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FROM THE CROW'S NEST

First and foremost...

As many of you know, a dear friend of the MS Wing, AeroShell Team Lead Alan Henley was very seriously injured two weeks ago while playing with his children. As of this writing, Alan is still in ICU and has a long road ahead of him. Please keep his family in your prayers. His wife Jenn is posting regular updates on Caring Bridge. Please take a moment to visit the site, <http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/alanhenley> for updates on his condition, and to offer your support to the Henley family.

This month's meeting...

Be sure to get a kitchen pass to come out this Saturday, the 16th for our monthly meeting. We'll be spending a little more time on the Stinson, which gets closer to flying status every week.

In the news...

Those of you who were able to attend last month's meeting, know that Col. Hazel Dunham was our quarterly Volunteer Rewards Program winner. Hazel has been one of the cornerstones of the MS Wing for many years. Please join me in offering congratulations, and a pat on the back (or hug) to just one of the many Wing members who put their heart and soul into the CAF every week.

AirVenture 2008...

Several of our Colonels spent the week in Oshkosh, WI this month, including Cols. Bob Bates, Jeff Bates, Keith Jones, and George Steube. Reports are that they all had a great time, but I hear George's rap sheet grew by a few pages.

September planning...

AIRSHO is just around the corner (Sep. 20/21). For CAF members, this is *Meca*. If you have never been, don't miss this opportunity. Several Cols. are headed that way, so if you have plans to go, ask around. You can probably find someone to carpool with.

Our **2008 Poker Run & Bomb Drop** is the weekend following Airshow, so September will be a very busy month. Spread the word to all of your buddies about our \$100 prize for best poker hand, and \$50 for the closest bomb drop. If you're not planning to fly, please offer your assistance. Our event coordinators can tell you, every little bit helps.

Keep 'em flying - Col. Eric

Stinson 10A...

Progress on the Stinson was a little slow this past month with the heat and all. Anyone who has spent more than 20 minutes in the hangar this summer knows that it's great for loosing weight, not so much for working on airplanes. Despite the temperature, the maintenance team lead by Col. George Steube, managed to make a little more progress on the engine. The prop is back on, but we have some more challenges ahead of us. Anybody have an extra air-box for a 90-horse Franklin?

Final Respects...



AP Photo/Toby Talbot

The dog tag and high school class ring that belonged to Felix Shostak are shown in the photograph above, which was taken on July 10, 2008. Back in 1944, Shostak was the turret gunner on a B-24 that was shot down over France, while on mission to bomb a German fighter base. His remains were never found, but recently, crash site investigators found his dog tags and class ring. They have since been returned to his brother, Charles, who now lives in Vermont.

Gliders, Gliders, and MORE gliders ...



Several of MS Wing members also belong to the Central Mississippi Soaring Society (CMSS) based out of Harrell Field in Pisgah. The club took several of their gliders to Starkville this month to participate in a fly-in with the MSU glider club. I hear it was quite an adventure.

Way Out There in Cyberspace...

The staff has been working hard to enhance our new web site. Besides updating all of the content, we've also added a museum section that links directly from the home page. The site is not yet in its final form (it never will be). So please offer comments and suggestions to the staff if you would like to see added content or changes. Visit the site at the following URL <http://www.mississippiwingcaf.org/>

Getting the Word out...

We just received a new box of business cards with our motto, updated contact information, and web address. We'll keep some at the FBO, and some on the bar, but we would also like each member to take a few to hand to prospective members. This is a great way to leave a calling card with those who show interest in the CAF.



So girls, there I was ...

In the photo above, Col Steube gives us a perfect example of how we can use our personal resources to spread the word about the CAF. Sometimes using our own aircraft is a great way to share the love of aviation and history with the community.

2008 Air Show & Events...

Sep 20/21	AIRSHO Midland, TX
Sep 27	Annual Bomb Drop & Poker Rally
Oct 4	Tennessee SkyFest Jackson, TN
Oct 11/12	Great Georgia Dixie Wing, Atlanta
Oct 25	Vicksburg/Tallulah Fly - In
Oct 25/26	Wings Over Houston
Nov 1/2	Lafayette, LA
Nov 14	NAS Pensacola

"It's never too early" 2009 events list...

April	Keesler AFB
May 16	MS Wing Open House
May	Tyndall AFB
June	Barksdale AFB