte Business Meeting	8a - 3p
5-11	Elliott Wedding Reception Hangar Event	4p - 9p
5-19	8-Family Graduation Party - Meeting Rm.	1p - 4p
5-25	Brooks / Hudon Wedding Hangar Event	5p - 11p
6-13	Delta Airline / Ace Academy	
6-22	ABG Open House / D-Day 80 th Anniversary	12p - 4p

Nothing Booked in July at this time

As always, you may direct potential rental clients to facilityrentals@airbasegeorgia.org →

Some Photos From Hops & Props



Facility Rentals (cont.) Photos by Col Gerhard Frenz



NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE MIGHTY EIGHTH AIR FORCE



For the fourth consecutive year, our friends at the National Museum of the Mighty Eighth Air Force are honoring and remembering the 26,000 airmen of the Eighth Air Force in World War II who never returned home with *Flags for the Fallen: 26,000 flags | One Mission*.

This unique memorial flag garden of remembrance includes a 48-star American flag for each of the 26,000 men lost. The men of the Eighth in WWII served, and many are buried, under this flag.

Flags for the Fallen opens to the public on Friday morning, May 24th with a ribbon-cutting ceremony by Mighty Eighth Air Force veterans and at 11:30 a.m., a planned flyover of a B-17 Flying Fortress. *Flags for the Fallen* will remain open through Memorial Day. The Museum is hosting several special programs throughout the Memorial Day weekend that we hope you will attend. Please visit the museum's website for more information at:

[Flags for the Fallen | National Museum of the Mighty 8th Air Force \(mightyeighth.org\)](https://www.mightyeighth.org/flagsforthefallen)

The mission of the National Museum of the Mighty Eighth Air Force is to preserve and share the stories of the heroes of the Eighth; each of these flags represents a hero who made the ultimate sacrifice.

To see the full details of how you can support this event, go to:
<https://www.mightyeighth.org/flagsforthefallen>

Be sure to share this information on your social media sites.

For any additional questions or information:

Sheila K. Moore

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National Museum of the Mighty Eighth Air Force

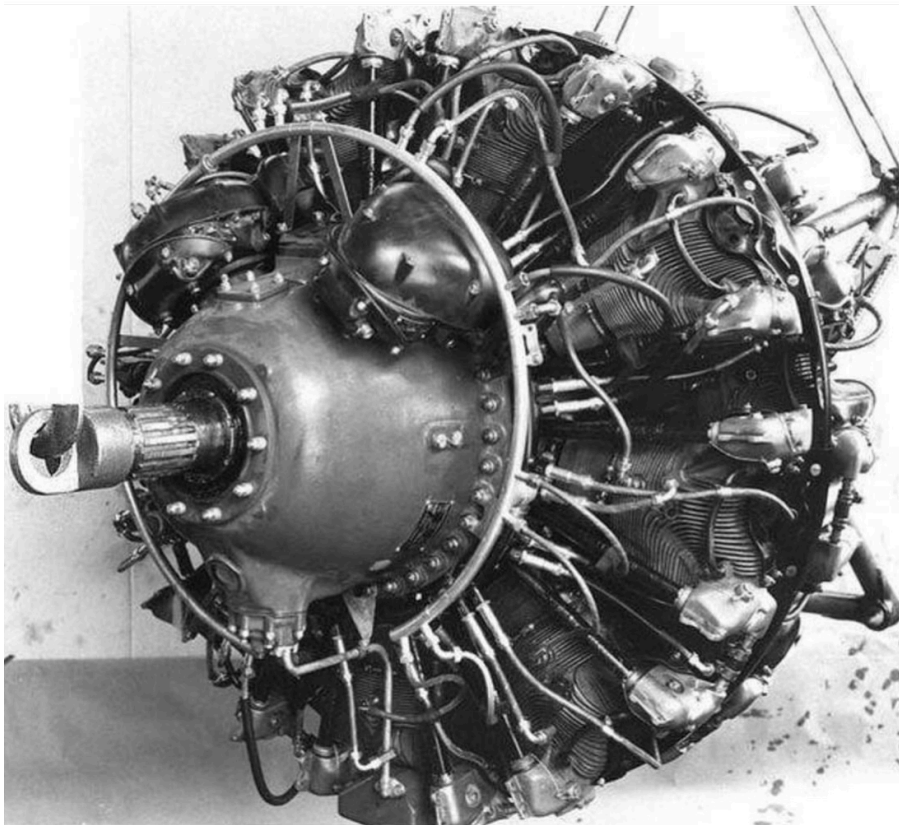
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Trivia of Aviation

By Col Casey Roszell

The Black Sheep Squadron in WWII. Pappy Botngton is 3rd from the right in the first row.



The Pratt & Whitney R-2800 twin-row, 18-cylinder radial engine. It displaced 46 litres (2,800 cu in) and developed around 2,200 hp. It was used on the Martin B-26 *Marauder*, F4F *Bearcat*, and Republic P-47 *Thunderbolt*. Source: PlaneHistoria.



ON THE HORIZON

April 13, 2024

Staff & Members Meetings

May 4, 2024

Staff & Members Meetings

May 11, 2024

2024 Good Neighbor Day – Dekalb Peachtree Airport

June 1, 2024

Staff & Members Meetings

DEKALB PEACHTREE AIRPORT PROUDLY PRESENTS

2024 *Good Neighbor Day*
OPEN HOUSE &
AIRSHOW

Celebrating the
80TH ANNIVERSARY of D-DAY

SATURDAY
MAY 11
12-5PM

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