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LOTS TO DO! SIGN UP NOW!

LOTS OF ACTIVITY OVER THE NEXT TWO MONTHS

By Col Tom Howe
Propwash Editor

'309' is in good hands at Airbase Arizona methodically gaining strength towards a full recovery.

Our airshow season is slowly passing by but is not anywhere near over yet. Thanks to the depth of the CAF our sister wings are going to be making appearances here on Colorado's western slope during our TBM's hospitalization. These appearances provide us with an opportunity to step forward and provide local assistance.

Two appearance activities are now scheduled that will provide our Wing with opportunities to both "show our stuff" in the form of Cub rides and continuing with Project Phoenix fund raising activities.

First is the Airbase Arizona

B-25 *Maid in the Shade* visit to Montrose arriving Thursday June 5th. We plan to assist with the B-25 display and ride program on Friday, June 6th, Saturday, June 7th and Sunday, June 8th. Hopefully the weather will cooperate and allow our Cub to be available for rides and this will be a good opportunity to have our Project Phoenix fund raising booth available as well. Please contact operations officer Col Kay Johnson or acting wing leader Col Bob Thompson and volunteer to assist. Airbase Arizona is providing almost unbelievable support for our TBM repairs. We need to do all we can to assist their activities in our back yard.

July 21st, 22nd & 23rd the



Airbase AZ B-25J
"Maid in the Shade"

CAF's Flagship B-29 *FIFI* will be at the Grand Junction airport for display and offering absolutely unique rides in the only surviving B-29 in the world. We'll have more about this visit in the next issue of Propwash.

Between these two sister CAF Wing visits we have other opportunities to promote our wing, our CAF mission and our Project Phoenix fund raising activities.

⇒ June 13th, GJT, West Star Aviation Open House. West Star has provided continued support for our Wing and is offering us the opportunity to put our Wing on display with both our booth and possible Cub rides.

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FIFI is Coming!
CAF's Flagship B-29 will be at GJT in July!



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RMW AIR SHOW SCHEDULE - 2014

MONTH	DAYS	LOCATION	SHOW	TBM	CUB	STATUS
Mar	15, 16	Luke AFB, AZ	Open House w/T-Birds			COMPLETED
May	10	Holloman AFB, NM	2014 Open House			GROUNDING
	24, 25	Cannon AFB, NM	Open House w/T-Birds			GROUNDING
June	14	Boulder, CO	Airport Day & Dance			GROUNDING
	20, 21	Twin Falls, ID	Magic Valley Air Show			GROUNDING
	28, 29	Hill AFB, UT	Open House w/T-Birds			GROUNDING
July	26, 27	St. George, UT	Thunder over UT with Blue Angles			GROUNDING
Aug	16	Powell, WY	Airport Open House			GROUNDING
	22, 23	Front Range Airport	Rocky Mtn Air Show			GROUNDING
	28, 9/1	Steamboat Springs	Wild West Air Fest 2014			CUB ONLY
Sep	6	Eagle, CO	Wings & Wheels 2014			CUB ONLY
	20, 21	Mountain Home AFB	Open House w/T-Birds			GROUNDING
	27	Elko, NV	Sky Fare 2014			CANCELLED
Oct	4	Prescott, AZ	Open House (?)			GROUNDING
	10, 11, 12	Midland, TX	CAF Airsho 2014			GROUNDING
	25	Bullhead City, AZ	Open House (?)			GROUNDING

Col Jay Anderson and others from RMWCAF graciously accompanied by many of the Airbase Arizona CAF "Wrench Wranglers" have completed the inspection and analysis of the damage to "309" and have actually began repairs.

However it will be some time before our TBM will be first airworthy and then "show" worthy enough to fall back into this year's air show schedule.

Col Anderson is targeting August and goals are important. There is so much to be done that any schedule is tenuous at best.

Keep watching!!

As shown here there is a Special Cub Appearance and Ride schedule to help fill in our summer schedule.

If you have the time to attend and help support any of these appearances shown here, contact Operations Officer Kay Johnson or acting Wing Leader Bob Thompson to help the Cub sponsors give rides, help with our PX and recruitment booths as well as the Project Phoenix Donation efforts.

SPECIAL CUB SCHEDULE



Mo.	Date	Location	Event
Jun	6 - 8	Montrose	w/ Airbase AZ B-25
	13	GJT	West Star Aviation Open House
Jul	11 - 13	GJT	Re-Discover GJT Airport Open House
	21 - 23	GJT	w/ B-29 FIFI and C-45



Project Phoenix - Maintenance Report

*By Col Rob Duncan
Maintenance Officer*

Since we were unable to find any major assemblies to replace those damaged in March, each replacement component needs to be hand-built using the original parts and Grumman fabrication drawings. Then the part is cleaned and etched with an Alodine solution, then painted in primer to inhibit corrosion. We are limited to just one "fabricator" so this is a time consuming effort. Each part is then fitted back to the airframe using "Cleco" fasteners. These nifty devices are inserted into each rivet hole with a special hand tool, and proves a secure "grip" on the pieces. One Cleco is generally used for each rivet hole, and you might guess how many rivets are used – lots! Once firmly attached with Clecos, then each Cleco is replaced with a rivet, one by one.

The raw aluminum sheets arrived a couple weeks ago, and fabrication began immediately. The port flap assembly uses the thinnest material, and is a good place to start as the thin materials are most easily bent or damaged through inadvertent handling. The flap has 15 ribs which needed to be re-

paired or replaced. This is already done as of this writing. The outer flap skin was reused, and the inner bracing skin was refabricated.

Work has now begun on rebuilding the bomb bay bracing brackets and engine accessory bay floor. These are the first steps of replacing the damaged structure forward of the firewall. We will be ready to install the overhauled engine when it arrives from Anderson Aeromotive. The new propeller will be installed after the surrounding cowl and nose bowl repairs are completed. Work parties will be organized as warranted, otherwise more people will merely slow the project down. Current estimated return to service date is August.





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"Keep 'em Flying"

WING LEADER'S REPORT

By Col Bob Thompson
Acting Wing Leader

While our TBM is in Mesa AZ at CAF, Arizona Air Base for repairs we must keep in mind there are lots of things we need to do in support of the RMW. One of these is our Museum/ Club room that received a through cleaning on Saturday May 24th. Those who participated were Dorothy Dutton, Betty Toth, Bob and Georgia Thompson, Kay and Mardean Johnson, Tom and Rebecca Dennis, Denis Godfrey and Jerry McDonough. The new PX display case made by Michael O'Connell was moved into the Museum. Thanks Michael.

We do have other activities that need participation by RMW members. On June 6,7,8 th the. B-25, Maid In The Shade, will be at the



Montrose Airport. We will have our J-3 Cub on display and selling rides as well as our "Booth" asking for TBM donations. Contact Bob Caskey <bobcaskey@acsol.net> (970) 640 1274 if you can assist.

On Friday June 13th West Star Aviation is holding an "Open House" and again we will have our J-3 Cub and Booth on display. Staffing needed.

On July 11,12,13th The Colorado Pilots Association (CPA) is sponsoring "Re-Discover Grand Junction Air-

PHOTO OF THE MONTH



THE VERY FIRST ONE!

Not a high quality photo (so you know Jay didn't take it) but at the top is the very first TBM "309" part fabricated at Airbase Arizona for Project Phoenix. The first part is the flap end cap shown in olive primer. The raw aluminum rib is part number two. Two in a row!!

port" . There will be several activities designed for pilots. On Friday July 12th at 5:00 pm there will be a diner held at our facility for participants. A great opportunity to show case the CAF / RMW.

On July 21,22,23rd the B-29 FIFI and a C-45 will be in GJT for display and rides. We need to assist their crews and utilize RMW members "Security Badges" for escort duty on the West Star Ramp. Further details to follow.

We are looking for RMW members to adopt a single display case for refurbishing. We have 6 cases that are in need of repair. Another adoptable item is our "Link Trainer" and associated desk. It needs some tender loving care and certainly can be a featured display in our Museum. We also have a K-20 WWII Camera, TBM Torpedo Winch and most recently a vintage GPU (ground power unit) that offers an opportunity for

you to get involved.

The Museum is an integral part of the CAF's goals and objectives. Dorothy Dutton has done a yeoman's job in this area but she needs assistance. Please consider stepping forward on the task.

The TBM repair is progressing thanks to Jay Anderson efforts. He is our on site representative and has a team of Boeing and Pima Air Museum volunteers, who are very skilled, assisting in the repairs along with CAF personnel.

By now you should have heard of the selection of Dallas Executive Airport as the new home of "CAF Headquarters Air Base". This is located south of Dallas and meets the criteria of a new and more central location for the CAF National Headquarters. Midland TX will continue as an Air Base with AIRSHO and functioning museum.

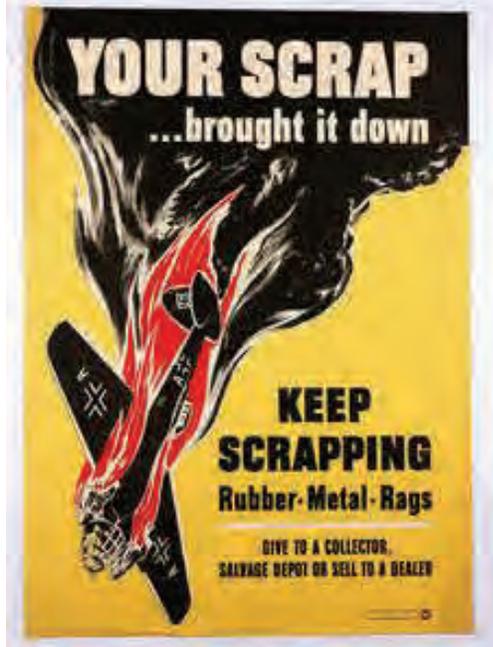
Remember, the TBM is only part of the RMW. Keep involved. Regards Bob

RMWCAF STAFF OFFICERS

Wing Leader (acting)	Bob Thompson
Wing Leader	Collin Fay
Executive Officer	Bob Caskey
Finance Officer	Robert Toth
Adjutant	Jerry McDonough
Operations Officer	Kay Johnson
Maintenance Off.	Rob Duncan
Museum & Mess Sergeant	Dorothy Dutton
Safety Officer	Michael O'Connell
Judge Advocate	Gerald Feather
Public Information Officer	Bruce DeRush
PX Officer	Georgia Thompson
Newsletter Editor	Tom Howe
TBM Aircraft Coordinator	Bob Thompson
Cub Aircraft Coordinator	Charlie Huff
Facilities Manager	Bruce Verstraete
Recruiting Officer	Sandi Caskey

Scrap drives during WWII and then on through the Korean Conflict (War?) were important to the effort in both cases.

This 1942 Gov. Printing Office poster calls for Rubber, Metal and even rags to supply raw materials for war production.



OTHER WWII AIRCRAFT BOTH OURS AND THEIRS



Junkers Ju-188 was a follow-on development of the Ju-88 one of the most successful German aircraft of WWII. The Ju-188 was used as a Bomber, Reconnaissance aircraft, Torpedo Bomber, Night Fighter, Photo Platform, etc. 1000+ were built.

This 1943 Poster called upon the American people to provide support for Norway—which was invaded by Germany on April 9, 1940. and occupied until May 1945.



COL MILES McCORMACK SERVICES SATURDAY MAY, 31

By Col Tom Howe with Help from Col Dorothy Dutton

As you will recall from last month's Propwash, Col Miles McCormack, 93, passed away on April 12, 2014.

Services will be at Callahan-Edfast Mortuary, 2515 Patterson Rd, Grand Junction CO. Saturday May 31st at 11:00 am. **Following will be a reception at the CAF Hangar / Museum at 1:00 pm.**

Miles was a WWII B-17 Pilot and POW. He was an active member of the Confederate / Commemorative Air Force RMW for over 25 years. Miles was a WWII B-17 Pilot fly-

ing with the 8th Air Force out of England and was shot down over Samsø Island, Denmark. Miles had many mementos given him by citizens of Samsø. During an 8th Air Force reunion in England, Miles and his oldest son visited Samsø and met citizens there that took to the crash site.

Miles also became good friends with Heinz Phillip – the radar operator on the JU-88 that was credited with shooting down Miles' aircraft that fateful day.

So long, Miles...

By Col Rob Duncan

I created a special www.rmwcav.org/accident web page and online donation system. On May 5, I e-mailed that web address in a donation request nation-wide to thousands of pilots and aviation businesses a result of my website design business and social networking connections. One such business, Pacific Oil Coolers, donated a new oil cooler, worth about \$3,000. Please use them if you need yours overhauled. Others also made substantial

cash donations. As a direct result of this action, in one week we have collected about \$5,000 of donations via credit cards, and another \$11,000 collected in checks, mostly from non-RMW members. I also donated an additional \$10K. All

donations above \$25 will receive appreciation gifts, depending on the gift level, with an attractive wall plaque is the perk given for any donation in excess of \$1,000. **If you are unable donate any money yourself, at least send a personal donation request, with the above website address, to your friends and family. It works.**



PROJECT PHOENIX FUND RAISING

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SHE ANSWERED THE CALL OF A COUNTRY AT WAR

Now she needs YOUR HELP!

On March 17, 2014 the Rocky Mountain Wing of the CAF's TBM Avenger "309" suffered a collapse of the left main landing gear. Besides replacing the engine and propeller, structural repairs will also be required to the wing, bomb bay, and forward fuselage. Parts for these warbirds are scarce, not easy to find, and expensive when they are located. Many parts will need to be machined from scratch. The CAF is taking donations to help get "309" repaired. Now's your chance to help get the TBM Avenger back to an airworthy condition!

TO MAKE YOUR DONATION, PLEASE VISIT:
www.rockymountainwingcaf.org



SIGN UP NOW!

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- ⇒ July 11, 12, 13th GJT, "Re-Discover Grand Junction Airport", Sponsored by Colorado Pilots Assoc. We'll have J-3 Cub Display and possible Cub rides as well as our PX / Fund Raising booth. Our CAF museum will be the site of the Pilots Association Saturday night dinner. See page 7 for more details.

As always - member support will be necessary to make these events work best for us. Please contact Col Fay Johnson ASAP and help fill the support schedule to overflowing.

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Remember, only **YOU** can make a difference. And don't forget,

it's always fun!



RMWCAF MUSEUM TO HOST COLORADO PILOTS ASSOCIATION (CPA)

By Marisa Fay

As some of you know, the CPA organizes many events around the region to encourage flying, tourism and camaraderie amongst Colorado pilots. They asked Collin, as their area representative, to plan a fly-in event at Grand Junction this summer in an effort to bring some positive attention to our airport and to (hopefully) reinvigorate GA activity here. As some of you also know, Collin took a contract flying a CASA 212 in Alaska all summer long (flying smokejumpers and para-cargo for the BLM), so he kindly passed the buck to his wife for this event.

With the help of the CPA, CAF and West Star, I think we have organized a fun weekend, scheduled for July 11-13, 2014. This weekend coincides with the Palisade Lavender Festival, and, of course, we will be taking the attendees around to area wineries as well. As locals, that part may not interest you, but what hopefully will interest you is the evening dinner planned at the Commemorative Air Force museum, Saturday July 12th. Famous Dave's will be catering a variety of entrees and sides, there will be live music, and Grand Junction Airport Board Chairman Steve Wood will update the crowd with all the positive news happening at GJT. We would also like to have a bar set up, the proceeds from which would go to the TBM restoration fund.

Please consider joining us for some or all of the events that weekend. The CPA price (which in-

cludes all Saturday touring, transportation, and dinner) is \$60 per person. For locals attending just the CAF dinner party, the cost is just \$20 per person. Any proceeds from the weekend event (apart

from the bar) go back to the Colorado Pilots Association. In summary, below are the highlights and registration form. When it gets closer to the event, I will send around

another email soliciting RSVPs for dinner, as we have to confirm numbers in advance for setup, catering, etc.



Sponsors: Collin and Marisa Fay,
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Re-Discover Grand Junction & Palisade

July 11 - 13, 2014

COST: \$60 PP

Deadline to Register: July 1, 2014

It's true, general aviation at GJT has experienced challenges and setbacks in recent years, but we're making progress! With an ousted airport director, a new, GA-friendly airport board, and hours of tenacious citizen and corporate effort, we're getting back on track to be western Colorado's premier airport. Come see what's new-and-improved at GJT, and help spread the word about how small voices can effect huge change!

GENERAL NOTES

Palisade, Colorado is best known by the 3 A's: **Art, Agriculture and Alcohol**. You will tour the local's favorite [Blue Pig Gallery](#), visit area wineries (the distillery and brewery, too, if time permits), and attend the [4th Annual Lavender Festival](#), celebrating the area's newest--and thriving--cash crop. West Star Aviation, the FBO, is waiving ramp fees and providing fuel discounts to fly-in attendees. Additionally, they can book rooms at their corporate rate of \$99 + tax at the nearby [DoubleTree Hotel](#). Car rentals are not required to attend any of the events, but if you wish to rent your own vehicle, West Star has preferred rates with Hertz, located right in the FBO lobby. Activities are scheduled to accommodate either Friday or Saturday arrivals.

WEEKEND SCHEDULE

Friday, 7/11. Arrivals and check-in, all day. At 2:00 pm there is an optional tour of the [West Star Aviation](#) maintenance facilities where you'll see a variety of aircraft undergoing various levels of maintenance. Tour guide will discuss the history of business aviation and the evolution of aircraft from the early days of Bill Lear to the latest technology being used today (approx. 1.5 hours). Dinner on own.

Saturday, 7/12. Plan morning arrivals to GJT by 10:30 am. At 11:00 am, vans will depart West Star Aviation for an afternoon in Palisade to [enjoy wine-tasting](#), the local art scene and the [4th Annual Lavender Festival](#). (Vans and designated drivers included with price, but note that some wineries charge a nominal tasting fee.) Entry to Lavender Festival is free of charge. At 5:00 we will leave Palisade for dinner at the [Rocky Mountain Wing CAF Museum](#). You'll get to see some cool historical stuff in the museum, eat some great BBQ (included with price), and hear from the locals what is new and improving about general aviation at GJT.

Sunday, 7/13. From 7:00 - 9:00 am you can enjoy coffee and breakfast sandwiches at West Star Aviation as you make one last weather check and prepare for the flight home.



Please, complete, detach and send along with your **check made out to Colorado Pilots Association before July 1, 2014** to: Marisa Fay, P.O. Box 23184, Glade Park, CO 81523. Questions? Contact Marisa at mlfay@parkwestair.com or 970-201-4557.

Name(s) _____

Aircraft Type and Tail #: _____

Email Address: _____

Best Contact Telephone #: _____

GJT Fly In, \$60 per person x _____ = Total \$ _____

Hotel Info

- I will arrange for my own hotel room
- I want a room at the Double Tree for \$99 + tax/night. (We will contact you to get credit card information over the phone for hotel confirmation; same day cancellation is available.)

