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AIRCRAFT FLYING AT THE GENESEO AIRSHOW JULY 12/13:

- Mitsubishi A6M "Zero" (x6)
- Aichi D3A Type 99 Carrier Bomber "Val"
- Nakajima B5N "Kate" 🖰
- F-35A Lightning II
- F/A-18F Super Hornet
- P-51 Mustang (x5)
- B-25J Mitchell (x4)
- FG-1D Corsair (x3)
- TBM Avenger
- FM-2 Wildcat
- C-53-DO
- C-47 Skytrain (x2)
- PT-17 Stearman
- SB2C Helldiver
- SIAI-Marchetti SF260 (Aerobatic Act)
- Pitts Model 12 (Aerobatic Act)





Replica Aircraft



National Warplane Museum Members are ALWAYS welcome at the airshow as our guests!

FRIDAY – Friday is airshow arrival and rehearsal day. There is no formal program. On Friday, **ONLY MEMBERS** will be admitted. The airfield and museum are NOT OPEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC. Members, please follow the Tailgate Signs. ALL PARKING will be in the tailgating parking area on a FIRST COME FIRST SERVED BASIS. Show your membership card OR a membership confirmation email at the Admission Gates.

ON SATURDAY & SUNDAY – Members, please follow the GENERAL ADMISSION SIGNS for your free admission, UNLESS you have PURCHASED a TAILGATING TICKET. Show your membership card OR a membership confirmation email at the Admissions Gates for General Admission access.

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THE SKYS THE LIMIT!

By Ruth Henry

The "FLYING OBJECTS" Kids Day sold-out in March with 270 pre-registered attendees for the May 17th aviation-themed crafts, activities and exhibits! The

REMAX Hot Air Balloon fired their basket burner, Monroe Astronomical Rocket Society and the Free flight Society of Western NY launched, the Finger Lakes Soaring Club displayed a Glider, the Rochester Area Flyers presented a colorful array of parasails and paragliders, and a 1/2 scale lunar lander demanded explanation.

Admission for the educational event was free (donations were welcomed) and made possible through a grant from Genesee Valley Council on



the Arts and sponsorship from REMAX and Community Bank. With 22 volunteers (4 from MOOG) and 9 craft/activity stations, there were a lot of moving pieces! The activities showcased the Four Elements of Flight (thrust, drag, lift and gravity) and volunteers were coached to prompt the kids to notice these elements during an activity.

"We had a great time, more fun than we thought we would have! The paper airplane contest was a blast as a family, and our twins really loved playing with the stomp rockets!", commented guest Raquel Reyes.

Geared to ages 4-14, kids chose prizes when they completed 3 activities. The paper airplane contest, hosted by champion incumbent Austin Wadsworth, remained popular for families throughout the day, with ice cream cones awarded for distance and accuracy.



Janaliese Rodriguez observes her stomp rocket

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("The Sky's The Limit!" continued)

Many home-educating families attended because of early email notification to Rochester and Livingston County Homeschool networks. "It seemed a natural fit", commented Ruth Henry, FLYING OBJECTS coordinator. "Home-educating families look for academic, hands-on, accessible and affordable activities and this event fits the bill".



Brandon Hubbard launches his glider

Holly Stettner, retired 6th grade history teacher, stepped up as the exhibitor liaison and event co-chair, eager to promote the STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and math) components. "Education should be engaging and fun. Show kids a problem and let them figure it out. One never knows who you are inspiring to dream big one day!"

The Museum welcomed families into the Long Hanger to view the displays, and many continued into the Big Hanger where mechanical maintenance volunteers answered questions and highlighted the history of the planes. "It was exciting to see so many young people in the hanger!" Craig Wadsworth effused.

Rochester Redwings Mascot Spikes, made a guest appearance, high-fived the kids and handed out baseball schedules and bumper stickers. The Genesee Valley Childrens Choir presented a special selection of aviation and era related songs, opening their performance with a harmony-layered rendition of our National Anthem.

"The stories and history housed here at The National Warplane Museum are important and worthy of attention from young and old. We have done a good job with the adults and seniors; this event is an initiative to give young people a reason to come, romp the fields and see all the cool planes and stuff!" said Henry.

Discussion is already underway for a 2026 FLYING OBJECTS event.



THE NATIONAL WARPLANE MUSEUM



would like to recognize our sponsors for the 2025

FLYING OBJECTS Kid's Day

REMAX Community Bank Genesee Valley Council on the Arts

and also thank our exhibitors:

Rochester Area Flyers
Finger Lakes Soaring
Western NY Free Flight Society
(WNYFFS)

Monroe Astronautical Rocket Society
(MARS)

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Air Force ROTC Commissioning Ceremony

By Brian Trzaskos

The National Warplane Museum was once again honored to host the 2025 Air Force Reserve Officers' Training Corps (AFROTC) Detachment 538 Commissioning ceremony. The Detachment is based at Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT) and serves ROTC students from several Rochester area colleges.



The 2025 class included 8 cadets who were commissioned as new 2nd Lieutenants and will serve in either the Air Force or the Space Force. This was an impressive graduation class with student academic majors including chemistry, electrical and mechanical engineering, biotechnology, Kinesiology, computer science, supply chain management, and cybersecurity. These cadets will

serve in various military specialties including intelligence, developmental engineering, nuclear and missile operations, combat systems officer, operations analyst,

and electrical engineering.

The commissioning was attended by many family members and friends. The ceremony had a personal touch as each graduate repeated their oath with a military member of their choosing, and the pinning on of the 2nd Lieutenant rank was done by family members. Additionally, each graduate's first salute was completed with the military member



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("Air Force ROTC Commissioning Ceremony" continued)

of their choice – many of which included military family members.



The Detachment is led by Lieutenant Colonel Christopher Denzer, a former C-130 pilot. This commissioning would be his last as he is retiring soon. His staff includes two officers, two enlisted troops as well as senior staff assistant Elizabeth Polmateer. After the ceremony, many guests toured the Museum and static displays.







THE NATIONAL WARPLANE MUSEUM IN GENESEO, NY PROUDLY PRESENTS:

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BIG BAND MUSIC & DANCING IN THE HANGAR SATURDAY, SEPT 20th, 2025 5 - 7 PM 3489 BIG TREE LANE, GENESEO, NY

INFO & TICKETS AVAILABLE ONLINE AT: NATIONALWARPLANEMUSEUM.COM

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The Art of Motorless Flight

By Ruth Henry

How can planes fly without engines? The FINGER LAKES SOARING CLUB of Dansville invites NWM members and guests to attend a free presentation at Swanson Hall (NWM Visitor's Center) on Thursday, August 14th, from 7-9pm where FLSC Board Member, Cy Kastner, will explain the Art of Motorless Flight.

Presentation topics include:

Technical design of Sailplanes
Physics of motorless flight
Dynamics of weather

"Soaring is the easiest and least expensive gateway to aviation", says Cy. "Our objective is to promote opportunities for all aviation enthusiasts to enjoy the flight experience."





Gliders have reached an altitude of more than 74,000 feet and a single ride record exceeds 1,800 miles.

FLSC has brought in a glider for display at our Greatest Show on Earth Air Show over the past several

years. They also displayed at the FLYING OBJECTS Kids Day in May. Several members of the FLSC also hold memberships with NWM. The FLSC is a 501C-3 Educational Non-Profit Flying Club and Flight School operating out of the Dansville Airport.

To attend this free presentation, please register with Cy Kastner, at 585-410-2360.

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C-119 "Flying Boxcar" Update

By Dave Kolchuk

With the airshow coming soon, the Boxcar Boys have been keeping busy.

Bob and Kyle have been focusing on getting the C119 power washed. They have done a really good job. The missing park bench cover was found and put back in place. The benches will be uncovered and conveniently placed for airshow visitors. The sanding and primer painting of the lower propeller blades is now finished. The yellow tips are to be painted next.



The new exit stairs were brought out to the plane to be fit to the aft end of the fuse-



lage. Measurements were taken and transferred to the landscape timbers for exact placement of the stairs. Cuts will be made in the timbers, leaving channels for the stairs to travel through. During the airshow when the clam doors are open, the stairs will be moved up against the fuselage for people to exit out the back end of the aircraft. The crew door stairs near the

front of the airplane will be the entry point into the aircraft.

There are still many large and small chores to be done before the airshow begins. Hope to see you soon!





VIEWING THE WALL IS FREE AND OPEN 24 HOURS EACH DAY PAGE 13 HANGAR TALES

Casey Bukowski Turns 101!

Pictures and info by Jamieson Steele





Casey at Encore Aviation, Genesee County Airport, Batavia, for a 101st birthday party, put on my Amy Beechler and other friends.





Casey was presented with a model of his B-17 *'Friday the 13th'* from which he departed on his 16th mission (2/22/1944), by parachute. Only 4 of the ten-man crew survived. He was badly wounded, then held captive as a POW for 14 months.



Last year, he celebrated his 100th birthday at his old 381st Bomb Group. 532 Bomb Squadron air base at Biggin Hill, England. This was followed by a trip to Normandy for the 80th Anniversary of D-Day.

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The Pennington P-51 'Lucy Gal' Tuskegee Flight Memorial (Part Two) An effort to honor a local MIA Red Tail takes-off, again By Austin Hancock

(...continued from "Hangar Tales Nov—Dec '24"...)

I remember that spring day in 2011 when I received Leland Pennington's MACR (Missing Air Crew Report) in the mail. An envelope from the Air Force Historical

Research Agency at Maxwell AFB, greeted me at my mailbox, bulging with promise of the information I had been seeking. I could not recall the last time I had been so excited to receive a parcel of snail mail, in the email era. Perhaps when I got my acceptance letter to JCC for the Professional Pilot program, during my senior year in high school. Yet, this brought even more excitement to my spirit. I knew what I was going to hear from the community college I applied to, it was a mere formality. The program wasn't very popular or competitive. I did *not* know what I was going to find when I opened up this envelope from the AFHRA, it could be a gold mine.



I delayed opening the envelope until later that evening, so I could have motivation to get through the rest of the day. Once I unwound from a chaotic, but productive day of courses and work, I sat down and opened up the letter. I was simply in awe. What sat before me was a complete narrative of Leland's last mission, or so I thought at the time (more on that later.) At the top of the papers, a summary of the mission on the day Leland went missing. It was an escort mission, protecting B-24 Liberators of the 49th Bomb Wing over the Attnang-Pucheim Marshalling Yards, in Austria. I turned the page, and was next met with a map of where Leland was last seen. He was spotted about 15 miles west of Zara, Yugoslavia (now Croatia.) Leland radioed to his wingmen, 2nd Lt. Yenwith Whitney and 1st Lt. Jimmy Lanham, that he was "Sack timing solo" and did not require assistance. The later information came from the next two pages in the MACR, witness statements from

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those who flew with him that day.

As I turned to the last page of the MACR package, sent to me by the AFHRA, my heart skipped a beat. The final page, a summary of Leland's MIA mission, included complete information on his airplane:

"AIRCRAFT: Type, model & series P-51B-10

AAF Serial Number: 42-106603

NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT: Lucy Gal"

I was floored, the name 'Lucy Gal' jumped off the page at me. The name of Leland's wife (also listed in the MACR), this name had such a strong tone to it, a tone that lent itself nicely to a project to honor our local Tuskegee Airman. I now had (almost) all the pieces of the puzzle that was Leland's disappearance, and could run forward with a project to keep his story flying.

Within a week of receiving Leland's MACR, a letter from the Smithsonian showed up in my mailbox. This was perfect timing, as the envelope contained more information about the airplane I had just learned the name of, *'Lucy Gal.'* The National Air & Space Museum had managed to locate the *Aircraft Record Card* for P-51B-10NA #42-106603. I now had more background on the airframe that Flight Officer Pennington had flown, just a mere week after learning the Mustang's name. Assigned the Contract #AC-03479, the P-51 that would eventually become 'Lucy Gal' was kept stateside until March of 1944. She was sent overseas to serve with the 301st Fighter Squadron of the 332nd Fighter Group, the Tuskegee Airmen.

There was no going back, now. I *had* to do it. I *had* to somehow acquire a P-51 Mustang, and restore it as *'Lucy Gal,'* as a flying tribute to F/O Leland Pennington. I initially thought that it would be feasible to organize a search party over in Croatia, and search for the original *'Lucy Gal.'* In the days *just* preceding the rise of Reddit and Facebook "Groups" feature, I leaned on online forums focused on WWII aircraft (such as Warbird Information Exchange, aka "WIX") as a means to express my desire to make this dream a reality. As luck would have it, I found favorable support for my proposal, and made a contact over in Croatia whose

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("The Pennington P-51 'Lucy Gal'...." continued)

hobby it was to search for WWII aircraft wrecks. Nothing has come of this connection, but we do keep in touch to this day.

As luck would have it, right as I began learning more about Leland, 'Lucy Gal,' and their final mission, the feature film Red Tails was slated for an upcoming release. The timing was perfect, as it allowed me to "piggyback" on the hype of the upcoming film and promote my effort, the P-51 'Lucy Gal' Project. I hit social media hard and promoted everything I had learned and planned to do. I connected with Red Tails production company Lucasfilms, and various actors from the movie through my efforts. As a result, my project was shared by their social media pages, via Facebook, Twitter re-tweets and agency newsletter highlights.

I was asked to write an article for *Air Classics* about my plan, and was interviewed by various local media outlets as the movie's release date drew nearer. Leland was becoming a "rock star," of sorts. The highlight of all this was being invited to set-up an information table and donation jar (or, donation bomb) at the local cinema on *Red Tails'* release day. I was interviewed on television by the local news prior to that night, and as a result, did very well in raising awareness. The benefits from the networking I did, and the connections I made, still benefit me and the project today.

As the hype of the *Red Tails* release began to dwindle, in the weeks that followed the films' release, I began to focus my efforts on learning more about Leland Pennington, the person. I wanted to go beyond his military service, to get to know who he really was and his background. As I mentioned earlier, I had a little bit of info from his buddy, and fellow Tuskegee Airman, Charlie Price. But, I still craved more. I began to take trips to the Rochester, NY City Library, scouring their records for anything I could find with his name. I managed to turn up some images from his Monroe High School yearbooks, including photos from his athletic endeavors. I also unearthed a poem he wrote as part of the school's "Aviation Club," titled "God Is My Copilot."

Akin to me opening and reading Leland's MACR, I was shook to the core by this poem. Goosebumps immediately awoke on my skin. It was like Leland was

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("The Pennington P-51 'Lucy Gal'...." continued)

jumping out to me from the page, giving me ammunition to tell his story. I am still digging to find more information about the Monroe HS "Aviation Club," particularly if they actually flew real aircraft or not. A colleague sent me some news article snippets from the period, mentioning airplane model competitions. But, I have a hunch that given the need for pilots in the USAAF at the time, Monroe may have been a part of the Civilian Pilot Training Program (CPTP.) If so, I'd really like to find exactly what type of aircraft they flew in preparation for military flying. The search continues.

(to be continued...)

HEADQUARTERS 332ND FIGHTER GROUP Office of the Intelligence Officer A. P. O. 520, U. S. Army

D-RBW/jtw

21 April 1945.

NARRATIVE MISSION REPORT NO. 297

MISSION NO. 297 - 99th and 301st Fighter Squadrons.

1. MISSION: To provide close escort on PTW for B-24's of the 49th Bomb Wing attacking ATTANG - PUCHEIM M/Y. The mission was not accomplished as briefed (see narrative and comments).

2. AIRCRAFT STATISTICS: 23 off at 0957 hours. Effective sorties: 22. Mon-effective sorties: 1 (missing).

22 A/C penetrated to 4710N - 1425E at 1130 hours.
22 A/C down at base at 1412 hours.
1 P-51 missing. P-51 left formation at 1050 hours near Zera to return alone to base. Pilot did not desire escort.

3. NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF MISSION: 23 P-51's took off from Ramitolli A/D at 0957 hours. 1 A/C left the formation emroute near Zara and was classed as MES. 22 P-51's continued on course to 4710N - 1425E arriving at 1130 hours, 16,000 to 19,000 feet. At this point fighters encountered a solid overcast from the top of the Alps up to 23,000 feet. At 1155 hours over 4709N - 1424E from 19,000 feet, 1 B-24 of the 49th Bomb Wing was seen and called over R/T that he was dropping his bombs in this area. 2 P-51's wore dispatched as escort. At 1220 hours from 17,000 feet, over 4618N - 1435E, 18 B-24's of the 49th Wing were seen withdrawing and 8 P-51's wore dispatched as escort. Bombors were escorted to 4415N - 1500E where P-51's left them at 1330 hours at 18,000 feet. The remaining 12 P-51's remained in the area of 4710N - 1425E until 1245 hours and returned to base without contacting any additional bombers. 22 down at base at 1412 hours. Formation Leader: It Ellis.

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 - a. Seen (not encountered): Nil.
- 5. Plak: Hil.
- 6. OBSERVATIONS: Hil.
- 7. RADIO SECURITY: Satisfactory.
- S. PRIBIDLY A/C: NIL.
- 9. STRAFING: NIL.

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A 90th Birthday Party for Austin!

Pictures by Terry Swan

On Saturday, June 7th, family, friends and museum volunteers gathered in the big hangar to celebrate the 90th birthday of one of the founders and president of the museum, Austin Wadsworth. Long tables of food and several coolers of beverages were set up to feed the large visiting crowd. The Nate Rawls Band played big band music, to which some chose to dance. Everyone was enjoying themselves in conversations with old acquaintances, some who came from out-of-town.

Please enjoy the photos!



The Birthday Boy!



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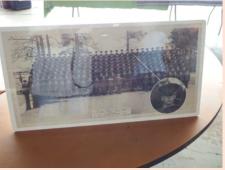
The Nate Rawls Band



A United States Marine!



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Talking With Nate Rawls



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Refreshments

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Ed Van Dyne



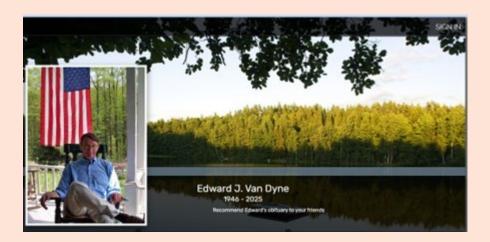
So, who was that guy out there mowing nearly every day of the week? That would have been Ed VanDyne, retired mental health counselor, who tirelessly mowed our many acres, day after day, never complaining. Without Ed, the runway, parking areas, and show grounds could have been wild fields.

The National Warplane Museum is sad to announce the death of our friend and longtime volunteer. Ed was born in Bath, NY on April 25, 1946. He grew up on the family apple farm in Troy, Pennsylvania, and attended Hanover College in Indiana. Ed started with a career of wine making, working for Leelanau Wine Cellars (MI) for many years. In 1987 he attended Michigan State University where he graduated with a master's degree in social work. He completely changed careers, becoming an addictions counselor, until his retirement in 2015. During retirement Ed kept

busy. He worked tirelessly for the board of elections for the town of Canandaigua. A lifelong love of flying led him to Volunteer many hours here at the National Warplane Museum.

We are finding that it takes many people to step in and do the job you have done for many years. You will be missed!





2025 Calendar of Events



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MARS Sport Launch	6/28-6/29	www.marsclub.org
Whiskey 7 Independance Day Fly Overs	TBD	(585)243-2100
GENESEO AIR SHOW	7/11-7/13	(585)243-2100
Flying Aces Event	7/16-7/19	David Mitchell(202)744-9345
Rides Day	7/26	(585)243-2100
MARS Sport Launch	7/26-7/27	www.marsclub.org
Geneseo VFW Picnic	8/2	Tony Gurak (585)489-1698
MARS Sport Launch	8/9-8/10	www.marsclub.org
FLSC Soaring Presentation	8/14 @ 7pm	Cy Kastner (585) 410-2360
WNY Free Flight-Yankee Air Pirate Challenge	8/15-8/17	Mark C. Rzadca (wnyffs@gmail.com)
Volunteer Pot Luck	8/23	(585)243-2100
Pancake Breakfast	9/1	(585)243-2100
WNY Free Flight - Great Grape Gathering	9/5-9/7	Roy Smith aeronut.kos.net
Wargames Among Warbirds	9/13	wargamesw@yahoo.com
MARS Sport Launch	9/13-9/14	www.marsclub.org
Rides Day	9/20	(585)243-2100
Tommy Dorsey Concert Dance	9/20	(585)243-2100
Moving Wall (Vietnam)	9/25-9/29	John Snyder
Rides Day	10/4	(585)243-2100
MARS Sport Launch	10/11-10/12	www.marsclub.org
Moog Flight Event	10/18	(585)243-2100
MARS Sport Launch	11/8-11/9	www.marsclub.org
Veterans Day Observance	11/11	(585)243-2100

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The National Warplane Museum is a not-forprofit 501 (c) (3) public corporation with a Provisional Museum Charter issued by the New York State Board of Regents. We are dedicated to the preservation and display of significant historical and military aircraft and artifacts for the benefit and education of the public. We honor all Veterans for their service and sacrifice.

The facilities and 5,000-foot grass runway are located adjacent to the picturesque village of Geneseo, NY. Founded in the 1980s, the Museum continues to promote and encourage the appreciation of military and civilian aviation, aeronautics and aviation history. It serves the community with flying events, museum displays, social functions and educational opportunities associated with these aircraft and their history. To date, we have twenty historic aircraft owned by or associated with the Museum. We are operating profitably and have increased the attendance to our annual Geneseo Airshow in each of the last five years. Plans for the future include expanded facilities and additional aircraft.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP (OR RENEWAL)

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