

# February '09



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## FROM THE CROW'S NEST

### *This months meeting...*

*Our February meeting will be held on Saturday the 21<sup>st</sup>. As usual, we will be meeting at the hangar/museum around 10am for some hangar flying, followed by lunch at noon. With any luck, we will continue to have some nice weather and will be able to get the airplanes out and do a little flying too.*

### *The January meeting...Cold and Windy...*

*Special thanks to Cols Rick Bell and Frank Kimmel for coming down to our January meeting. As you know, the Sea Fury and Corsair were scheduled to fly in, but were unable make it down due to poor weather and a mechanical issue respectively. In the aircraft's absence, Cols Bell and Kimmel were gracious to share with us about those awesome machines. We also had a very nice looking three-ship of vintage Navions fly over from the Meridian area. Our good friend, Burt Zeller and some fellow S.N.A.G. pilots (<http://goflyyournavion.com/>) were looking good in tight formation upon arrival.*

### *New Aircraft Arrival...*

*Anyone who has been out to the hangar lately has probably noticed a new addition to the fleet...this beautifully restored L-2 Grasshopper owned by Col. Stan Musick. Manufactured in the early 1940s by Taylorcraft, this bird is a fine example of the Army Air Corps family of liaison aircraft. The L-2 was used for spotting enemy troop and supply concentrations as well as directing artillery fire. It was also used for other liaison and transport duties and short-range reconnaissance.*



*Hopefully we will be able to get this L- bird involved in the air show scene, travelling two-ship with our Stinson L-9 this season. Together with our other member owned aircraft (The O-2 Bird Dogs and T-6 Texan), we've got quite an interesting fleet.*

*Keep 'em flying - COL Eric*

## Stinson 10A

The progress on the 10A has continued consistently through the cold of January with Col. George Steube continuing to lead up us 'non-I/As' in getting our yellow bird ready to fly this spring.



Recent progress includes final installation of the gear fairings, cutting all inspection holes and installing cover-plates, final fitting of nose bowl, and rough fitting the cowling.

The Wing would also like to welcome **a new flying level sponsor to the Stinson 10A** restoration project – Col. Stan Musick. Stan has been a member of the Wing for almost six years and has contributed in many ways all along. This sponsorship will help fund the final phase of the project, and is most welcome and appreciated – thanks, Stan.



## National World War II Museum

The Mississippi Wing is now a chartered member of the *National World War II Museum* in New Orleans. It was previously known as the *National D-Day Museum*. With our annual membership, comes a card which allows free admittance for any two adults (plus their children under age 18). Obviously, only one person can have the card in their possession at a time, so it will be available for “check out” on a first-come/first served basis as follows:

1. Must be a current CAF Colonel and MS Wing member in good standing.
2. Request use of the card from Wing Leader.
3. Return card promptly after scheduled use date.
4. Replace card if damaged or misplaced while in your possession.



## 2009 Wing Dues

If you have not yet sent in your wing dues of \$35, please do so very soon. Your annual check – when added with everyone else’s – makes a significant contribution towards the Wing’s annual budget. If you need an invoice or a receipt, please let Pete or Eric know, and they will gladly accommodate you.

## New MS Wing Members

Recent additions to the MS Wing include Mark Kimmel (brother of Col. Frank Kimmel), Mark Turner, and Bill Hester. Please join us in welcoming them into our organization. We are looking forward to having them involved in our activities.