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FROM THE CROW'S NEST

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Happy New Year Troops!!!!

As Steve Miller used to say, "Time keeps on slippin' slippin' slippin', into the future". Yet another has flown by and we are getting ready to kick off 2009. Your MS Wing staff is in the middle of planning events and setting goals for the new year. We have high hopes and expectations for our Wing, and we want each and every one of you to be a major part of it. Please take every opportunity this year to participate in Wing activities. There are fun and exciting events planned, and we need your help to pull them off.

This Month's Meeting...

January's meeting will fall on the 17th. We will be having lunch at the hangar/museum at noon. Work continues on the Stinson, and finishing that project is still our primary objective. As usual, Col. Steube and team will begin working on the plane around 9am, so if you would like to help, come on out a little early. An extra hand is always appreciated.

Weather permitting, there is a strong possibility of a couple of really cool WWII planes to show up. Of course the way the weather is this time of year, it is anyone's guess whether or not they will be able to get in. That being said, if we have VFR conditions, listen for the low rumble of Warbirds overhead.

Feedback from our Members...

As I said at the Christmas party in December, it is of utmost importance that our members feel a sense belonging and satisfaction within the CAF. As such, your Wing staff would like to hear from you. Please take a moment to fill out the brief survey that can be found on page 4. Of course, your staff is always available to speak with you about new ideas, concerns or criticisms.

Membership Dues...

Beginning of the new year means it is time to renew your MS Wing membership. Local dues are still just \$35 per year and due by January 31st. Please use the form at the bottom of page 4, and include up to date contact information. A self addressed stamped envelop is included for your convenience.

Keep 'em flying - Colonel Eric

Stinson 10A

The progress on the 10A has continued through the Christmas holidays with COL George Steube continuing to lead up us “non-I.A.” types in getting our yellow bird ready to fly this spring.



After receiving the repaired carburetor, the stalwart Col. Steube and his team conducted a test run in late December. Using his superior knowledge of internal combustion engines, George elected to crank the engine for quite some time before engaging the magnetos. George says it is very important to make sure the mixture in all four cylinders is perfect for combustion before letting her fire. Sounds good to me...

Next on the list are gear fairings. Those are being fitted now, as are the final trim peaces for the interior. Col. Steve Collins is doing a bang-up job on the interior. It is a real work of art that you must see! All-in-all, it was a busy December!

Winter Toys



You know, it gets really cold up north in January and COL Frank Kimmel (CAF life member out of Greenwood, MS) is just the sort of guy to pitch in when his friends get too cold and need a hangar for the winter – he'll be keeping (and flying) this beautiful Corsair

through *Sun&Fun*. Hope to see you (and the plane) at our next meeting, Frank.

Veterans Day in NYC



This iconic picture from V-J Day, caught by Alfred Eisenstaedt, a Life magazine photographer, became one of the 20th century's most famous images.

Edith Shain, the nurse in the image, recalls that she joined thousands of people whooping it up after Japan surrendered. Right there on Broadway and 45th Street, a sailor suddenly grabbed and kissed her — and the moment was caught forever and became synonymous with the day in history.

Now 90 years old, Edith rode at the head of New York City's 2008 Veterans Day parade donning a white nurse's uniform like the one she wore back in 1945. She also went to see the musical revival of "South Pacific" and posed for pictures, being hoisted off her feet on stage by a group of sailors.



2009 Aviation events list:

We're still collecting final dates, but here are a few of the events we have on radar for the upcoming year...

February 25-27	Hattiesburg
March 21/22	Columbus, GA
March 28/29	Tyndall AFB
April 4/5	Keesler AFB
April 4/5	Tuscaloosa, AL
May 1/2	NAS New Orleans
May 9/10	Barksdale AFB
May 16	MS Wing Open House
May 16/17	New Iberia, LA
October ?	Dixie Wing
October 9/10	FINA-CAF
October 16/17	Slidell, LA
October 17	NAS Whiting
October ?	Vicksburgh/Tallulah
October ?	Wings Over Houston

Smithsonian's Udvar-Hazy Annex

I'm a rather ordinary American who is fortunate enough to be exposed to aviation. I'm an anonymous C.A.F. member and consider myself lucky to experience the history our organization has hands-on access to. I recently visited Dulles airport and spent six hours touring the Udvar-Hazy Center – awesome! If you ever have the chance, go see it. The aircraft include some of the most historic in American flight – too many to even start to list. Let me just say they represent everything. My personal favorite was the *Enola Gay*. What a great and historic mission she flew to end the war so inappropriately launched by the Japanese.



The collection also includes ordinary aircraft that many of us have had the pleasure to fly (such as the J-3 Cub)...



...the privilege to fly (such as this L-5 Sentinel)...



...and the duty to fly (such as the UH-1 Huey).

2009 Member Survey & Dues Notice

In an effort to better serve our local CAF members, your MS Wing staff would like to have some feedback. Please complete the survey below and return it with your 2009 dues check in the enclosed envelop. Local membership dues will remain \$35 for 2009. Please make your check payable to MS Wing, CAF.

1. I am well informed about events related to the MS Wing.
STRONGLY AGREE _____ AGREE _____ DISAGREE _____ STRONGLY DISAGREE _____

2. I have adequate opportunities to participate in MS Wing activities.
STRONGLY AGREE _____ AGREE _____ DISAGREE _____ STRONGLY DISAGREE _____

3. The MS Wing effectively utilizes my talents to the betterment of the organization.
STRONGLY AGREE _____ AGREE _____ DISAGREE _____ STRONGLY DISAGREE _____

4. I have a strong understanding of the mission/goals of the MS Wing.
STRONGLY AGREE _____ AGREE _____ DISAGREE _____ STRONGLY DISAGREE _____

5. The MS Wing does a good job in fulfilling its mission.
STRONGLY AGREE _____ AGREE _____ DISAGREE _____ STRONGLY DISAGREE _____

6. Provide comments, remarks, or suggestions in the space below.

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MISSISSIPPI WING 2009 DUES FORM
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Please use the included SASE to return the form below with your check for \$35

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