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Closer
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Its Coming...

Then - WHAM!!




Photo by Col Tom Caskey

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By Col Tom Howe, editor

Dealing with our governments - at any level in any branch it seems requires completing a never ending, massive amount of paperwork - or in the new Obama Care world - massive amounts of digital records. While maybe not continuing as King of bureaucratic paperwork (see Obama Care above) the Federal Aviation Administration was long recognized as one of the most prolific and the most heavily enforcing agency when requiring forms being completed prior to allowing the operation of aircraft.

That massive paper generating machine is the latest manipulative action that has our "309" looking skyward like a caged eagle out of rehab.

But our Cols Thompson and Caskey along with support from both CAF Airbase AZ

and CAF HQ are diligently massaging the monster to finally get "309" airborne.

The required FAA Form 337 will be completed and filed and accepted.

We will be flying and supporting air shows again soon!

Are you ready to do your part when that happens??

THIS MONTH'S (JULY) ISSUE OF PROP-WASH GAZETTE WAS DELAYED IN PUBLICATION AND AS A RESULT HAS BEEN SHORTENED FROM THE DETAILED, TIMELY, INFORMATIVE, PREVIOUS ISSUES TO A NOT QUITE SO TIMELY, INFORM...

THE ENTIRE REPORTING, EDITORIAL AND PUBLICATION STAFF WAS OVERWHELMED BY LAST MINUTE PREPARATIONS AND ACTIVITIES FOR THE JULY 4TH HOLIDAY!



RMW AIR SHOW SCHEDULE - 2016

MONTH	DAYS	LOCATION	SHOW	TBM	CUB	STATUS
Jun	4-5	Albuquerque, NM	Kirtland AFB			CANCELLED
	18	Boulder, CO	Airport Day			CANCELLED
	25-26	Ogden, UT	Warriors over the Wasatch			CANCELLED
Jul	4	Glenwood Springs	Independence Day			CANCELLED?
	27	Cheyenne, WY	Frontier Days w/TB			DOUBTFUL
Aug	19-20	Powell, WY	Wings & Wheels			CONFIRMED
	27	Evanston, WY	Airport Day & Airshow			CONFIRMED
	31 - 9/4	Grand Junction, CO	FIFI visits GJT			CONFIRMED
Sep	2 - 4	Steamboat, CO	AirFest			CONFIRMED
	10	Eagle / Vail, CO	Wings & Wheels			CONFIRMED
	17-18	Durango, CO	Aviation Celebration		?	PENDING
	30-10/1	Prescott, AZ	Arizona Skyfest			CONFIRMED
Oct	1	Telluride, CO	Airport Open House			CONFIRMED
	28-30	Dallas, TX	CAF AirSho			POSSIBLE

Too much purple on the right side of this chart. We'll soon be adding "COMPLETED" to the remaining "CONFIRMED" entries. We're so close.....
...Get Ready!

Col Dick Maddock is preparing to order 2017 CAF Ghosts Calendars. Be sure to let him know how many you want for Christmas gift, etc.
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NEW CAF TRACON LEAD - COL BARRY HANCOCK

Formation flying is perhaps one of the most rewarding types of aviation. For 2016 we have put a major emphasis on revitalizing and promoting the CAF TRARON group and its mission. The mission of TRARON

is to be the body within the CAF which is charged with training and standards for formation flying.

For the last year Jim Munn has served as interim TRARON lead and has guided us through the transition

period. During this time we have been actively looking for someone to take on this important position. I'm happy to announce that Barry Hancock has stepped up to the challenge.

A few weeks ago I was proud to attend our first TRARON clinic of 2016 in Wendover, Utah. The video below is a recap of the event. Barry organized and promoted the clinic and did a great job. Be sure to thank Jim Munn for his interim leadership and lets all support Barry as we move

forward.

A little bit about Barry.....

Barry "Bdog" Hancock has had warbirds and aviation in his blood since he was a kid. With nearly 3500 hours of flight experience, most of that in warbirds, Barry holds a Commercial license and is a Certified Flight Instructor specializing in upset recovery, spin training, and aerobatics. Bdog is one of the few civilian pilots to fly in formation with military F/A-18 Hornets and has also lead a formation flight of 26 air

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WWII QUIZ	ANSWERS ON PAGE 3
<u>Multiple Choice</u>	
1. Which Allied nation can claim that its ships were the vanguard of the Normandy invasion?	
A. France (free forces) B. United States C. Britain	
<u>The Air War</u>	
2. Identify the first fighter designed for carrier use by the British?	
<small>Thanks to author Timothy B. Bensford</small>	



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“Keep 'em Flying”

WING LEADER'S REPORT

By Col Bab Caskey

Wing leaders report six of 2016.

Well folks, as the saying goes, it's not over until the fat lady sings. She is walking down the aisle, ready to sing but low and behold she forgot her paper with her music on it. She is running back to play catch-up.

Well that just about sums it up. There is some paperwork for the wing spar repair that should've been accomplished a long time ago. So once more our project is held up. Hopefully, the repairs will be of the quality necessary to return our beloved TBM to safe service. This has been an incredible journey I would recommend that any wing that isn't more than 100 members, call us if they ever have an event similar to ours. We have learned a lot of lessons. Some of them have been really hard, and if we had it to do over again, we would have done things differently. As an old saying in the West always shut the gates, never spit into



the wind, and what is is. Bill Clinton would agree with that. So we are were going to get her finished and hopefully will be able to attend the rest of the airshows that we have scheduled and start putting some money in the bank. Please, I say it again, please hang in there



We will be back on track soon.

In the meantime, good things are still going on out at our Wing. Kay Johnson donated a computer and I purchased

PHOTO OF THE MONTH



the software and joystick for a flight simulator program that you need to come out and try. I think this will be a big hit when we start bringing the public back into our Museum. I don't know what I would've done the last few months had it not been for Bob Thompson's help. He's a steady hand. He knows what needs to be done. He is a lot more patient than I am, for that I am grateful. Many people have continued to come out and support our Wing during this very painful time. I hesitate to start listing them for fear that I would forget someone in the process.

By the time you read this Sandi and I will be on a month-long vacation. Since she retired, we have not taken a vacation to reward her many years of work. As you know she had a stroke in February and within about 30 seconds my priorities changed. So with Sandi, as my copilot, we are headed southeast tomorrow morning bright and early. The only schedule we have it to be in Salida tomorrow night then Dodge City, Kansas the next night to watch the gun fight. We're following the blue highways no interstates and letting our interest take us where it may.

When I get back home, I'm looking forward to smelling the oil of a big round engine in our hangar. I'm also looking forward to crawling in the bilge and flying to an airshow someplace and enjoying the reason that we are members of the Commemorative Air Force.

The Red Tail event is still on and going forward. Thanks to Tom Dennis and Rebecca, who by the way is getting married in October (Congratulations). The Red Tail event will be one of the best things we've done to fulfill our mission in this community. Please contact Tom or Rebecca and make yourself available so the event will be a success.

You are very special people that have a heart for a very special mission. These aircrafts that we are caring for are probably the last aircraft a group like ours will ever be able to maintain and take to airshows. I wish we could afford an F-16, but I know that is out of the picture. Please take some time to be with your families, spend some time for yourself, and then come back and help us make the Rocky Mountain Wing the best wing in the Commemorative Air Force.

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OTHER WWII AIRCRAFT



Fairey's Fulmar was the Fleet Air Arm's first carrier-based fighter with the same weight and firepower of the RAF's Hurricane and Spitfire. In fact, the Fulmar was developed for the FAA after being rejected by the RAF. 600 were built 1940 - 1943. Replaced by Grumman F4F Wildcats and Supermarine Seafires for combat the Fulmar retained a reconnaissance role.

WWII QUIZ (SEE PAGE 2) ANSWERS

1. C. Britain

Twelve minesweepers cleared the waters close to the French shore on June 5 at night.

2. The Fairey Fulmar. It was introduced to aircraft carrier services aboard the Illustrious in 1940 with the 806th Squadron



Formation Flying with CAF TRACON Lead Col Barry Hancock

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craft at the world famous Airventure air show in Oshkosh, WI. Barry has acted as Lead pilot for a 9 ship air show demonstration team on the West Coast in addition to many other mass formation flights. Barry also ran one of the largest formation clinics in the country, All Red Star, for 7 years and has conducted formation ground schools for over 10 years.

Hancock is also the owner of Worldwide Warbirds, Inc., and has flown dozens of warbird aircraft including the Stearman, T-6, T-28, Yak-50, Yak-52, L-29, L-39, CJ-6A, and many more, and currently flies a low-level aerobatic routine in the T-6. Addition-

ally, he is an active aerobatic competitor in the Pitts S2C, and also a Formation Instructor holding a Check Pilot rating with the CAF TRARON Association. Barry has a passion for sharing this type of flying with people and also gives back to the aviation and military community by volunteering with the Commemorative Air Force, performing missing man formations, and writing articles for various flying publications. He regularly speaks to youth and special interest groups about making dreams come true through our unique gifts and talents. He and his wife Michelle reside in Lindon, UT, are the proud parents of 6 appropriately troublesome

Ed. Note: This article written by Col David Oliver, Safety, Operations and Maintenance Officer, CAF HQ was reprinted from a Friday, July 1, release from CAF Headquarters.

Of course Col Barry Hancock is a member of our Rocky Wing and plans to become a pilot of our TBM "309".

Congratulations Barry - we couldn't do it without Colonels like you!