

# Hangar Tales

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# “Whiskey 7” Pays final Tribute to Les Cruise

by Brian Trzaskos

“On June 6, 1944, among the 821 C-47s flying toward the Cotentin Peninsula to drop paratroopers of the 82nd and 101st Airborne Divisions is a C-47A-60-DL with serial number 43-30652. (**“Whiskey 7”**)

This C-47, built at Long Beach and delivered to the USAAF on September 23, 1943 is the lead plane of serial #18 which carries the 3rd Battalion of the 505th PIR. Aboard the plane,



men of H company and the commanding officer of the 3rd Battalion, Lt. Col. Edward C. Krause.

Also among these men from H company is Private First Class Leslie Palmer Cruise, Jr.” (from <http://www.6juin1944.com/6juin14/4330652.php>)

This was not the last time that Les and W7 would cross paths. In 2014, when the museum was planning the trip for the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of D-Day, we discovered that Les was the last living surviving para-

trooper that jumped from W7 on D-Day. We invited him to join us. He met us in Europe, and together we flew over St Mere-Eglise. He would make several trips to Geneseo for our airshow, the last in 2018 with members of his family.

It was with great sadness that we learned of his passing this past January. The family was contacted, and plans were put in place for “Whiskey 7” to go to Philadelphia to pay a final tribute to this very special man.



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**“D-Day paratrooper laid to rest with a flyover tribute from the WWII warplane he had jumped from”** reads the headline from the “Philadelphia Inquirer, June 18, 2022.



A Whiskey 7 C-47 warplane flies over the funeral service for Leslie Palmer Cruise Jr. at Whitemarsh Memorial Park and Cemetery in Ambler Saturday. TYGER WILLIAMS / Staff Photographer

“White clouds dotted the blue skies as a 1943-built World War II airplane soared above the gravesite where former Army paratrooper PFC Leslie Palmer Cruise Jr. was laid to rest in Ambler Saturday.

But the whipping winds caused plans for a veteran paratrooper to jump from the aircraft at the cemetery to be canceled.

Some 78 years ago, on June 6, 1944, Cruise, who grew up in a Philadelphia orphanage, had jumped from the very same plane, a twin-propeller Douglas C-47A aircraft, on D-Day into Normandy, France.” (Photo and excerpt from “The Philadelphia Inquirer”. Go to <https://www.inquirer.com/news/d-day-paratrooper-leslie-palmer-cruise-funeral-20220618.html> to read the entire article.)

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And while high winds did scrub plans for Commemerative paratrooper jumps, we were pleased to be able to pay tribute to Les and be available for the family. John Lindsay and Chris Polhemus, who piloted the flyover tribute, were both on the Normandy trip. They recounted stories of the trip, and their interactions with Les, for the family. Both men were honored to have taken part in this endeavor.



Chris Polhemus looks on as Les signs the jump door insert on "Whiskey 7" at Geneseo



Whitemarsh Memorial Park from the cockpit of "Whiskey 7"

"He was the true embodiment of the American spirit... How lucky we were to have known him!" wrote Naomi Wadsworth in the Museum's program dedicating the airshow to Les's memory.

And, as "Whiskey 7" made its way back home to Geneseo, there was a sense of pride and a feeling again of "Mission Accomplished!"

Born 5/27/1924, Leslie Palmer Cruise, Jr., passed away on Sunday January 30, 2022. Cruise was a US Army Veteran and a member of the 82nd Airborne, PIR, 505th Regiment and participated in Operation Overlord, on D-Day, June 6, 1944. He went on to serve in other campaigns of World War II, until he returned home to meet and marry

his sweetheart, Shirley Amy Cruise, and began his long career as an architect. Their marriage of 75 years produced 2 children, David and Janet, 6 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Leslie Palmer Cruise, Jr. 05/27/1924 to 01/30/2022  
Shirley Amy Cruise 10/28/1923 to 01/24/2022

# The Glenn Miller Orchestra

By Brian Trzaskos

In 1934, Glenn Miller was the musical director of the Dorsey Band, and later went on to organize The Ray Noble Orchestra. In 1937, he decided to form his own band. There were a few recordings, but it was not a huge success. Then Miller decided to emphasize his new reed section sound. This was the easily recognizable style that would set his band apart from all the rest. The second Glenn Miller Orchestra, formed in March 1938, soon began breaking attendance records all up and down the East Coast. There were record-breaking recordings as well, such as "In the Mood", "String of Pearls", "The American Patrol", and "Pennsylvania 6-5000".

Then war broke out and started to take its toll, as many of the big band musicians, and the rest of country's young men, began receiving draft notices. On October 7, 1942, Miller reported for induction into the Army. After his initial training he was transferred into the Army Air Corps, where he ultimately organized the Glenn Miller Army Air Force Band. Miller's goal of entertaining the fighting troops took another year to be realized. In late 1943 he and the band were shipped out to England where he performed for the troops and did radio broadcasts.

In the Fall of 1944, the band was scheduled to be sent on a six-week tour of Europe and would be stationed in Paris during that time. Miller went on ahead to make arrangements for the band's arrival. And so, on December 15th, Glenn Miller boarded a transport plane to Paris, never to be seen again.



The present Glenn Miller Orchestra was formed in 1956 and has been touring worldwide ever since. One stop on its tour will be at the National Warplane Museum on Friday, August 5th. This performance is being brought to you through the hard work of Donna Walker and her crew.

The concert will be held in the hangar, with hangar doors raised, rain or shine. Padded seating will be provided. Outdoor seating (bring your own chair or blanket) will also be available. A champagne reception, where attendees can meet and talk with band members, will be held in Swanson Hall after the concert. This is included with VIP Seating only! While this is a concert and not a dance, an area for dancing will be set off to the side for those so moved. (See the next page for ticket information.)



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# Geneseo Airshow 2022

Story and Photos by Belinda Connor

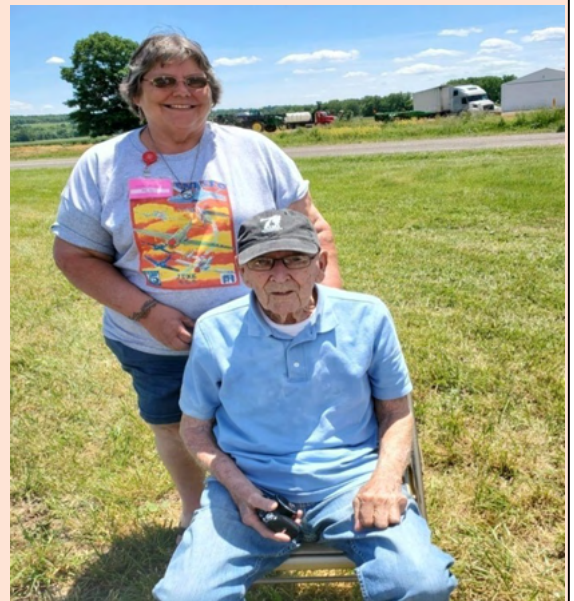
This year at the Geneseo Airshow I had the honor and privilege to meet a gentleman, Mr. Jack Schmidt. He was a P-40 pilot during the war. Thom Richard took



him up in his P-40 last year. Jack loved his flight. Jack, his daughter and son in law were sitting next to my camper in the camping area during the airshow. I spoke with them on Saturday and offered to let them sit under my awning or take them anyplace wanted to go. On Sunday they came back so we visited some more. After Thom Richard's flight, his daughter asked me if I could take

them over to visit him. We got over to the flight line and they directed me to Thom's plane. Jack had the biggest smile when he saw Thom and that Thom remembered him. The two greeted each other and had nice visit.

Afterwards I took Jack and his family on a small tour of the airshow. We looked at the static displays and stopped and talked with all of the re-enactors. I introduced him to them and he took many pictures. Jack will be 100 years old on August 10, 2022. We had a wonderful time and it was such an honor to escort this Veteran. Doing this makes the airshow so special in my eyes. To me this is what it is truly about. Meeting the Veterans, watching their smiles and hearing their stories. Afterwards I brought him back to my camper and his vehicle. His daughter got him in



the car then came over to tell me how happy Jack was. She said it was the best Airshow ever and how much he appreciated everything I did. I told her it was an honor and privilege to be able to do it for him and I look forward to seeing him next year! She said he was already planning on it! I have his address and will be sending him a Birthday card.

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I get to meet wonderful people that camp during the airshow. It is a family atmosphere and everyone is so friendly and helpful. During the year I stay in contact with most of them! One particular family was from Caton. Their nephew from Corning was part of the F22 Raptor team. I secured a front row camping area for them and we really got to know each other. They invited me to be with them during the show to watch Mr VanEtten be sworn as he re-enlisted in the Airforce. It was an honor to watch this and to be with his family. Later that evening I enjoyed visiting with him and his family. This was their first time at our airshow and already they plan to come back next year.



When you take the time to talk with your campers, assist them with information on what is where and when, you make friends. I am so happy to say that many come back year after year! I also have managed to get some of them to volunteer! This makes it worth every minute of being there. A Smile and friendly hello truly opens the

doors and makes memories for our visitors to the airshow.





## Fundraising News!



This year's *Mustang Madness* raffle is off to a great start. Over the airshow weekend we sold nearly \$5,000 in tickets through the gift shop, Top Gun tent, and driving around in our little golf cart hawking chances at some great rides in the air! A special thank you goes out to volunteer John Snyder who rode in the cart with me and made PT Barnum look shy! Thanks John!

With still several weeks yet to go before our drawing at our fly-in breakfast on Labor Day, everyone still has plenty of time to purchase a chance at a ride in Lou Horshel's "Mad Max" P51 Mustang – a ride of a lifetime! Rides in a Mustang in other parts of the country range anywhere from \$1,800 to over \$3,500 depending upon the length of the ride! Thank you so much, Lou, for your generous help to our museum!

Two great second prizes await their lucky winners as well. Rob Gillmans's Vultee BT-13 is another thrill you will enjoy flying over our beautiful terrain, or Steve Nesbitt's Fairchild "Cornell" PT-26! Thanks go out to both Rob and Steve for offering their aircraft for our fundraising event! And finally, 12 winners will win a crack at flying true history by getting a ride our famous Whiskey 7! These rides not only will give the riders a thrill, but the ability to tell their tales for a lifetime!

Full details and rules are on our website. After the drawing, the rides will be scheduled on a special rides day at the museum either this fall or next spring depending upon weather and pilot's schedules. Not to worry, if you are the lucky winner, you will get your ride!

For questions or more details on obtaining tickets, please feel free to email me at: [Larry.Jones@nationalwarplanemuseum.com](mailto:Larry.Jones@nationalwarplanemuseum.com).

Sincerely, Larry Jones

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### 2nd PRIZES



A RIDE IN A BT-13 OR PT-26



THIRD PRIZE  
RIDE IN WHISKEY 7

# C-119—"The Flying Boxcar" News

by Kevin House  
Photos by Dave Kolchuk



The C119 crew had a great airshow. The donations were generous and there were long lines of visitors to see us. Kids especially were thrilled to be inside the airplane. Watching the show from the open aft end of the aircraft was the best seat in the house.



We flew the Ukrainian flag this year next to the American and Canadian flags. Our project manager is of Ukrainian descent, so the flag was shown in support of him and his ancestral homeland.

The Flying Boxcar will be back next year better than ever!



## “Greatest Show on Turf”

Photos and story By Tom Pawlesh

The National Warplane Museum in Geneseo, New York held its annual “Greatest Show on Turf” airshow on June 4th and 5th, 2022. Good weather and cool temperatures brought out large crowds to the drive-in style show. If you haven’t attended the National Warplane Museum’s “Greatest Show on Turf”, you have missed a truly special warbird gathering. This is an intimate air show. No large fence separates the spectators from the aircraft or crews. Visitors are free to move along the flight line, and have the opportunity to do such things as walk through a PBV, talk to a P-51 pilot or have their children photographed in the cockpit of a Stearman biplane. In today’s high-security airport environment, this is a rare opportunity to observe aviation up close and personal.



Photos by Tom Pawlesh

WARBIRDS

Featured performers were the US Air Force F-22 Raptor and Rob Holland in his MXS-RH. Warbird routines included a two ship P-51 Mustang performance by Lou Horschel and Ariel Luedi. Solo demonstrations included Thom Richard flying the P-40 Warhawk and a P-51 Mustang, Lou Horschel again in the FG-1D Corsair and John “Skipper” Hyle in his Harvard.

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Fly-bys included light singles, T-6, SNJ, Canadian Harvard Aircraft Association and PBY Catalina. Jay Hyle made his dad proud flying the Harvard in his first airshow! The Round Canopy Parachute Team made several jumps from the National Warplane Museums WWII veteran C-47 "Whiskey 7".

A Salute to Veterans of all services from the United States and Canada was held midway through the show. All veterans were invited to show center to be recognized. While the Canadian and American National Anthems were played a Missing Man formation consisting of P-51 Mustangs flew overhead.

On the ground were vendors and food booths, a classic car cruise and a large display of military vehicles with over 100 WWII re-enactors. Kids activities included a climbing wall and bounce house. A big thank you goes to all the volunteers that worked hard during the show and for months before in preparation for the weekend. Also, thanks to the pilots that helped with the air2air photo shoot and stayed late for the night photography session.



To see the original article and additional pictures, go to:  
<https://warbirdsnews.com/warbirds-news/geneso-2022-greatest-show-on-turf.html>

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# NOW, THAT'S AN ENTRANCE !!

By Jamieson R. Steele, Collections & Displays

I don't mean the kind of entrance Johnny Carson would make, but the fresh look our museum entrance has now. Mr. Energy, Larry Jones, had Sign Blazers, of Lakeville, create a new sign over the old one. Larry sanded and painted the metal frame, and hung up the new sign. He also created various signs, to hang under the permanent one, with information about events.



Larry said a gentleman stopped and inquired if he needed any help, which he did. So, the fellow, and a few others, got the new sign in the frame. The fellow who stopped allowed that he sure would love to fly in a P-51 someday. Well, Larry just happened to have some P-51 raffle tickets handy, and the helper bought one!



The other fresh look is the new 20', flag pole right by the new sign. I got the pole set from Larry's sale at his brother's former home. He had \$20 on it, and my son's father in law had just given me \$20 for the museum, so done deal! It actually has a value of over \$200, and is a very nice acquisition for us.

Two of Ford Best's kids from the Hilltop program helped dig out the hole, and we filled a large pail with stone, gravel and cement with the mounting sleeve, and packed the sides with more stone. After it set, Jim and Jack George, brothers that volunteer at the museum a great deal, helped me get the pole in the sleeve, and it was quite the challenge! Lucky for us that both boys are very tall, and we got the long pole in the sleeve. A circle of stone with mulch dressed the entire site up very nicely, and we have an entrance to be quite proud of



## LONG HANGAR DISPLAYS & LEGOS AT AIR SHOW

By Jamieson R. Steele, Collections & Displays

Once again, the LEGOs group put up active, moving displays of all



sorts of Lego creations, much to the delight of hundreds who visited the display hangar. Jeffery Johnson, of the 'Rochester LEGO User Group', and his crew set up some amazing displays all over the open spaces of the hangar, and many had aviation themes.

Brian T, our editor, had 'Exhibits' added to the site map in the air show program, and I was told that the announcer also directed folks to see the museum displays, and the Legos. That was a great boost, and the long hangar was full all day, both



days with happy visitors.



What I noticed was that people were actually reading the exhibit descriptions, *really* reading them, not just passing by. That does not often happen with unguided guests during the week. For sure, during our regular hours, guided tours highlight items, better than folks just wandering by themselves. In so many words: we need more tour guides. Really, it is easy, and you m

meet so many interesting people.



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## THE MANY WIZZARDS BEHIND THE AIR SHOW CURTAIN

By Jamieson Steele

First of all, there are just too many people to be thanked for the important jobs that they do, that are not so obvious to others. I shall miss many, forgive me, but thank you all, just the same.

So, who is that guy out there mowing nearly every day of the week? That would be Ed VanDyne, retired mental health counselor, who tirelessly mows our many acres, day after day, never complaining. Without Ed, the runway, parking areas, and show grounds would be wild fields. Thank you, Ed! Now get back on that tractor!



The volunteer cleaning and organizing is done



by many, however, one couple are at the museum nearly every week. That would be Mary Ann and Phillip Martin. MaryAnn is good friends with Donna, the total glue of our establishment, and is a cleaning fanatic. So much so that after she tackles a messy area, of which we have many, it is tidy, and neat, but you can't find many items that used to roost in that zone, as she actually puts things away where they belong. She is also the very brave lady who attacks the various, nasty, bathrooms, and as luck

would have it, after she is done, the toilets and sinks survive, but not the clutter or gross stuff. She also cooks lunch once a month for the Wednesday volunteers. Her husband, Phillip, is one of those guys who you point at a project, and it gets done, no matter how difficult.



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Many of us certainly know BJ Vogt, and Don Nichols, who are behind the food curtain, making sure we are all well fed at air show, and master the fly in breakfasts, and many other culinary events.



Kathy Koloseike

Unless you venture into the visitor center, Swanson building, you have likely missed a tireless volunteer, Kathy Koloseike, a retired teacher who works the store, and greets visitors with warm charm. On rides days, Kathy handles the extra visitors, and store all by herself. She recently has taken over many of the membership duties, and is alert for errors on our sites and communications, ever the teacher!

So many to thank from behind the curtain, but I would be remiss if I did not cite Bill Cooper, and "Super Dave" Andruczyk for keeping all the machinery working, including aircraft. There is absolutely nothing they can't fix, and fix they do in the



"Super Dave" Andruczyk

1941 hangar shop. They are also there every weekend, or any time

they are needed. Word to those with small children: The 1941 hangar is not the place to visit, lest your young ones come away with some colorful, new, 'special mechanic language'. You have been warned.

Brian Trzaskos is a familiar face in the hangar, and on W7, but you should know that he put together the air show program, and sold most of the advertising that paid for it. The newsletter is also created by Brian behind his curtain.



Don Nichols



Bill Cooper

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Also, a new air show feature was the W7 beer from War Horse Brewing in Geneva, NY. That idea came from Mike Foss, who was instrumental in the can design, production, and the recipe of that outstanding beer. Thanks Mike, to the last drop!

To all who help make our air show “The Greatest Show On Turf”:

**THANK YOU !!**



**Gary & Deb Czerkas and their grandkids worked the “Top Gun” tent**



**Peter Bonneau**



**Drusilla Hart, Casey Bukowski, & Rene Connor**



**Air Boss and the Tower Team**

**Front Row (L-R): Aiden Hermann, Michelle Hermann, and Pat Hermann  
Middle: Claire Piampiano  
Back Row (L\_R): Todd Cameron, Dave Olmstead, Dave White, Cory Liola, Bill and Nancy Lowe**



# Genny in June

Photos and Story by Shawn Byers

The National Warplane Museum's 41st Annual Airshow took place, this season only, on the first weekend of June, 2022. It is always "The Greatest Show on Turf" but this year, it was entitled "The History of Flight Airshow". As originally scheduled, the Royal Canadian Air Force's Snowbirds were to appear, which was the reason for the date change. The Snowbirds canceled the first part of their season meaning they would no longer appear at Geneseo. The show did have great weather, a hybrid tailgate and general admission crowd, the charm of the turf field, plenty of warbirds and the United States Air Force's F-22 Demonstration Team.



My annual trip to Geneseo, New York was a little earlier this year and conflicted with World War II Weekend in Reading, PA. I explained to a number of people how "Genny" is an experience I do not get at any other show. In addition to being a media photographer, I am a member of the Museum, a light volunteer where I am needed, a tent camper, a friend and a part of this community, if only for a few days each year. The choice between Genny and Reading was not difficult, but I did take the drive to attend both in one weekend.



For those who have never been there, Geneseo is all turf except for a cinder road leading to the museum and hangar. Sun angle is favorable for most of the day along Runway 05/23 which is 4,695 feet long. All the warbirds can operate off it and only the F-22 needed to base in Rochester, NY. Would you believe that in a conversation with members of the F-22 Demo Team, they said they loved doing this airshow? I was genuinely

surprised due to the 30 mile commute between Rochester and Geneseo.

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On Thursday, the Museum's Flagship C-47, "Whiskey 7" had a media flight in Rochester. I was not a part of that but I was able to hop onboard with my wife for the short flight up and back. Later in the day, an Army HH-60 Blackhawk and CH-47 Chinook arrived for static display, Lou Horschel arrived with his FG-1 Corsair, and an Air Tractor arrived

overhead doing two 360s over the runway and disappeared.

### Friday

On Friday, practice was not a formal event so only a few people were around. Early in the morning, I was able to sit in on the AirBoss briefing before walking a chair across the large field to a spot near the announcer's platform. There were numerous practice flights starting with Lou in his other aircraft, TF-51D, "Mad Max". W7 took off with round chute paratrooper reenactors but made no drop due to winds. Skip Hyle taxied his T-6, "J's Bird" but returned to parking with a problem. Paul Dougherty performed in his colorful Christian Eagle biplane with his daughter as his announcer. The Canadian Harvard Aircraft Association flew a 3 ship routine and then Rob Holland did his usual, flying the wings off his black and red MXS-RH. Lou Horschel flew his second routine in the Corsair, then the F-22 Demo Team finished the practice session. After practice, a Vultee BT-13 made multiple takeoffs with happy customers. A blue "Navy" T-6 arrived as well as a white PBY Catalina later in the evening. It is worth mentioning here that Scott "Scooter" Yoak was scheduled to attend in his P-51D, "Quicksilver" but did not arrive. Thom Richard went to Long Island and picked up P-51D, "Jacqueline" from the American Airpower Museum and arrived near sunset.



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## Nighttime



© Shawn Byers

As the sun was setting and I enjoyed a beer at my campsite, a friend messaged me that Skip Hyle would be running his T-6. Assuming this was a maintenance run, I didn't think much about it. He added that lights were erected so I grabbed my camera and

went into the dark field. Fellow Photographer, Tom Pawlesh had portable light stands that I benefitted from. After approximately 10 to 15 minutes, the run was complete. As we chatted, Tom put the lights on the Catalina for more photos. Thanks, Tom!

## Saturday

Just prior to 0800, I heard Mustangs starting up. Another run for me through the large field to catch "Mad Max" and "The Little Witch" taking off. This was a pre-show practice of the formation routine they call "High Flight Mustangs", which would be performed in front of the crowd later today.



© Shawn Byers

After the AirBoss briefing, I settled into my designated photo pit, which was exclusive, but not ideally placed, being set back from the rest of the show line. I did not mind it today after everything I saw the previous days and I was able to bring some family members into the box.

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A number of aircraft launched at once to open the show. Skip Hyle's T-6, Paul Dougherty's Christian Eagle, W7, all three Mustangs and Rob Holland. After the T-6 and Eagle demonstrations, W7 performed a round chute drop escorted by Rob Holland. This first jump was picture perfect with 9 chutes landing on the runway. Rob Holland performed a teaser short routine and then the three Mustangs appeared overhead in a missing man formation. From there, two Mustangs split off for the impressive, High Flight Mustangs demonstration.



Thom Richard literally landed the third Mustang and hopped into his TP-40 Warhawk, "American Dream" for a high tempo demonstration. I joked that he was doing his best impression of Rob Holland. Seriously, though, I have known Thom for a number of years and he is comfortable in various WWII fighters and it shows in his flying.

Not to be outdone, Rob Holland returned for his full show.



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W7 took off for another round chute jump, this one more exciting than the first one. Winds were predominately down the runway most of the day. Upon the chutes leaving the aircraft, I felt the wind change quickly. These round chutes are uncontrolled and at the mercy of the wind. We saw things going wrong in slow motion. Some chutes landed in the crowd and one went almost to the cinder road. The one I concentrated on came over my



head and dangerously close to the running PBY Catalina, a T-6 across from it and the Corsair in the taxiway. He was visibly tugging at his chute to clear the aircraft.

Air Boss called for a shut down and everyone killed their engines. He eventually landed between the further row of aircraft and all of the team landed with minor injuries but nothing serious to them or the crowd.

Those aircraft running were readying to perform in the next act, the Navy Flight.



Led by the long-winged Catalina, she was joined by two Navy T-6s, one yellow and one blue, and the Corsair. A TBM Avenger was scheduled to appear but did not show. Afterward, Lou Horschel stayed aloft for his second solo act of the show, this time in the Corsair.

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("Genny in June continued)

Next was a solo routine by Thom Richard in his second routine of the day in "Jacqueline". He also flies the Mustang with the same feel as his P-40.

I really want to single out Lou and Thom for pulling double duty, each manning a different plane and filling a time slot.



The F-22 Demonstration Team closed out the show and everything was con-

cluded at 3pm, but stay tuned for the evening activity. Since there is no one kicking people out, there is no reason to leave. Many people remain at their aircraft and are available to speak about it. Just another part of the Genny experience. The Saturday Night Steak Dinner is another. All the performers, volunteers, sponsors and people off the street who bought a ticket were present in a large busy tent. Some

of us had to depart early for the next activity.

### Evening Photo Flight

I was fortunate to be one of only a few photographers to participate in an evening photo flight aboard W7. We cleaned those 75 year old windows and picked our spots. Members of the F-22 Demonstration Team were onboard with us in remaining seats.

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Once airborne, we were photographed by the blue T-6 and in turn, we photographed him. Once he peeled away, Rob Holland popped up. Off him, the three Mustangs lined up and Rob promptly rolled inverted. We flew with them for approximately 10 minutes in gorgeous evening light. The word Epic comes to mind every time I talk about it. I only hoped that a fraction of my photos came out clear.



What a fun weekend it was. There are too many people that I know and interact with so I will keep this list of thanks short. They know who they are and what they do to make this show a success for the guests and for the health of the Museum.

Dave, Todd, Donna, Phil, Tina, TT, Dakota, Zach, Jeremy





# THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

## Gifts for Good

**Rochester Area Community Foundation**, founded in 1972, is celebrating its 50th anniversary year by giving back to the community that brought it to this milestone. They will be partnering with the National Warplane Museum to provide free admission to all who visit on Saturday, July 30<sup>th</sup> and Sunday July 31<sup>st</sup>, from 10 AM to 3 PM. We know National Warplane Museum admission is included in your membership, but pass on this info to family and friends so that they may take advantage of this opportunity!

By visiting [www.racf.org/50](http://www.racf.org/50), you'll find the full roster of other opportunities between now and March 2023 for FREE admission for you, your family, and friends to some beloved institutions in the area.

### NATIONAL WARPLANE MUSEUM



**FREE ADMISSION**  
**SATURDAY JULY 30TH**  
**SUNDAY JULY 31ST**  
**10AM-3PM**



**COURTESY OF**  
**ROCHESTER AREA**  
**COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**

# 2022 Calendar of Events



3489 Big Tree Lane, PO Box 185  
 Geneseo, NY 14454  
 585-243-2100  
[www.NationalWarplaneMuseum.com](http://www.NationalWarplaneMuseum.com)



EVENT	Date	CONTACT
Local Flying Aces Event	7/13-7/16	Dave Mitchell (202) 744-9345
Rides Day @ Geneseo	7/16	(585) 243-2100
MARS Sport Launch	7/16-7/17	<a href="http://www.marsclub.org">www.marsclub.org</a>
Free Admission to the Museum (Courtesy Rochester Area Community Foundation)	7/30-7/31	Call the Museum office for more information
<b>Glenn Miller Orchestra</b>	<b>8/5</b>	<b>(585) 243-2100</b>
Rides Day @ Geneseo	8/6	(585) 243-2100
VFW Annual Roast/Picnic	8/6	Dennis Staley (585) 943-1782
MARS Sport Launch	8/13 - 8/14	<a href="http://www.marsclub.org">www.marsclub.org</a>
Yankee Air Pirate Challenge	8/19-8/21	Mark C. Rzadca (wnyffs@gmail.com)
Living History Weekend	9/2 - 9/5	<b>(585) 243-2100</b>
Rides Day @ Geneseo	9/5	(585) 243-2100
<b>Fly In Pancake Breakfast 8am - 12pm</b>	<b>9/5</b>	<b>(585) 243-2100</b>
Wargames Among Warbirds	9/10	wargamesw@yahoo.com
Great Grape Gathering	9/11	Roy Smith aeronut.kos.net
United Way Gala	9/17	Call the office for more information
MARS Sport Launch	9/17 - 9/18	<a href="http://www.marsclub.org">www.marsclub.org</a>
<b>Bombs and Blooms</b>	<b>9/29-10/1</b>	<b>(585) 243-2100</b>
LAST Rides Day @ Geneseo	10/8	(585) 243-2100
MARS Sport Launch	10/8 - 10/9	<a href="http://www.marsclub.org">www.marsclub.org</a>
MARS Sport Launch	11/5-11/6	<a href="http://www.marsclub.org">www.marsclub.org</a>
<b>Veterans Day</b>	<b>11/11</b>	<b>(585) 243-2100</b>
<b>NWM Christmas Party</b>	<b>12/10</b>	<b>(585) 243-2100</b>

Dates Subject To Change

## Editor's Notes:

First, I'd like to apologize for this issue being so late. Life happens! Secondly, I'd like to personally thank photographers Shawn Byers and Tom Pawlesh for the permission to reprint their articles and photographs in this newsletter. It is great appreciated! They do such great work! Hope you reading the newsletter.

Brian Trzaskos, Editor



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**Museum Hours:**

November 1 through April 30  
Wed, and Sat. 10 a.m.—3 p.m.  
May 1 through October 31  
Wed.—Sun. 10 a.m.—3 p.m.

The National Warplane Museum is a not-for-profit (501 (c) (3) public corporation with a Provisional Museum Charter issued by the New York State Board of Regents. We are dedicated to the restoration, preservation and operation of vintage and historical aircraft, particularly aircraft associated with World War II, the Korean War and the Golden Age of Aviation. 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.

**A P P L I C A T I O N F O R M E M B E R S H I P ( O R R E N E W A L )**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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City : \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership entitles you to free admission to the airshow and museum, a 10% discount at the museum store, one-year e-Mailed subscription to *Hangar Tales*, a window sticker for your car, and a membership card which is requires for admissions and benefits.

Membership fees (Reflects changes as of January:

Please check if New Membership <input type="checkbox"/>
or Renewal <input type="checkbox"/>

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| ___ Individual (18-59 yrs)   | \$ 50.00 |
| ___ Individual (Gold)  | \$ 75.00 |
| ___ Senior (age 60 and up)   | \$ 45.00 |
| ___ Student (17 and under)   | \$ 20.00 |
| ___ Family (Parents and 2 children under 18. Please provide names & dates of juniors)        | \$100.00 |
| ___ Family (Gold) (Parents and 4 children under 18. Please provide names & dates of juniors) | \$150.00 |
| ___ Lifetime   | \$600.00 |
| ___ Check here if you need a new decal for your car  |          |