

Hangar Tales

Official Newsletter of the National Warplane Museum



Bob Moses (1936—2020)

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The National Warplane Museum in Geneseo has announced that after four years of leasing and operating the B-17 known as the "Movie Memphis Belle," the museum is ending the arrangement because of increasing costs. Though an understandable decision, it'll be sad to see the iconic World War II bomber go. LAURENCE TETAMORE

National Warplane Museum Suspends Operation of the B-17 "The Movie Memphis Belle" Effective Immediately

The National Warplane Museum's board of trustees has made the decision to terminate the lease of "The Movie Memphis Belle". Numerous factors contributed to this decision. The museum has been faced with increases in insurance premiums. Craig Wadsworth, the museum's director of aircraft maintenance and restoration, explained in a Facebook message that the museum was already paying many thousands of dollars for the Belle's insurance policy and was expecting to see a significant increase in premiums for 2020 due to changes in the market. Add to this the rising cost of spare parts, and the general costs to operate the plane (fuel, oil, etc.). These factors combined to make it impractical to continue. Museum president, Austin Wadsworth, emphasized "It was a purely financial decision." In addition to rising costs, Bob Dauer, the museum's CFO, said last-minute cancellations of other air shows, a key source of revenue for the museum, also played a role. Wadsworth continued "It was difficult to fly enough to financially sustain its operation." Our volunteer operation doesn't fit the intensity needed.

Reiterating that it was a purely financial decision, Austin emphasized that the museum loved the airplane and loved having it at Geneseo. The Talichet Family has always been supportive of the museum and its efforts. At present time there has been no decision by the family considering the Belle's future. There is hope of having the Belle at the museum for special occasions. The Belle will be at its winter "home" at Warbird Adventures, in Kissimmee (FL), where it will remain "for the foreseeable future," said Dauer

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The National Warplane Museum has had the honor of operating the B-17 "The Movie Memphis Belle" for the family of David Tallichet and the Military Aircraft Restoration Corporation for the last four years.

In light of the increasing hourly operating and insurance costs in connection with the aircraft the Museum's Board of Trustees has decided to cease operating the airplane effective immediately and terminate the lease of the aircraft. We have notified the Tallichet family and are working through the process of returning the aircraft.

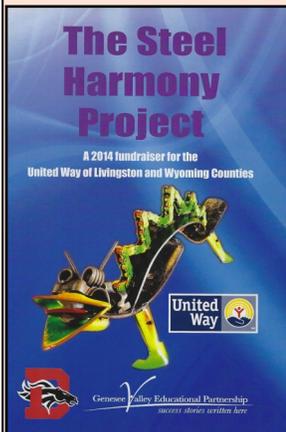
The Board of Trustees would like to thank the Tallichet family for entrusting us with the "Movie Memphis Belle" these last four years. They have stated their commitment to keeping this piece of history operating and available to the public and possibly in Geneseo for special occasions into the future.

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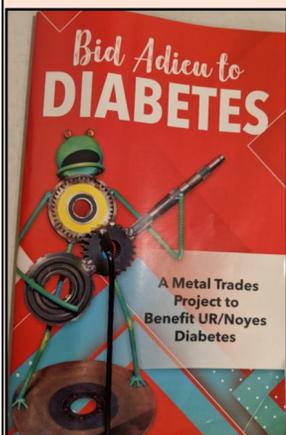
National Warplane Museum to be Beneficiary of Metal Trades Project Endeavor

The Metal Trades Project began in 2010 when Olie Olson, Metal Trades Instructor at the Mount Morris Career and Technical Education Center, wanted to implement a collaborative endeavor with his students and college students from SUNY Geneseo. The goal was to create sculptures to benefit a local charity. And so, the **Angel Project** came to be. Under the guidance of Olson, Teaching Assistant Shiela Piper and SUNY Geneseo Art Professor Dan DeZarn, students transformed sheets of stainless steel into unique, one-of-a-kind works of art. Metal Trades students learned art and design techniques while the college students gained the practical knowledge of using welding tools and methods. A total of 30 angels were crafted and auctioned to benefit Teresa House, a local hospice. The auction raised almost \$20,000 to benefit this Livingston County not-for-profit agency.

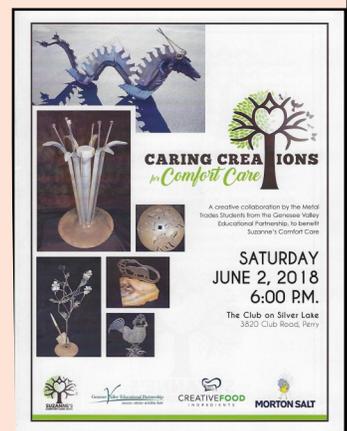


In 2011-12 Olson approached representatives from the Red Cross about the possibility of implementing this project to benefit the Red Cross. The **Steel Blossoms** project was born. In June 2012, a gallery of 45 garden sculptures, collectively raised over \$39,000 to benefit the Red Cross in Dansville. During the 2012-2013 school year, 47 Metal Trades students from 11 school districts worked for 15 weeks to create over 40 sculptures that benefited Vincent House, a comfort-care home for the terminally ill, located in Wayland, New York. This **Wings of Steel** project raised more than \$46,000. In 2013-14, the **Steel Harmony** Project raised over \$28,000 to benefit the Livingston and Wyoming United Way. During the 2014-15 school year, the project benefited Avon Community Cares, an organization striving to nurture, assist and care for Avon residents in sudden financial crisis due to a catastrophic or emergency situation.

The 2015-16 project benefited AutismUp, an organization that supports individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder, and their families, by expanding and enhancing opportunities to improve quality of life. The **Upcycle 4 AutismUp** project raised over \$23,000. During this school year, the scope of the project expanded and students from ten different counties in New York state including 65 school districts participated in this project. This BOCES collaboration continued during the 2016-17 school year with **Welding for Wellness**. This event raised over \$25,000 to support The Mental Health Association's wellness programs.



The project turned back to its roots in 2017-18 with **Caring Creations for Comfort Care**. The Metal Trades students from the Mount Morris Career and Technical Education Center crafted over 40 sculptures and raised over \$40,000 to benefit Suzanne's Comfort Care Home, a comfort care home located in Perry, New York. The 2018-19 project called **Bid Adieu to Diabetes** benefited Noyes Hospital in Dansville and the funds were earmarked for diabetes education and treatment. Almost 40 sculptures were auctioned in June and raised nearly \$43,000.



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This year's project, ***Welding for Warbirds*** will benefit the National Warplane Museum. Sculptures will be on display at various locations in the Geneseo Community from May 10th—28th, and the auction will be held at the museum on Saturday, May 30th. **More information will follow in emails and the next newsletter.**

How the sculptures come to be...

During the school day session, Olson gives students instruction on the fundamentals of welding, including theory, practices, set-up, and safety procedures. Students learn cutting, brazing operations and blueprint reading. As student's progress they learn arc-welding procedures on a variety of welding joints. For inspiration, the students toured the National Warplane Museum and viewed parts the museum would be donating to aid in this project.

Students put their classroom knowledge to use as they hone their skills during "shop-time." In the shop is where the classroom lessons come alive. Olson and Rory Benkleman, Metal Trades Teacher Aide, demonstrate techniques as students watch and then practice these different methods. Students employ their newly learned skills as they cut, grind, weld and brush their artwork into sculptures. Community members, teachers, staff and students donate recycled materials from their homes, farms and businesses for students to use in crafting these works of art. Some of this work is done independently, some as group projects, but all is done under the watchful eyes and guidance of Olson and Benkleman. Slowly and carefully, the sculptures come alive.

The enthusiasm for the project is contagious. Take a walk through the Metal Trades shop and you'll see students who are on task and eager to master their craft. The sculptures are the students' ideas. Each student comes to Olson with an idea and together, they discuss how the piece will come together. We are each to see the results of this fantastic project. Stay tuned!



Metal Trades AM students



Metal Trades PM students

The Geneseo Valley Educational Partnership serves more than 24,000 students in 22 school districts located in Geneseo, Livingston, Steuben and Wyoming counties. The Partnership (formerly known as Geneseo Valley BOCES) offers a wide range of programs and services including career and technical education, special education programs and services, alternative education, instructional and technical support services, and management services. Each year, new programs and services continue to be developed in response to the emerging educational needs of area school districts. The Partnership operates two career and technical education centers, one in Mount Morris, New York and one in Batavia, New York.

Geneseo Valley Educational Partnership
success stories written here

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MEANT TO BE MOMENTS

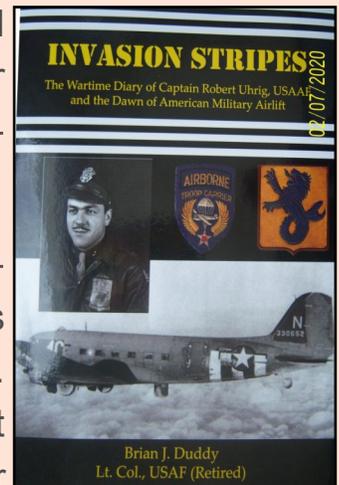
by Jamieson Steele

I don't have the supreme powers Johnny Carson had with his 'Carnac the Magnificent' skits, but truly cosmic events seem to keep happening to me lately, chance encounters with people that may not be chance at all.

Moment #1:

This past September I was to meet a David Nagle from Virginia at the museum on a Tuesday morning, a day that I am not usually there. He had emailed about his father's role with W7, but I was not clear what his dad actually did. Was he a crew member or paratrooper?

He arrived and began to put some materials on the table to explain his dad's role with W7, and immediately I recognized his book 'Invasion Stripes' that was written by Lt. Col. Ret. Brian J. Duddy. The book is based on the wartime diary of Capt. Robert Uhrig who was the chief mechanic with the 36th Troop Carrier Squadron. It included our very own W7 Squadron C-47, and our #37 is on the front page with a picture of Capt. Uhrig.



Capt. Uhrig was also the father of our very own Jan Wiseley who has helped greatly with the W7 corner in the display hangar. Jan was instrumental in having the large mural painted for us, and greets visitors all weekend during air show. As I was retrieving our copy of the book, who comes in the front door but Jan Wisely! Mind you, she does not live remotely near here, and does not just 'drop in'. Why did this happen? She went to her car, and brought in her copy of her dad's book.

So, when the excitement settled, it turns out Mr. Nagle's dad was the navigator on a different C-47 the *night before* D-Day dropping Pathfinder paratroopers behind German lines to set up the radio beacons to help get the invasion to the right drop zones. So, he was not the navigator for D-Day on our plane. Wait, there is more.

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However, for Operation "Varsity", the last major airborne operation of WWII, in the book is a copy of the teletype for March 24, 1945 which puts Mr. Nagle's dad in ship #330652 as navigator. Yes, our very own C-47, but with different markings for that mission. It is the picture of our plane on the cover of this book.

We all went out to the display area, that he had never seen, and there on the mural is his dad's name with the other Varsity Mission heroes. Needless to say it was one of those chills at the back of your neck moments.

Mr. Nagle had to leave, as did Jan, and I never did find out why she just happened to be there. You can start the Twilight Zone music any time you wish.

Moment #2:

This fall a gentleman pulled in front of my house, and parked. He did not get out, but began to eat a sandwich. OK, the view of the old nursing home across from my house here in Dansville is quite pretty in the fall, almost like a park. I went about some garden chores then went back out front, and he was still there. He then asked if I lived here, and said that his father had lived here as a young child, but not for very long, as his grandfather died very young in 1927, and his grandmother with the five kids moved two blocks away.

OK, so what? He asked what brought me here, and I told him I was here to be involved with the warplane museum in Geneseo, and share my large WWII

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collection there. Then the bombshell hit when he casually said that his dad's sister flew in WWII. I asked if he meant she was a WASP, and he said yes, that is what they called them. I about fell over, a WASP, to be, once lived in my house! What are the chances of that? There were barely 1,200 that made the grade.



We came inside, and I quickly found his aunt on line, and the fun began. He ran home to get some pictures to show me, and picked up his dog at the groomer on the way, which was just up the hill. He had time to kill for the grooming, but something told him to park in front of this house. He indeed came back with pictures of the young family in front of my house, his grandfather's obituary, clippings of his aunt learning to fly at the Dansville airport, and her eventual status as a WASP. What if, what if.....why did this meeting happen?

She was Mary Ann Thielges, and graduated in WASP Class 43-4, which was the class before our beloved, former life member, Dawn Seymour. She flew many different aircraft, many right off the assembly line that had never flown before. One article put her in the right seat of a B-24. After her service she returned to Dansville, and went back to her local factory job. In 1948 she married John Cleary of Avon. My visitor, Mr. Francis Thielges, lost track of her, as he believes they moved to New England. I found records of her living in Penn Yann, and helping to find WASPs for a reunion in the 70's, but more research is planned. If any of you are familiar with any of these names, do let me know.

Moment #3:

Over two years ago Kim Green donated all of her father's handmade models that he made in the 40's 50's & 60's. The large balsa wood and paper models hang from the ceiling in Swanson Hall, and the smaller plastic ones are in two cases in

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the long hangar. She was to return with a model B-17, and two plaques to honor her dad. She never came back. I tried her number, and it never went through.

Recently, I was going to look in the donation file to get an address so I could write to her, and show her what we did, and inquire about the plaques. As I poked around the files Donna was on the phone. She got off and gave me a name to call, it was that lady who was, at that moment, on the phone about the models, and I had her name on a bit of paper in my pocket. OK, not really 'out there', but after over two years still quite the juxtaposition. (that is kind of a fancy science word, but I thought I'd use it so you all know I did go to college).



Kim Green with the plaque she made for her father's models she donated.

Kim came to the museum and brought the plaques, and the B-17 her dad had made, and was very pleased with what we did with her donation. A sad note is the Curtiss Robin hanging in Swanson was signed by her twin sister, who sadly died just a few years later. I told her it was still hers if she ever wanted it back.

Jamieson R. Steele

Message from the Editor

We, at the museum, hope you enjoy this edition of "Hangar Tales"! Feedback is always appreciated, so let us know what you like (or dislike) about it. Article and photograph submissions are always encouraged! You don't have to be a professional writer. Jamie and I have been carrying the load much by ourselves so far. We could really use some help! If you have questions about the museum, its collections, or would just like to suggest a good story idea, let us know. You can contact us at:

newsletter@nationalwarplanemuseum.com

Thank you.

Brian Trzaskos, Editor

BRIAN TRZASKOS- THE LINGUIST- WHO KNEW?

By Jamieson Steele

We certainly do get some interesting visitors during the year, and this first week of February was no exception. This past weekend two fellows showed up to see what we are all about. It was off to a good start with Mac (Ducky), Donna, myself, and a few others milling about. .

These visitors were both in their 20's, and working in science and technology fields. They were very eager to see the place, and happy to see the work in action on the aircraft. During the tour I mentioned that we get school groups, club groups, and many from other countries, and I allowed that some I could converse with in Spanish. At that point the one fellow said that he was born here, but his family is from Mexico.

I perfected my Spanish with a summer in Mexico as an exchange student in high school, and spoke and heard only Spanish, Mexican Spanish, for over two months. I was elated to speak to someone who had the same patterns and dialect I am most fluent in. The other poor chap had no idea what we were saying, so of course we took the advantage to say crude things, and get a good laugh.

They totally enjoyed our facility, and watched as our gang worked on W7 and other projects. The same comment I always get was it was so wonderful to actually be able to get in the planes, and watch the work. The crew that weekend was quite large, and as always all were friendly to our visitors, I too was impressed. We have such wonderful, dedicated volunteers. Thank you all!

Now for Mr. Trzaskos' language skills with three other visitors. As you may know, Brian is a retired teacher and came to us from Massena, which as we all know is part of Canada. You don't need a passport to go to Massena, but unless you are an avid fisherman, you really would have no reason to go there. My point being is that he is here now. OK, his wife was from here, and he has lived all over the state, but I digress, as usual.

So, three visitors, young men, late twenty's, came to see us; Krzyszlot, Tomasz, and Mayej. They were from Poland, and on business learning about a computerized glass making machine in Geneva, NY, and had time to explore. Again, we are on a list of best things to do in the region, we really are, and that is how they found us.

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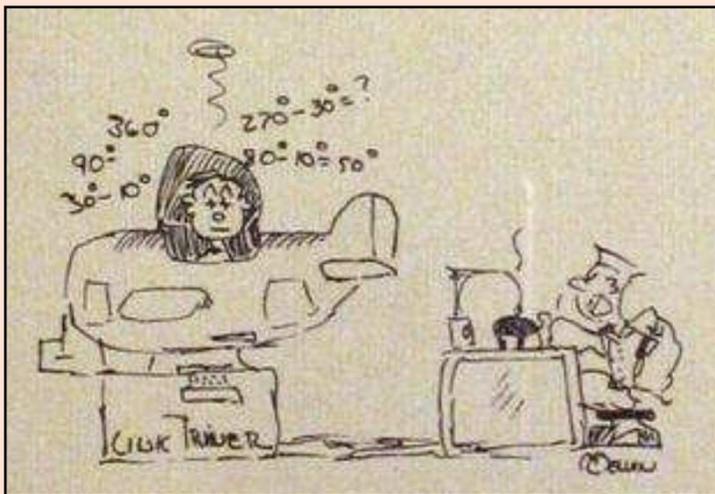
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Their English was quite good, and off we went on the tour. Brian was meeting with Austin, but I told Donna to tell him fellows from Poland were here, thinking he knew the language. He joined us in the American at Home area, and met the fellows. I waited to hear him banter with the guys, as I do with the Spanish speakers, but that did not happen. With the exception of 'kielbasa' and 'pierogi' the only other Polish word Brian knew was the word for butt, which was from his grandmother suggesting a kick in that region when he was a bad boy. We continued the tour in English. Brian did say that his grandmother forbade him to learn Polish, as he was an American. Very true with most new citizens.

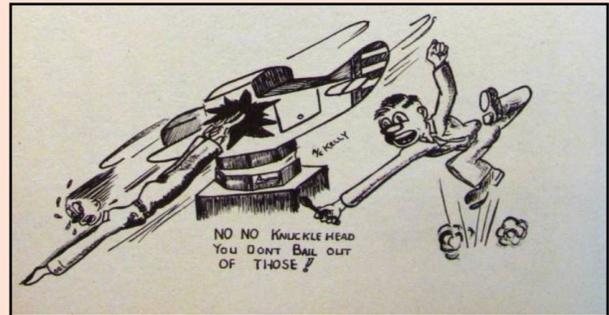


On a serious note, at some point, I made mention of Holocaust Remembrance Day, and they all instantly nodded, and one said that 'It was yesterday', which it was. Yes, they are young, but have not forgotten, it happened in their country, and nearby countries.

They had a wonderful time, and seemed to enjoy getting into the Antonov the most. They chattered away in Polish, and maybe because it is an aircraft made closer to home, they related more. I thought they might be able to partly read the writing on the walls, but they did not.



These cartoons come from the "**WW2 Army Air Forces Cartoons**" Facebook group moderated by Bobby Lee Sillman. Check it out!



Look for an article on the Museum's Link Trainer in an upcoming issue of "**Hangar Tales**"

COLLECTION TID BITS: YOU WOULDN'T WANT THAT OLD, WORN OUT, TATTERED, LEATHER JACKET..... WOULD YOU?

That was pretty much the tone of the apologetic letter we received from two sisters about their dad's A2, leather, flight, bomber jacket. Donna told them to send it, and we would see if we could use it. She told me it had arrived, and was in rough shape. OK, I figured some ripped, moldy, old coat that would make me sneeze & wheeze.

I opened the box, and about fell over! It was a fabulously painted, front and back, A2 jacket with applied, leather bomb group patch, leather name badge, painted 8th Air Force, stubby wing, emblem on the shoulder, all 35 bomb missions represented by little painted bombs on the right front, and to top it off, an outstanding painting on the back of their father's bomber mascot, and name of the B-17; Melvin's Moonshiners. IT DOES NOT GET ANY BETTER THAN THIS!!

Turns out that Melvin was the pilot, and the artist who painted the image on all of his crew's jackets. I displayed it at our staff meeting, and Craig found another example on line. So, there are two out there. The one he found, I am told, is headed to the museum in England where they were based. The other is ours to proudly display.

I contacted the donors, and told them how thankful we were. They had no idea of the value, but still wanted to donate it. More to the point, their mother wanted it donated in memory of her husband, Edwin Mosher Jr. A few weeks later they brought more items for us, and many pictures, all of which will make a stunning display, but we need a 360 degree, secured, cabinet to properly show off all sides of this truly outstanding piece of WWII Army Air Force memorabilia.

He was from Dolgeville, NY, and was a T/Sgt. gunner, but also trained as flight engineer in the 95th Bomb Group, 336th Squadron (H), B-17s. He was awarded the Air Medal with five Oak Leaf Clusters for his 35 missions, with five campaign stars on his ETO ribbon. The sisters and mother donated all of these items, most generous. Did he ever speak of his war? They said, never.

Shown are sisters; Claudia Youker, Horseheads, NY, and Beverly Milazzo, Queensbury, NY. In the small world category, I knew ONE person from Dolgeville over 30 years ago, where they are from, and yes, they knew him too!!!

We are honored to host such an historic treasure.

Jamieson R. Steele

Collections & Displays

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Jamie displaying the jacket



35 bomb missions, little painted bombs on the right front



Claudia Youker & Beverly Milazzo with their Dad's Jacket



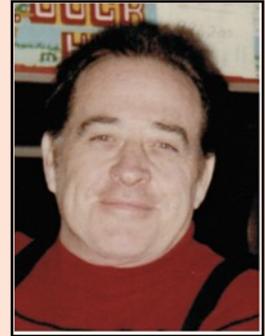
Back of jacket



Applied, leather bomb group patch

Robert "Bob" Moses (1936 – 2020)

It is with great sadness that the National Warplane Museum announces the passing of Mr. Robert "Bob" Moses. Bob was one of the three original founders of the Museum and served on its Board of Directors for many years. President of the museum, Austin Wadsworth fondly remembers Bob as a friend of over 50 years. He was universally respected and friends with everyone.



We Tow Anything

Bob using a wrecker from his business (Geneseo Collision) trying to free the Museum's B-17 "Fuddy Duddy" after it had broken through the frozen ground at the Museum.

Bob's daughter, Paula Flickner, recounted how big the museum had been in his life and how hard it hit him when the split occurred.

Bob was always there, ready to help out in many ways. He worked on all museum aircraft. Bob also did most of the painting of early museum aircraft. He loaned vehicles for transporting various aircraft and engines.

And while Bob hasn't been around the museum of late, He will be missed by all that knew him!



Bob was the owner & restorer of his own Vultee BT13 Basic Trainer



Bob and his wife, Nancy (1989 photo)



Things that make you go....Hmmm.

(A Request for Assistance)

By Brian Trzaskos, Editor

Every now and then we get donation items dropped off at the museum. Sometimes people are cleaning out closets, attics, garages, or basements. Sometimes these items are personal items



Jamie Steele (L) and Austin Wadsworth (R)
with the mystery door

of great significance. (One of those would be the A2 jacket and associated items that are featured elsewhere in this newsletter.) Some are models built by museum members (See March/April '19 newsletter and Christina Swank's "Whiskey 7" model) and collected over the years (See Sept/Oct '19 newsletter and the Walter D France Collection dedication). And sometimes they are books and miscellaneous memorabilia that get added to our impressive and growing library and collection displays. (Always appreciated!)

But sometimes we are truly puzzled! A few weeks ago Tim Murphy was cleaning out his father's basement. (Joe Murphy was a long time member.) He came upon an aircraft door. There was no history of the door, no idea of when, where, or why it was acquired. But there it was and nobody has any idea of what it is or what it might be from. So we are putting out a request. If anyone can identify the door, can identify the make or



Jamie, with Mike Foss and Paul Lazzara



model of aircraft it might be from, please contact me. We'd love to identify it and solve the mystery that currently surrounds the door!

And if anyone has items that they might be wondering about or might consider donating to the museum, please contact us. Send all responses to:

Newsletter@nationalwarplanemuseum.com

Gardenscape “Passport to Spring” March 12-15th At the Dome in Henrietta

This will be the National Warplane Museum’s third year sponsoring the “*Salute to the Troops*” garden at Gardenscape. The event will take place March 12th through 15th at the Dome Center, in Henrietta. Go to www.rochesterflowershow.com for ticket pricing or to reserve your tickets.

Highlighting the “*Salute to the Troops*” exhibit this year will be the Museum’s 1945 DUKW 6x6 Amphibious Truck, colloquially called the “*Duck*”. This was the type of vehicle that would have been used to land troops, evacuate wounded, and carry supplies.



2020 “Hangar Tales” Publication Schedule

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Air Show Preview	June 17	June 24
July/Aug	July 29	Aug 5
Sept/Oct	Sept 30	Oct 7
Nov/Dec	Nov 25	Dec 3



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"Passport To Spring" | The Douse Center, Rochester, New York | March 12-15

WIN \$10,000!

HELP RESTORE OUR C-130 "SAIGON LADY!"

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A big "Thank You" to everyone who have so quickly sent in their raffle ticket stubs and monies in our big \$10,000 raffle! With still many tickets still out, we have received over \$15,000 and are well on our way towards our \$40,000 goal to help pay for the restorations of Saigon Lady!

As a reminder, all members of the museum were sent six tickets each in hopes that they would either purchase or sell them to raise these much-needed funds. Many of you have contacted us for more tickets to buy or sell – thank you!

Our drawing will be held on Saturday, May 2nd, 2020 here at the Museum. For those of you still holding onto tickets, we'd ask that you kindly return your sold ticket stubs and money (checks payable to the National Warplane Museum) along with any unsold tickets. This will allow us to further promote our raffle and give us more tickets to sell here locally. For those of you who were so diligent in selling your tickets and would like more, please give us a call (585-223-2100,) or email us at nationalwarplanemuseum@gmail.com.

Again, we thank you for your support in this most important and exciting event in helping to restore "Saigon Lady!"

The Fairchild C-119 Flying Boxcar

by Kevin House

In the early 1990s the Museum took delivery of a Fairchild C-119G Flying Boxcar.

The C-119 was an upgraded design of the Fairchild C-82 Packet. The C-82 came about to fulfill the need for increased cargo capacity not available in WWII era aircraft. In 1947, the USAF initiated an upgrade program of the Packet. The resulting C-119 could carry 62 paratroopers or 35 litters or cargo and equipment not to exceed a 28,000lb payload.

The first Boxcar was produced in 1948. Our aircraft first flew in 1952 as an F model. F models had the Wright R-3350 engines of 3500 horsepower versus the Pratt & Whitney engines of earlier models. Our airplane never saw U.S. service. It was taken on strength by the Royal Canadian Air Force shortly after its production. It was converted to a G model by the RCAF in 1957 with the addition of the 4 bladed Aero Products propeller.



With the USAF, the C-119 saw extensive service in the Korean War. It was instrumental in resupplying troops during the battle of the Chosin Reservoir. Our Boxcar did not make it to Korea but did see service throughout Canada, the Arctic, and with the United Nations in the Mideast. It flew with RCAF squadrons out of Edmonton and Toronto.



The C-119 flew with the USAF in various capacities including as gunships for use during the Vietnam War. The last C-119 was phased out of US service in 1975.

Our airplane, after being struck off strength in 1967, left Canada and became a part of the Hawkins and Powers aerial fire fighting company in Greybull, WY. There is no indication it ever flew as a firefighter and it eventually found its way to us. It began life here in the main hangar but was moved outdoors where it sat deteriorating in the sun and weather. However, several

years ago some of the Museum volunteers decided it would make a good static display project. It needed to be spiffed up anyway, the paint was faded and the control surface fabric was in tatters. There is now a team- calling itself the Boxcar Boys (with one young lady)-working on the airplane. Countless hours have been spent on research, painting, cleaning, and all manner of repair. This airplane will not fly again but it is a valuable part of our mission to educate the public about aviation history.

J5 Wing Update

Story by Peter Bonneau
Pictures by Dave Kolchuk

Dave Kolchuck's pictures show me using a router with a homemade planer fixture. There are 3 ply aviation plywood reinforcing plates on both sides of the spar at both bracket locations. The



Using a router with homemade planer fixture

butt location was too thick for the brackets to fit, so I was planing off the 1/16" plywood, and replacing it with 1/32" plywood. I had to plane carefully down to the spar wood, taking off all the residual glue, but without taking any wood from the spar itself.



Replacing with 1/32" plywood

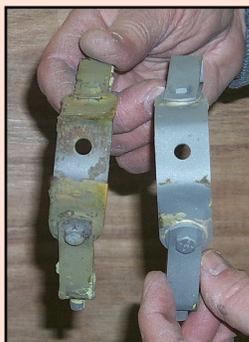
The spars now have both been drilled with matching hole to the old spars. Everything is good now. The next step is to saw the bevels at the wingtip end of each spar. They both have been marked with cut lines with the old spar properly positioned on top of the new spar wood.

I did the drilling with a hand drill/portable drill press arrangement with the old spar clamped on top of the new one, and drilled the holes thru both spars, with the holes in the old spar acting as a location and perpendicularity guide for the drill bit.

Once the spars have been shaped, the next step is to apply two coats of epoxy varnish. Once that is done, I can start to trial assemble the ribs and drag compression struts together.



Pete using sandblaster to clean up J5 wing drag strut adjusters



Before and after shot

ROAD TRIP TO WARSAW

by Jamieson R. Steele

The museum was asked to have a presence at the Warsaw American Legion for their celebration of 100 years for the American Legion, and 100 years for their post in September. So, I took my show on the road, and made it into a mini-vacation. I was to have two long tables to set up displays from WWI to WWII, and our museum information cards.



Their post is in a CCC built building with huge timbers and all wood floors, very nice indeed. As I was setting out my displays many folks noted my W7 shirt, and seemed to know all about it. I guess we must fly pretty close to Warsaw, and air show likely gives them a treat, so it was nice that they knew we exist. Not being a veteran due to my

asthma, I always feel out of place at Legions or VFWs, even if I am doing something to help. They could not have made me feel any more welcome, just wonderful people.

The three day show was very well attended with various ceremonies, events, exhibits, and kids activities. One fellow had a huge WWI display, and did a wonderful presentation in period uniform based on his great uncle's letters home from the front in France. I learned a lot.



I was handing some cards to two little kids, then looked up at dad, who was our very own Pete Treichler. Terry Swan came over to see the event, and as expected, heckled me. His truck emblazoned with the air show information made a big hit as well. Not as big a hit as the mini-cannon they set off at noon. They set it off at 8AM too, and my motel was out of town, but I heard it. I guess it is tradition.



Further good news was that the concession and beer stand was mere feet from my tables. Tipping was not required, but I know how to be sure the cup is full, and the ladies appreciated my donations. One fellow had heard about the engine problem on W7, and gave me a 100 dollar bill, half for W7, half for the C-130. Yes, he was a Nam vet. He just said that he liked what we do.

I stayed two nights, walked around the town, hit a few shops, found the brew pub for Sunday dinner, and had a real nice time, and made many friends for our museum. Not to worry about budgets, I was happily on my own dime. Besides taking our recycle material to Wayland, I don't get out much! On the way home Monday, I stopped at the Perry airport in time to watch some sky divers. Not for me, but fun to watch. Nice trip.

It Was Another Frigid Day in Geneseo

Article and pictures by David Kolchuk

The Boxcar was looking kind of lonely out there in the field by itself. Under the cold winter sun we checked the C119's elevator and found our temporary repairs securing it have held up well. We will have plenty to do come Spring.

The Wednesday crew showed up for a hot cup of coffee and met to discuss the happenings around the Museum. Jamie showed us a WWII bomber jacket that was rescued from the trash and donated to us. (See associated article elsewhere in the newsletter.) Good thing too as these jackets

are quite valuable to collectors. Notice the hand-painted markings, especially the faint bombs on the right front indicating the owner's missions. The back had the group's nickname.

Another rather unusual donation was an aircraft door. Austin and Jamie looked it over but neither they or the donor know what aircraft it came from. (See associated article elsewhere in the newsletter.)



Ray Ingram points out bullet hole in the rudder of the C-130 discovered during repair

Things were very quiet in the big hangar. Nobody working there today. Whiskey 7 and "Luck of the Irish" were parked nose to nose as if they were having a conversation. In the quietness of the huge building, one's imagination can almost hear them whispering. W7 is undergoing its usual winter maintenance program. "LOTI" is waiting for its new engine.

In the '41 hangar the C130 tail repairs continue. More sheet metal has been removed and Ray showed the areas being sanded and smoothed over. He also pointed out a bullet entrance hole in the rudder, and the point the bullet exited. The story behind that is unknown.

Mike Foss continues his work on the C-130 Nose. After scrapping and sanding, a coat of bed liner has been applied. Looking good!



2020 Calendar Of Events



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EVENT	Date	CONTACT
MARS Sport Launch	1/1	www.marsclub.org
Garden Scape	3/12-15	(585)243-2100
CL30 Dedication	4/3	(585)243-2100
NWM Safety Down Day	4/25	(585)243-2100
**Rides Day	tbd	(585)243-2100
Salgon Lady Raffle 1PM	5/2	(585)243-2100
WNFF Spring Opener	5/8-10	Lyle Whitford (716)807-4748
ROTC Commissioning Ceremony	5/9	(585)243-2100
Private Event	5/23	(585)243-2100
MARS Sport Launch	5/23-24	www.marsclub.org
Auction	5/30	(585)243-2100
Empire State Champion Free Flight	6/5-7	Lyle Whitford (716)807-4748
War Games Among Warplanes	6/6	Wargames@yahoo.com
**Rides Day	tbd	(585)243-2100
*Fly In Pancake Breakfast 7am - 12pm	6/14	(585)243-2100
MARS Sport Launch	6/13-14	www.marsclub.org
*GENESEO AIR SHOW ARRIVAL DAY	7/10	(585)243-2100
* Chicken BBQ 5pm	7/10	(585)243-2100
*GENESEO AIR SHOW	7/11-12	(585)243-2100
* Steak Dinner	7/11	(585)243-2100
*Hangar Dance 6:30-7:15 Instruction 7:30-10:30 Dance	7/11	(585)243-2100
Flying Aces	7/15-18	
NARAM	7/25-31	
**Rides Day	tbd	(585)243-2100
VFW Annual Roast/Picnic	8/1	Dennis Staley (585)943-1782
**Rides Day	tbd	(585)243-2100
Mars Sport Launch	8/15-16	www.marsclub.org
Yankee Air Pirate Challenge	8/21-23	Lyle Whitford (716)807-4748
Living History	9/5	(585)243-2100
Chicken BBQ	9/5	(585)243-2100
**Rides Day		(585)243-2100
War Games Among Warplanes	9/5	Wargames@yahoo.com
Great Grape Gathering	9/4-6	Roy Smith aeronut@kcs.net
MARS Sport Launch Club Meet	9/12-13	www.marsclub.org
United Way Gala	9/19	(585)243-2100
Bombs and Blooms- WWII Historical, Musical Drama	9/24-26	(585)243-2100
MARS Sport Launch Club Meet	10/3-4	www.marsclub.org
*Veterans Day Open House	11/11	(585)243-2100
*Christmas Party	12/12	(585)243-2100

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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 required for admissions and benefits.

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- _____ Regular (18-59) \$ 45.00
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