

# September '08



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## FROM THE CROW'S NEST

### ***This month's meeting...***

*Our annual Poker Rally and Bomb Drop competition will take the place of our monthly meeting. Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am we will hold the mission briefing before leaving on the ~100 mile Poker Run, which includes the bomb drop at Art Davis' duster strip. From that point we will proceed to Carthage, Slabovia, Raymond, then back to Madison, as we pick up the cards for our hands. Details can be found on our website at <http://www.mississippiwingcaf.org/>.*

*Even if you don't plan to fly yourself, come by and you may be able to bum a ride with another pilot. If you're not up for the mission, we can always use a little extra help around the hangar getting ready for the event. Col. Greg Freeman is the chairman of the Poker Run this year. If you would like to help out, please contact him at 601-879-9192.*

### ***In the news...***

*One thing is for sure, we have had a very busy September!!! Col. Steube and his team have made great progress on the 10A. All flight controls have been rigged and safe-tied; all turnbuckles, pullies, and attachment bolts have been checked; the headliner is almost completely installed; and the engine has been run several times. We have a little trouble with the mixture control, but the team is on top of it. I know we've said it before, but we are really getting close guys.*

*We had several Colonels make the trip to HQ for AirSho. Col. Musick made his customary trek in the P-51 "Red Nose". Cols. Jeff and Bob Bates, Col. Tony Banus, and others made a road trip out of it, taking the PX on behalf of the Wing. Please join me in offering many thanks to all of our members who represented the Mississippi Wing at Midland this year!!!*

*And finally, as many of you already know (or heard) the Dixie Wing's Mustang was able to make a stop at MBO on her way out to Midland earlier this month. Col. Musick reports that although the stay was brief, he still managed to give several rides. The weather was beautiful, and everyone who was able to come out to see her fly, had a great time.*

*And as I mentioned before, we'll wrap up the month of September by hosting the Poker Rally and Bomb Drop this Saturday. Come on out and have some fun.*

*Keep 'em flying - Col. Eric H.*

## Stinson 10A...

As I mentioned above, Col. Steube and his team have made an amazing amount of progress on the 10A. The engine has been run several times since the overhaul, and the guys are working hard to get the airframe finished up.



**The Franklin runs again...and smoothly, I might add...**

George and his team have been meeting at the hangar at 8:30 every Saturday morning to keep things moving. They have all done a fantastic job in getting the Stinson ready for her first flight.

We still have a couple of issues to work through before she's ready to take to the air again, but I think we'll be there pretty soon.

We've posted more photos and a video of the first engine run (since the overhaul) on the web site. Go take a look...or better yet, come out on Saturday and see for yourself.

## Dixie Wing's Mustang at MBO...

Despite some mechanical difficulties and a little unfavorable weather, "Red Nose" was able to make another appearance at our Wing this year.

Originally scheduled to be at Madison for a three day tour, fate had other plans. Fortunately, the Dixie Wing members worked hard, had a little luck, and as a result, the Mustang arrived in style on Tuesday the 16<sup>th</sup>.

As expected, we were immediately swamped with on-lookers and passers-by who either heard the 1500HP Merlin come screaming by, or noticed her proudly perched in front of our hangar.

This gave us a great opportunity to spread the word about the C.A.F., and give folks a very tangible reason to join. As a result, several people expressed serious interest in joining nationally and locally. No doubt, they also walked away with a deep sense of pride in their nation, and a healthy respect for the men and machines that have served to keep our freedom.



**"Red Nose" poised for flight in front of the hangar...**

## 2008 Air Show & Events...

Sep 27	MS Wing Annual Bomb Drop & Poker Rally
Oct 11/12	Great Georgia Dixie Wing, Atlanta
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