

Hangar Tales

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The Canadian Snowbirds and the F-22 Raptor coming to the Geneseo Airshow

Geneseo, NY

National Warplane Museum officials announce that preparations are underway for the 41th Geneseo Airshow and will feature the **nine jet Royal Canadian Air Force Snowbirds and the U.S. Air Force F-22 Raptor Tactical Demonstration Team** as the main attractions. In order to accommodate the Snowbirds schedule, the dates for the Geneseo Airshow will move to June 4th and 5th, 2022 from its normal date in July.

In a departure from the 2021 air show format, the Airshow will add an additional viewing area for individual ticket holders and, due to the overwhelming response received from 2021, will continue with the "tailgate" or "Drive-In" format with up to 6 people in a separate area where patrons will purchase a 20' x 20' private viewing area with ample room to park and watch the show next to their car in a tailgate fashion. This will be a drive-in, takeout event. You are encouraged to bring your own coolers, food, and beverages (sorry, no glass or alcohol). An area will be set aside for performing and static display aircraft, and food and novelty vendors will be returning along with other displays including military re-enactors and military vehicle displays that normally accompany the event. The show has secured a professional public address system and will be simulcast on FM radio. Our featured announcer will be Mr. Ric Peterson.

"The National Warplane Museum is honored to welcome the Canadian Snowbirds to the Geneseo Airshow 2022. The last time the Museum hosted a military jet team was in 1992 with the USAF Thunderbirds. Their presence with **nine jets** over the valley will be thrilling for all our patrons. We are also pleased to announce the return of the F-22 Raptor Demo Team back to Geneseo. Their performance in 2021 was inspiring to all our Airshow fans, as we encourage young men and women to honor our past and explore career opportunities within the aviation field."

Austin Wadsworth, President of the National Warplane Museum

In addition to the Snowbirds and the F-22 Raptor, Airshow guests will also enjoy performances by the P-51 Mustang, Quick Silver, Mad Max P-51, Rob Holland, Jason Flood, Skip Hyle T-6 aerobatics, flybys with WW I replica aircraft, and other exciting aerial and ground displays that are being added to the schedule. We anticipate that the flying portion of the show will last from 11:00 until 3:30 each day.

Discounted tickets will go on sale **December 15th through January 3rd**, with either the tailgate option or the purchase of individual tickets at www.nationalwarplanemuseum.com or www.GeneseoAirshow.com

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2022 “Greatest Show on Turf”

June 4th and 5th

Preliminary Lineup



Canadian Forces “Snowbirds”
Demo Team



United States Air Force F-22 Raptor
Demo Team



USAF Air Combat Command
F-22 Raptor Heritage Flight



Rob Holland Ultimate Airshow



Hi Flight Mustangs P-51 Demo Team
“Little Witch” & “Mad Max”



“Quicksilver”
Scott Yoak



P-40 "American Dream"
Thom Richard



FG-1D Corsair
Lou Horschel



Skipper Hyle Air Corps Aerobatics



Grumman TBM Avenger
American AirPower Museum'



Canadian Harvard Aircraft Association
Formation Team



Paul Dougherty's
Christian Eagle Acrobatics



Round Canopy
Parachute Team



Military Aviation Museum's
Consolidated PBY-5A Catalina



Announcer Ric Peterson

Tickets going on sale before
Christmas at 10% discount.
(Until January 3rd)

Parking will be both tailgate and
general admission.

LINEUP SUBJECT TO CHANGE
due to weather or mechanicals.

Museum Store

By Jody Beyer

In recent weeks, volunteers have been diligently working to clean, organize, and paint in Swanson Hall and inventory and revitalize the gift shop at the museum. This new-found energy all started during this year's airshow. It was decided that the store items would stay in Swanson Hall instead of moving out to the flight line. The store was fully stocked with airshow and museum memorabilia, sweet treats, and of course, an amazing book sale. The France family came through once again this year with executing a very successful military and non-military book sale. The books had been collected throughout the year through donations. Wayne and Margit patriotically decorated tables and displayed the books so beautifully that visitors were not able to resist leaving with armloads of books. We had a new addition to store operations this year as well. We had what we like to refer to as a "mobile store". We had a nice mix between veteran and new volunteers man-



nning 2 golf carts loaded with merchandise ready to pounce on a sale if someone was unable to make the trek up to Swanson Hall. Juliana, Layla, Kayla, Nathan, Chloe and Mack made our visitors with mobility restrictions feel very special by catering to their needs and bringing merchandise straight to their cars. However, most Airshow patrons were very happy to take a break from the show and walk the distance needed to browse our merchandise in the

air conditioning, enjoy a cold drink and use the restroom while they were there. Operation "Airshow Store" was a huge success!

The success lead to an overwhelming sense of pride for the store from the volunteers. All of a sudden, the store started to look a little cleaner, a little more organized, and a little more merchandised. You could definitely see that the group of

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volunteers working in the store were happy and working well as a team. It was time to strike while the iron was hot. Wayne and Margit had some large un-needed items removed to make the entrance more welcoming, they totally cleaned and organize the furnace room and they ordered and had installed shades on all the



Southern facing side of the building to protect the merchandise from fading damage. Kathy K conducted a full inventory of all merchandise before and after airshow, designed and printed signage for merchandise displays, folded and re-folded tee shirts galore and ensured that all items were tagged, coded and priced properly. Jordan and Cassidy jumped in with both feet. They were a huge help by manning the store during store hours while also helping to research and price vintage and unique items donated. Jordan made many special trips to the museum to photograph new inventory for the online store. Pat has saved the summer by working the store every Wednesday.

We now also have Monica, a new volunteer to the museum, who is able to work the store on Thursdays. By manning the store during open hours of operation through the week, our store sales have increased exponentially. Finally, it has been quite a while since the hall had any major work done so we figured it was time for a face-lift. We decided the entire floor needed to be painted. This was a huge endeavor that took countless man (and woman) hours from several volunteers (Kurt, Mac, Donna and many of the Saturday maintenance crew) over the course of 10 days, 8 gallons of paint, 5 trips to the store, 3 sanding pads, 2 mop heads, and 1 paint roller. No, this is not a Christmas carol, but it sure feels like a Christmas wish come true. Once the floor was complete it only seemed fitting the store had a new look too. New display cases and a fresh arrangement were needed to highlight all of the new merchandise. We are even decorated for the upcoming holiday.



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The excitement, hard work and success of the group has grown to the point where something big is in order. Therefore, we are proud to announce the Grand Re-opening of the Museum Store, happening now! We are fulling stocked with new

merchandise with something for everyone on your Christmas list. Our online store is being updated regularly and can be seen under the "Store" tab on the home page of our National Warplane Museum website. We have also linked the online store to our Facebook page where we will be running ad campaigns and featuring sales and specials. Here, you may purchase exclusive products that we do not usually carry in the store. We will be advertising a link where patrons can

build a made to order shopping cart, cash out with a credit card and have the items shipped directly to them.

As you all well know, our work here is never done. We do have a few more projects in the works and would love your help and expertise if you are able. We would like to paint the bathrooms and add stalls in the women's bathroom. We are also hoping to update the event center part of Swanson Hall with all new matching chairs that do not scratch the beautiful new floors. The biggest thing on the wish list is dedicated Wifi in Swanson Hall and a Point Of Sale register system for the store. This type of system will optimize store operations allowing us to run more efficiently and help customers more effectively.



We are all so thankful for the Museum, for all of the volunteers who work so hard and how far we have come. We hope to keep up all the hard work. Until then, we are all very excited to show off the new store, so stop in today to check it out!

If you would like to volunteer in the store, the welcome center or have any questions about store operations, please contact Jodi Beyer at Jodi.beyer@nationalwarplanemuseum.com or by phone at 716-713-1441.

NEW MEMBERSHIP LEVELS!

By Larry Jones



It has been several years since our Membership Levels have been reviewed or changed. As engine and aircraft parts escalate, museum maintenance, supplies, and all other expenses continue to increase, especially during these Covid times, so must our income to ensure that our mission here at the museum can live on! Therefore, a committee recently got together to decide on an updated and revised Membership Benefits package. Raising the memberships only slightly, (\$5 across the board) and adding a couple of new Gold Levels to enhance our choices, the illustrations below show you what we have come up with.

Memberships are the lifeblood of any museum and ours is no different. We cannot begin to tell you how appreciative we all are to the over 800 subscribed members who give so generously to the museum in not only annual dues, but by participating in our raffles, events, and donating above and beyond what is asked of you! We thank you!

We have also updated our membership benefits. The big benefit that sets us apart from other museum's benefits of course is our Airshow admission! This will be a "General Admission" entry for members wishing to attend our annual airshow, dependent upon Covid restrictions at the time.

We are also coming up with a NWM Calendar that should be ready in January sometime. These will be available for sale in our Gift Shop and for members signing up for our Gold or Lifetime levels.

Our new Membership package will begin January 1, 2022. As always, "Thank You for Generous Your Support!"



Holiday Christmas Gift Certificates

Purchase online now until December 31st and get this year's prices! A membership gift for that "hard to buy for" person in your life is a perfect way of showing you care at the same time as helping us preserve our heritage! Another great gift idea is a ride in our famous Whiskey 7! Either one of these high-flying gifts can put a smile on anyone's face Christmas morning! Both of these are available off our website, but get your orders in early so we are able to process and mail your gifts to you before Christmas!



Membership Has Its Advantages!

Help us preserve history! Become a National Warplane Museum Member!

Your membership helps us preserve history, promote our veterans, and provide educational entertainment to thousands of visitors each year!



STUDENTS
THRU 21 YRS OLD
\$20 YEAR

SENIOR
60 YRS & OLDER
\$45 YEAR

INDIVIDUAL
\$50 YEAR

INDIVIDUAL-GOLD
\$75 YEAR

FAMILY OF 4
2 ADULTS / 2 KIDS
\$100 YEAR

FAMILY GOLD
2 ADULTS / 4 KIDS
\$150 YEAR

LIFETIME
ONE TIME PAYMENT
\$600

Membership Benefits

Won't you please consider joining us?

All National Warplane Museum members receive: *

- Unlimited "Free" National Warplane Museum admission for you and your guests!
- Free subscription to our informative newsletter "Hangar Tales!"
- 10% Discount on all onsite Museum Store purchases!
- Learning volunteer opportunities to work "hands on" at our museum!
- And the Biggy: Free admission to "The Greatest Show on Turf" Airshow!

* Each membership level yields even more exciting benefits! - See below for more details!

MEMBERSHIP HAS ITS ADVANTAGES!

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Annual subscriptions and benefits run from the date you begin your membership through your anniversary/renewal date (the date you began) of the following year!



MEMBERSHIP LEVELS	BENEFITS				VALUED SAVINGS!				
MEMBERSHIP LEVEL	ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION	ANNUAL # OF ADMISSIONS TO MUSEUM	GENERAL ADMISSION TO AIRSHOW	MUSEUM STORE DISCOUNT	OTHER	MUSEUM ADMISSION SAVINGS	AIRSHOW SAVINGS	CALENDARS	TOTAL VALUED SAVINGS
STUDENTS	\$20	UNLIMITED VISITS	N/A	10%	"HANGAR TALES" NEWSLETTER	UNLIMITED # OF VISITS \$10+ VALUE	N/A		\$10 +
SENIORS	\$45	UNLIMITED VISITS PLUS 1 GUEST	ONE GENERAL ADMISSION TICKET!	10%	"HANGAR TALES" NEWSLETTER	UNLIMITED # OF VISITS \$20+ VALUE	\$30		\$50 +
INDIVIDUAL	\$50	UNLIMITED VISITS PLUS 1 GUEST	ONE GENERAL ADMISSION TICKET!	10%	"HANGAR TALES" NEWSLETTER	UNLIMITED # OF VISITS \$20+ VALUE	\$30		\$50 +
INDIVIDUAL GOLD	\$75	UNLIMITED VISITS PLUS 3 GUESTS	ONE GENERAL ADMISSION TICKET!	10%	NEWSLETTER AND A FREE CALENDAR!	UNLIMITED # OF VISITS \$40+ VALUE	\$30	\$10	\$80 +
FAMILY OF 4	\$100	UNLIMITED VISITS 2 ADULTS & 2 CHILDREN < 18	FOUR FREE G.A. TICKETS FOR FAMILY!	10%	"HANGAR TALES" NEWSLETTER	UNLIMITED # OF VISITS \$28+ VALUE	\$120		\$148 +
FAMILY GOLD	\$150	UNLIMITED VISITS 2 ADULTS & 4 CHILDREN < 18	SIX FREE G.A. TICKETS FOR FAMILY!	10%	NEWSLETTER AND A FREE CALENDAR!	UNLIMITED # OF VISITS \$36+ VALUE	\$180	\$10	\$226 +
LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP	ONE TIME PAYMENT \$600	UNLIMITED VISITS FOR LIFE!	TWO FREE G.A. TICKETS EVERY YEAR FOR LIFE!	10%	NEWSLETTER AND A FREE CALENDAR!	FREE ADMISSION FOR LIFE!	2 TICKETS PER YEAR FOR LIFE!	ANNUAL CALENDARS FOR LIFE!	PRICELESS!



Mike Foss's Meyers OTW Decked out for Christmas

RECAP OF 2021 COLLECTIONS, DISPLAYS & TOURS

By Jamieson R. Steele

It does seem to me that someone indeed took the basket off of our candle, and people out there, know we are here. I give a lot of credit to the new & improved web page, and the FB posts for getting our face well known, OK, better known.



We are getting many donations, the sorts of which are too numerous to mention, but some real standouts, for sure. Books & model airplanes abound, but to say 'no more' would have nixed the acquisition of the 7' x 10', 1950's, kit built, B-36 Peacemaker, six engine bomber. It has been cleaned up, sports new wheels, all courtesy of Andy Ginsberg, and Mac or Ducky McClain. Soon it will be hung in the long hangar.

Smaller donations deserve every bit of attention, as was paid to the offer of a scrapbook styled album of an 8th AF mechanic, uncle to the donor and his wife. The Toner's, from NJ, had offered it to other museums, with no replies. We said yes, and they were so happy that they included his burial flag, and a check for \$100. After the intial album gift, Jeanette sent envelopes about her brother being MIA in Korea a month before she was even born. The envelopes included his story, his picture, and the hope that we could do something to remember him. With that, she and her husband, Rick, donated \$5K, and added us to the list of organizations that they take under their wing to help support. Yes, five thousand dollars, which helped to get the long hangar roof leaks sealed, help pay for the Swanson floor painting & new blinds, W7 work. As if that was not enough, they then sent us five heat sticks for the display cabinets, to ward off the moisture that was causing mold on the items. All because we said "Yes, thank you!" about the initial album. All of this can be seen in our Gold Star Mother, and memorial display. (They visited after air show and have now adopted us!)



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Quite recently, local resident, John Linfoot, brought in a wonderful, Red Cross Volunteer uniform, full of WWII pins, earned by Barbara, "Bunny" Linfoot Loucks, during service in WWII. It is now in the Red Cross display case. Also local, I bought a large, navigator's protractor, in the walnut box, at a Hornell house sale. It is in the navigator display case with other items from a local man, donated a few years back.

Donated with the huge Walter France Sr. model collection, now in Swanson, is a collection of his he amassed during, and after WWII, of Bakelite, identification, black, models, all dated 1942-43, and most quite rare, especially in the perfect condition these are in. They were used to train personal to identify airplanes accurately, and quickly.



Other long hangar event highlights begin with the use of America At Home, the hangar, and our airplanes, as a setting for filming of a tale about Tuskegee airman. The film was produced by Tina Chapman, whose father was Tuskegee ground personal. She is a professor at RIT, and this was a student produced movie, under her direction.



The wonderful stage production by Ruth Henry, 'Bombs & Blooms', again graced our hangar, with 'Movie Memphis Belle' as the backdrop. Based on a real live diary of her husband's uncle, this was a play not to be missed, and have a tissue ready at the close. Both the play, and the movie filming used period clothing, and items from ours, and my collections. What a great touch of reality to use

actual period artifacts.

Tours are more fun than you would think, you get to meet some very interesting people, and actually learn from them, quite a bit. Seems to be pulling teeth to get our members to do tours, but you really don't need to know all about the items, just read the notes, and point out highlights, or make stuff up!! Well, really, don't do

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D-DAY VETERAN

"Whiskey 7"



1943 DOUGLAS C-47A SKYTRAIN



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that, but every tour is different. There is no ‘one tour’. You gage it by the audience. Young kids don’t want detail, they want to climb on the jeeps, and see airplanes. Some adults can’t get enough history, and detail. I won’t single out tour guides, but one: Mac, Ducky, he not only has aviation history in his life, he tells about it in his own special, Irish way. We really should charge more for his tours as folks step around piles of his Blarney.

So, there you have it, about 10% of what really went on in this past, crazy year. Many thanks to all who helped the museum get to an even higher level of outreach to the public in a professional, but very entertaining way!!

2021: A Conversation with Craig Wadsworth Director of Maintenance, NWM

With Brian Trzaskos

Lots of things this year. It was a good year; it was a funny year. It felt funny, but we were successful in fund raising. We had a successful airshow that was very different. The drive-in style people really liked. So, we are going to try to figure out how to make a tailgating area where people can park their cars and view the airshow as a permanent part of the layout. At the same time, we look to be able to go back to more of a general seating area, as well, which will allow us to bring more people into the event which is important economically.



Grounds: the place looks better than it ever has! The team that has been doing the grass cutting, mostly Ed VanDyne, did a great job. Having the finish mower helped a great deal. Bill Cooper and Dave Andruczyk working on ground equipment have kept that part of the organization operational, which really is critical, if you don't have tow vehicles, lawn mowers, all that stuff, you're not going to get very far!

The team in the hangar came on through and worked every weekend, just like normal while respecting the guidelines in place at the time. Everybody was really good-hearted about it and understood. People who had restrictions because of their personal history or their situations did what they felt best for them, and we all respect that choice. All in all, it worked really well and the airplanes were ready for the season.

We had two volunteer campouts that turned out great. We had good turnouts for them. So generally, we are looking towards 2022 as being a good year!

Of course, having the B-17 ("The Movie Memphis Belle") leave permanently was sad. But that was going to happen eventually. It needed to happen before the winter time weather got too bad. Beyond that, we wish them well and hope they have success in California. But it's kind of nice to have the space in the hangar back!



(“2021: A Conversation with Craig Wadsworth” continued)

We do hope to have the C-45 back in the schedule next year. We still have some work to do there, but there is no reason that can’t happen.

We had the damaged Canadian Harvard in the hangar since the air show. Due to restrictions on them crossing the border and back, we helped them out by swapping the damaged wing for them. They were finally able to get down here and checked it all out. They were able to fly it back home to Tillsonburg (Ontario) recently. They were very appreciative of our efforts. (Editor’s note: They will be returning for our air show this year.)



The last big event in the air show industry is happening the first full week of December and that is the International Council of Air Shows (ICAS) convention in Las Vegas.



We are going out with a twofold goal. Dave Cooper, who did a great job with the airshow this year and in 2019, will be looking to secure acts for our airshow (See preview elsewhere in this issue.). Our other goal is to schedule our airplanes, principally “Whiskey 7”, to away air shows. At the same time we are looking at our schedule deciding what events we want to do locally for rides weekends, volunteer campouts, museum events and the like.

Next fall there will be another production of “Bombs and Blooms” play, sometime in October/November. So, we will be looking at that as well.

So, 2021 was a recovery year. We came into the year not knowing what we were going to be allowed to do. And because, a lot of the times, when we go on the road, we are going to other states, we didn’t know what they were going to be doing or what the CDC was going to allow. So, coming out of the winter we had a lot of questions. It was a tough year financially for the museum, so we didn’t have a lot of capital to work with. But we knew something was going to happen. We were confident that the schedules would start to develop. Bookings, through Phil Hadlich and Tina Gillmeister did happen. But really, there weren’t that many shows. We did Bradford (PA). We did Portsmouth (NH). Both went really well. We were really well

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received. The team in NH have become new friends who have already asked us to be at their event in 2023. We returned to Conneaut (OH) and reconnected with our good friends there and at Ashtabula airport. We did several rides days at the museum that were successful. So we had a good year, but definitely nonstandard!



As far as big hangar projects are concerned, we had the issue of how to deal with the engine that failed on “Whiskey 7” in the fall of 2020. Our decision to proceed by installing a previously used engine was an economically driven one. We would rather have been able to purchase an overhauled engine, but we just didn’t have the capacity to do that. So, we took the engine out of storage and had to have some of the components checked out. That meant pulling the reduction drive assembly off the motor and sending it out for inspection. That went well, so we hung the engine. That meant “Whiskey 7” wasn’t airworthy until June. But she has performed well this year, with no major mechanical issues. She ran well and we are proceeding with her winter inspection. We are continuing with the overhaul of the J-5. The wing is going together, and the engine will be going together soon. We have the new propeller, so we really only need right struts and some other fittings before we can start assembly.

At the same time, we had great success with the D.VII German biplane and the Dr.I triplane flying. We added the Meyers OTW to the collection. We are doing very well that way.



So, great things happened this year. It was, again, a non-standard year. So, we go into the fall/winter of 2021 looking forward to a “normal” 2022. And time will tell whether that comes out to be the case. We should have “Whiskey 7”, the BT-13, the PT-26, the Myers OTW, the Champs all flying. We are re-adding the Antonov AN-2 as we start the process of installing the engine for that airplane.

MATCHING GIFT DONATIONS!

By Larry Jones



At the end of August, a very generous member and donor offered The National Warplane Museum a challenge! If we could promote our donations program up to Thanksgiving, they would match – Dollar for Dollar – donations received over that twelve-week period up to \$5,000!

Well guess what? Everyone jumped aboard posting signs around the museum campus, placing our bomb donation jugs in strategic locations, using Facebook and the website to solicit funds, and spreading the good news by word of mouth!

We are very pleased to announce that over that period of time, through the efforts of our volunteers as well as the generosity of our members and visitors at large, we have finished the challenge collecting \$6,444.53; \$1,894.53 coming in through anonymous donors and miscellaneous cash donations. The remaining \$4,550.00 graciously coming from the following contributors:

KEVIN McNAMARA	WILLIAM KLEPSER, JR	ERIN VITALE
DAVE COOPER	JAMES ELLISON	EDWARD SMITH
ROY SMITH	RYAN FRANKLIN	MIRIAM J MORRIS
JOHN BURCHILL	PETER CATIZON	ROBERTA SCOTT
THOMAS JUELL	EBERHARD THIEME	JOE LEONE
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GARY LAMPMAN	DEBORAH BEARD	RUTH HENRY
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MICHAEL FOSS	PAUL ORTWEIN	LIN CALLAHAN
MARY ROBINSON-SLABEY	DEBBY BATZING	CARY CAMERON
DAVID WILLIAMS	CRAIG ZUFELT	

(All Facebook donations have not been recorded. If your name is missing, and you contributed, please contact our office!)

Adding our donor's \$5,000 match, this brings the total donation for the museum to **\$11,444.53!** It goes without saying just how much we appreciate our most generous benefactor! It is rewarding to know that there are so many fine people out there who not only support, but endorse our mission here at the National Warplane Museum! As we enter into the winter months, our income dwindles and utilities escalate. Every penny we can collect helps us maintain our museum until the warmth of spring! **Thank You** to our very special donor, and thank you to all who gave so generously allowing us to match the \$5,000 Challenge!

Fundraising: The Year in Review

By Larry Jones



What a year it has been for fundraising! With Covid restrictions lifting and given the ability to put forth a very successful airshow in July under the expert direction of our own Dave Cooper, the Greatest Show on Turf certainly pulled our team together for the pinnacle activity of the year! Thank you to everyone who volunteered and participated!



Of course, there were several other fundraising events that have helped us pay the expenses and ensure our future mission here at the museum as well. Some of these events were not only simple fundraisers, but educational and entertaining too!



Starting out last winter with Hangar Chats, chaired under the organizational efforts of Mike Foss, Amy Beechler, and Bevin Lynn, these online presentations featured Chris Godart of the Smithsonian Air & Space Museum in February talking about the Wright Brothers! In March, Paul Bingley from England presented his story about the Mighty Eights 381st Bombing Division. He was accompanied by our very own (and famous may I add!) Casey Bukowski who chatted about his times during WW2 as a waist gunner who's B17 was shot down over Germany! And finally in April, our very own Bevin Lynn talked about SPARS and Women in the Coast Guard! All "Chats" went over very well and were participated by many!

On April 17th, a cool spring Saturday afternoon, many of the "gals of the museum" dressed in 1940's garb and put on a very successful Chiavetta's Chicken BBQ! Serving nearly 400 dinners, customers line up in their cars and picked up their dinners throughout the afternoon!



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Early June brought forth "Welding for Warbirds," an online auction coordinated by



Jodi Beyer with over two dozen welded creations created by several students attending the Genesee Valley BOCES program in Mt. Morris. This very successful auction was sponsored by several area businesses and proved to be extremely successful!

The last weekend in June, on a hot and muggy day, the Western NY Precision Rifleman held a shooting competition here on our museum campus. Shooting from behind our large hangar from 300 to 1,000 yards, the competition was well attended by shooters and onlookers. A large portion of their proceeds came to the museum that day!



Labor Day weekend was a fury of activity around the museum. On Labor Day morning, our annual fly-in breakfast brought in several hundred drive-ins and a few "fly-ins" as several of our volunteers worked tirelessly to keep up with the demand of pancakes, eggs, coffee, sausage, and more all under the watchful eye of Don Nicholls! Thank you to members from the Kiwanis Club of Southwest Rochester for helping out in our quest to raise funds for our Tuskegee Airmen Exhibit and in honoring Charlie Price, our long-time museum member and Tuskegee Airman himself! WW2 re-enactors speckled the fields and Swanson Hall was busy over this weekend as well with literally over 1,000 donated used books on display during our book sale organized by Walter and Margit France!

Through the kindness and generosity of so many of our members, general donations have poured in throughout the year. Many of you send in extra donations with your renewals – Thank you! At the beginning of September, one very generous donor presented us with a challenge. A separate article is devoted to this. All in all, it is greatly appreciated for those who continually support our mission here at the National Warplane Museum by not only helping us pay the bills, but instilling in us the confidence to continue on!



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At the end of September, a group of thespians under the direction and guidance of Ruth Henry performed "Bombs and Blooms," a historical musical set in the 1940s during WWII. The plot revolves around a WWII pilot and his wife and the different life experiences they encounter throughout the war.



Not only was it entertaining and educational, it was tremendously well attended and profitable! Thank you, Ruth!

Throughout most of the year our second annual raffle was going on. With \$10



Tickets and a \$5,000 grand prize, a Weekend for Two at the Glen Iris as second prize, and a Ride for Two in Whiskey 7 as third, nearly 2,400 tickets were purchased and/or sold by our general membership yielding a net profit of nearly \$15,000! Thank you to

all who participated and congratulations to our winners!

Other events that yielded positive funds for the museum was Wags for Warbirds, a mini style dog show put on by Jessica Biddle; our friends from the Monroe Astronautical Rocket Society "MARS" who so generously donate to us to us for the use of our fields for their numerous launches throughout the year, as well as our friends from Sam86 and the Western NY Free Flight Society who also contribute for the use of our fields



Next year's plans are already underway for some very (and I mean very) exciting events! Keep watch for details not only for big prizes but big entertainment as well!

Again, without events like these and our superb volunteers and members, none of this would be possible. Thank you so very much for all those who give so tirelessly of their time and talents! Without you, we would cease to exist! Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to all!

NCAA Niagara Regional Cross Country Championship Held at The National Warplane Museum

By Larry Jones



It was a cold, wet, and cloudy Saturday on November 13th when nearly 300 collegiate athletes met to compete in the NCAA Niagara Regional Cross Country Regional Championships. The event included over 150 men and 140 women from



29 regional colleges and universities composed of 22 Men's teams and 20 Women's teams. This was the second time in six weeks that The National

Warplane Museum offered its several hundred acre campus for this exciting event! The men's course was set at 5 Miles and the Lady's at 6 KM. Motorcoaches were lined up once again along Big Tree Lane and several tents were pitched on the fields as the crowd cheered for their favorite team and runners!



As a side note, the SUNY Geneseo Men's "Knights" Cross Country team, placed five runners in the top eight finishers winning first in the meet and earning them a qualifying bid to the NCAA Division III Men's Cross Country Championships in Louisville, Kentucky!



Ozzie Tripp: Korean War Photographer

By Larry Jones

On December 1st we had a very special guest at the museum. "Coach" Ozzie Tripp from Cohocton, NY joined us and exhibited four photo albums of pictures he had taken during the Korean War Conflict. Ozzie grew up in Cohocton and went to school in Rochester during and after WW2. He worked during and after high school at Eastman Kodak where he picked up some invaluable photo processing experience that he says "saved his life!" Entering the army in

1952, he was sent to Korea and assigned to a machine gunner's unit in the 1st Cavalry, a sure position to be shot at and worse! Fortunately, somebody found out Ozzie's photo experience and he was assigned with 6 others to take photos of the conflict for the war department! He gladly obliged and finished out his tour, between 1952 and 1954, taking photographs of not only the terrain, tanks, gun units, high ranking officers, and soldiers, but of celebrities of whom he met while snapping pictures of USO shows. Included in his albums were pictures of actresses Marilyn Monroe, Terry Moore, according player Dick Contino, several high-ranking officers and even President Eisenhower!

After the military he graduated from Ithaca College and settled down in Cohocton where he was the physical education teacher and coach for 35 years! He and his wife of 61 years have two grown sons of whom one of them, Thomas, accompanied him to the museum. Ozzie is famous throughout the Southern Tier. The sports facility in Cohocton was even named after him! At 89 years young, he continues to work full time at the Hornell Municipal Airport answering the phone, maintaining the office, entertaining guests, and playing a game of solitaire now and then. His main job is to keep the coffee on for those who come and visit or ask for information! "Thanks Coach" for your service and for allowing us to look at those very famous photographs from nearly 70 years ago!



J-5 Wing Update

By Peter Bonneau



We are in the process of covering the wing with fabric. The bottom fabric laid out, and glued onto the leading and trailing edges.



This picture shows the bottom wing bow with the fabric formed and glued around the bow.



The wing is then turned over, to put the top fabric in place.



Top fabric in place, before being glued to the leading and trailing edges.



This shows the wing bow top side formed and glued in a similar manner to the bottom. Some trimming still needs to be done on the wing bow. Leading and trailing edges have also been glued.



This shows the cutout necessary for the fuel tank. The top fabric only is removed in the fuel tank location; the tank upper surface actually serves as the airfoil for that area.

This is admittedly a bare bones description of the fabric covering process to date. Once all the edges have been glued, and the aileron sides are covered, the fabric will be ready for shrinking.

The Boxcar Boys

By Kevin House

2021 was a little slow in getting projects done. Not only did COVID hindered our efforts, but personal challenges among the Boxcar Boys did the same.

We continue working on discouraging birds from roosting and nesting in the airplane. Bird wire has been cut to size and installed in the tail booms and the wing leading edge inlets. Sheet metal has been placed on the top surfaces of the starboard aileron due to bird damage. More of that kind of work will be necessary in the spring as the birds have damaged the fabric on the port aileron and the flaps.



Exterior painting continues as the aircraft identification numbers on the nose have been repainted. A template of the Canadian coat of arms has been made and will be used to apply the coat of arms to the vertical stabilizers when weather allows.

We created informational signs that we installed under the prop blades. In the past, to prevent people from walking into the blades, we had set up traffic cones. These signs look much better and are great safety additions.



We continue the week to week maintenance of cleaning, mowing and weed whacking. We also prettied up the airplane for the airshow and were able this year to attach temporary stairs to the rear of the aircraft eliminating the necessity of visitors having to use one door for entry and exit.

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("The Boxcar Boys" continued)



A very nice workbench was built and installed in the airplane. It was designed to fold up against the bulkhead thereby minimizing any encroachment on cargo compartment space.



2022 will include more exterior painting, bird control, and work on the cockpit (we now have a driftmeter that needs to be installed).



"Saigon Lady" Gets Her Rudder

Pictures by Mike Foss and Jamieson Steele





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