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ROCKY MTN. AIRSHOW—GREELEY

By Col John Mummery

This year the Rocky Mountain Air Show moved from its usual home in Broomfield to Greeley due to runway repairs in Broomfield. While the show and the crowd was a bit smaller, it was still an enthusiastic crowd and a very well-run show. Taking the PX over for our wing were Cols Kent Taylor, Dick Maddock, and John Mummery. We were joined by prospective members Dwayne Maddock and Julie Barcic. Dwayne is Kent's son living on the front range (and yes he looks just like Dick). Julie is a self-described aviation nerd who works the western slope in the Denver ATC Center (so if you want flight following or IFR you better be nice to her!). It was great having their enthusiasm and skills in retail sales. The team brought back a bit over \$2000 in sales and donations

which made it a very worthwhile trip.

The events started with a twilight and night show on Friday. While a very unusual approach for an air show, it was executed flawlessly with a nighttime jet glider; a Stearman with really cool lights focused on its smoke trail; a 20 ft tall rocket launch; and fireworks that rivalled any local 4th of July celebration. Weather was in and out on Friday but did not impact the show. Unfortunately on Saturday the show was called off early due to a large rain cell that drenched the field. With on-site access to the tornado chaser Doppler radar the air boss gave the crowd advanced warning to clear the field. Of course this meant the usual end of show sales rush which we were very happy to serve. However that meant all our stock was exposed to the torrential rain

when it hit. Luckily the show EMT's were staged next to us with a solid storm shelter and moved us completely into their hut which saved many dollars in damaged inventory. This just proves that air shows are a great place to make new friends!

Other CAF presence at the show included a PX from the Mile High wing; the Red Tail Squadron movie trailer; and Larry Lumpkin flying P-51 Gunfighter in the show. It was really heartening to all of us to hear from our fan base on the front range. Many people came up to us to give us their thanks, support, and understanding of the challenges we are facing with the repair. People gave not only donations but more importantly encouragement. That was the real take away from this show – people truly support us and appreciate what we are doing to get 309 in the air again.



RMWCAF crew at Rocky Mtn. Airshow - Julie Barcic, Col Dick Maddock, Col John Mummery & Dwayne Maddock - all a bit wet.



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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	Greely Airport	Rocky Mtn Air Show		PX	COMPLETED
	28, 9/1	Steamboat Springs	Wild West Air Fest 2014		CUB	COMPLETED
Sep	6	Eagle, CO	Wings & Wheels 2014		CUB	COMPLETED
	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?

We continue to pass through this summer without making TBM appearances - but continue to work hard at those venues where we can.

Thanks to those that continued to volunteer to attend those shows nearby (in a relative sense) and our always ready "CUB Crew", providing entry level warbird rides, our wing has appeared at a few venues with PX sales and Project Phoenix donations continuing to support our efforts.

Thanks to all those Cols that "hung in there" all summer long.

STAFF MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

By Col Collin Fay - acting adjutant

THE RMW held a staff meeting at the hangar on Saturday, September 13th. Highlights of the discussions include:

Finance. Col Toth reported on our current financial situation, the status of TBM repair fundraising efforts, and costs to-date for the TBM repairs.

Maintenance. Col Anderson provided an update on the TBM repair situation via e-mail. Col Duncan indicated that he would be travelling to AirBase Arizona to work on the plane in early October and other interested members are invited to travel with him. We expect to be hanging the overhauled engine on the plane in late October, so volunteers will be needed in Arizona for that effort. The remaining cost of repairs is expected to be within our capability given our current financial resources, thanks to everyone's fundraising efforts.

Museum. Col Dutton indicated that several new exhibit items have been received from Cols Taylor and Maddock.

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Donna Dickerson, wife of long time CAF member and past RMW Leader John Dickerson passed away on September 16, 2014 in Cedaredge, CO. John Dickerson's address is 19621 Surface Creek Rd. Cedaredge CO 81413.



Project Phoenix - Maintenance Report

everybody, although some still had to attend to their “real job”. Thus little was accomplished last month. Jay also has a previous engagement the last half of September, but it should be “full speed ahead” by October.

The Project Phoenix “repair crew” consists of our own Jay “Avid” Anderson, “Rhapsody” Ray Halbe

(fabrication instructor), Domenic “Gung-Ho” Buffo (A&P, IA), Mike “FOD” Kravic (aircraft assembler and repair technician), and Lou “Zealot” Prawitz (aircraft restoration fabricator with the Pima Air & Space Museum), and Gator (watchdog and new AZ CAF Wing COLONEL). During the past six months there have been just a couple

weekend visitors like myself, Rich Connor, Tom Howe, Dick Maddock, Robert Owen, and Willie Hooker, but most of the work has been done by the aforementioned non-RMW volunteers. We should also not forget Floyd Suits who was an integral part of the initial recovery team along with Robert, Willie, and Rich back in March. They removed the engine, and Jim Parker arranged the difficult movement on a flatbed trailer across Phoenix at midnight to the AZ CAF facility.

Nearly all of the damaged parts have been removed. Ray has instructed Jay the art of aircraft component fabrication. Almost every day begins with Jay being among the first to arrive at the AZ museum. He fabricates new parts as instructed, and stops whenever a question arises. Since the rest of

*By Col Rob Duncan
Maintenance Officer*
Those of us who have lived in Phoenix are fully aware the dog days of summer are in August when the humidity and temperature reach simultaneous maximum. You can always find an open tennis court, but can't find a parking place at the public pools. You understand why overflight reveal a swimming pool in nearly every back yard, and lots of boat owners too. You can also understand why after six months of working on the TBM Avenger, our crew needed, and highly deserved, a break. So a three week “TBM” break was taken by



A Typical Phoenix Neighborhood – Aerial View from Google Maps



Shown here us the cleaned and overhauled TBM oil tank, ready for installation. This service, including shipping was **DONATED** by Pacific Oil Cooler Service, along with replacement oil cooler radiator previously discussed. Remember their generosity should similar needs arise for you!



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“Keep 'em Flying”

WING LEADER’S REPORT

By Col Collin Fay

Summer is in the logbook now, and a quick look around indicates we are well in to the Fall season in Colorado. When I left Alaska earlier in the month, Fall was nearly over and Winter was fast encroaching, so it is good to be back in Colorado. I owe a huge debt of gratitude to Col Bob Thompson for taking over my duties as Wing Leader while I was gone. I’m back now, but am planning to spend summers in Alaska for the foreseeable future, so I won’t be able to continue in a Wing leadership role beyond the remainder of my current term, which ends at the close of the year. After four years, it will be good to have someone new in the top job anyway.

I attended the most recent



staff meeting and was encouraged to hear that fundraising efforts for the TBM repairs have been very successful. Col Toth reports that our fundraising efforts locally and nationally via the internet, and through CAF headquarters in Midland, have left us in a fairly good financial position in order to complete the required repairs on the TBM. We also received an insurance payment that will help offset the cost of repairs. Subtracting the estimated remaining costs from our current cash assets results in a reasonable fund balance for

PHOTO OF THE MONTH

Was ist das?

It appears someone has been cross breeding Volkswagen camper busses with Volkswagen Bugs.

This was seen at the Eagle Airport “Wings and Wheels”.

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Photo by Col Rich Connor

future operations, but, of course, we’ll always have to continue raising funds to “keep ‘em flying!”

I was also happy to hear upon my return that Col Anderson has been making steady progress on the TBM at AirBase Arizona in Mesa. I know that he, along with many helpful hands from both the RMW and the Arizona Wing, have been working tirelessly on what I’m sure sometimes seems like an insurmountable task. But slowly and surely, it will come together. They are concentrating on the wing repairs now, then will move on to the nose, the belly, and the bomb bays doors, in that order. The engine has been rebuilt and is ready to ship to Arizona next month. We may be able to hang it on the plane by late October, at which time we’ll need some more hands in Arizona to help. Please let Jay or

Rob know if you can make the trip. We are all cautiously optimistic that the plane may be flying by early next year, but it may take longer – and that is OK. We’ll all just be happy when it is flying again.

Besides the ongoing TBM repairs, we are looking forward to wrapping up the year with the Survivor’s Party, which is now scheduled for December 6th. Please save the date, as we’ll all have a lot to celebrate. Even though we didn’t fly the TBM much this year, we all “survived” the accident, repairs, and fundraising efforts, and we have a lot to look forward to for the coming year. Don’t forget that we’ll be electing new officers for the staff positions of Wing Leader, Executive Officer, and Adjutant. Along those lines, we’ve appointed a nominating committee consisting of Cols Howe, Maddock, and Dutton.

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RMWCAF STAFF OFFICERS

Wing Leader (acting)	Bob Thompson
Wing Leader	Collin Fay
Executive Officer	Bob Caskey
Finance Officer	Robert Toth
Adjutant	Kent Taylor
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

Ration books, stamps, and lots of "recycling" efforts were the daily norm for those fighting from the "home front" during WWII.

Scrap iron drives, rag collections and as shown here - even fat was collected.

Further comments re: fat restricted...



OTHER WWII AIRCRAFT BOTH OURS AND THEIRS



The Avro York transport was designed in 1942 based upon the British Lancaster Bomber. The York and later variants served both the RAF and post war airline markets. Yorks flew with US DC-4's in the Berlin airlift after the war.

This British Lord Kitchener poster (circa 1914) set the stage for the most famous "Uncle Sam Wants You" poster we all recognize. Why re-invent the wheel, so to speak?



STAFF MTG. HIGHLIGHTS (CONT. FROM PAGE 2)

Recruiting. Col Maddock will be staffing a recruiting booth at the Rifle Fall Fly-In on Saturday, September 27th. He could use some help; please call him at 309-8849 to let him know when you can be there

Airport Fence/Gate Update. Col Shepard reported that we can expect implementation of the new Airport Security Plan soon, which will lead to removal of the fence and gates blocking access to the CAF Hangar.

TSA Update. Col Thompson reported that he and Col Taylor, along with other GJT stakeholders, met with US Rep Scott Tipton regarding local TSA issues, in particular the issues which arose following the B-29 visit. We expect that Tipton, along with other US Congressmen, may be introducing legislation to "reign-in" the TSA in the near future.

ICAS. Col Thompson will be attending the International Council of Airshows (ICAS) convention in Las Vegas from December 8th through the 12th. Any member(s) willing to participate in show scheduling is also welcome to attend.

Survivors' Party. The end-of-the-year party, which will include voting for new staff members, will be held Saturday, December 6th.

Nominating Committee. A nominating committee consisting of Cols Howe, Maddock, and Dutton was appointed in order to nominate candidates for the upcoming staff vacancies, which include Wing Leader, Executive Officer, and Adjutant.

Staff Officers. With the return of Col Fay, the elected staff positions were reinstated.

PROJECT PHOENIX (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3)



the repair crew have “real jobs”, they show up when able and at around 3:30 pm. Sometimes help is only available on weekends. The AZ CAF museum does have a regular maintenance staff, but they have their own overriding projects and duties. They also only come in on M-W-F. Although some are A&P’s, very few have the fabrication skills needed at this time. We will be using some of their skills later, like with painting damaged areas the aircraft. Airbase Arizona’s

has truly been fabulous to work with, providing us with the space, equipment, and knowledgeable volunteers exactly when we need them. Having this accident in their backyard was like having a heart attack in a huge hospital’s doorway! Excellent friendships are forming with these excellent plane doctors.

The wing still has two ribs which require repair. The leading edge has been sent out for fabrication, and the upper skin will be replaced as one (really) long piece just as it came from the Grumman factory. Then the repair crew can remove the lower skin and repair any further damage found there. Once the wing repairs are fully completed, the remaining repairs will commence, and the aircraft will be movable again should that be required by the AZ CAF. This will be the time when more RMW volunteers will be truly needed.

Wing Leader’s Report

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Please contact one of them if you are interested getting involved in the leadership of the Wing, or if you have a suggestion for someone who should. Also at the Survivors’ Party will be the Awards presentation. We have a lot of deserving members this year, as always. Please contact me or Col Thompson with your suggestions for awards.

Thanks again to everyone for your work this summer while I was away. Working together, we will get the TBM flying again, continuing our mission to “keep ‘em flying!”

Shown here is a clipping from the AZ Wing’s newsletter about the TBM repairs underway. Jay’s patriotic companion “Gator” is highlighted.



Left - a battle damaged B-17 headed straight for “309”. (As if 309 didn’t have enough problems already...
Right - Mike Kravic riveting the stringer splices .



WINGS & WHEELS AT EAGLE



Photo by Col Rich Connor

By Col Bob Thompson

The annual "Wheels & Wings" show, September 6, at Eagle/Vail was a limited success as the TBM did not attend but our J-3 Cub and a hearty RMW group did participate.. This show features a well attended "Classic Car Show" complete with an auto auction. The airshow portion of the show featured a few acrobatic acts with Pitts and Stearman's and lots of flybys with a T-28, Trojan, P-51 Mustang, Beech Stagger Wing, Gnat Jet Trainer and several others. Again we were asked where is the TBM??? and we answered, Next Year !!. Our PX did

well as did donations to the TBM repair fund. The Cub gave 6 revenue rides which was somewhat limited due to the show's waiver airspace times.

Vail Valley Jet Center, VVJC, hosted this event and really did an outstanding job in planning and its execution. The Air Boss was our friend from the RMAS Air Show, Scott McMillan.

Those hearty RMW members were ; Dick Maddock, Rich Connor, Kent Taylor, Tom Howe, Charlie & Carol Huff and Bob & Georgia Thompson.



And the most popular part of any Air Show is....



Photo by Col Rich Connor

The Helicopter Ride guys seemed to enjoy trying to blow our cub over - **every ride...** Col Charlie Huff probably never had commercial passengers this happy. And oh yes, there were wheels - some really nice wheels. ↓



The shade provided by Col Howe's Clown Airplane was a popular spot during the air show sequences. Some of the fans actually watched the air-planes - - others watched...