



EDUCATE INSPIRE HONOR

A TRIP FIT FOR A QUEEN

Thanks to Executive Officer Col Kent Taylor we can review the process involved in moving a good sized aircraft from Grand Junction, Colorado to Bemidji, Minnesota - by ground transport.

from GJT to BJI (Bemidji, Minn.) resulted in a ... road trip.



You need a transport jig

When the Beechcraft Queen Air was donated to our Rocky Mountain Wing (RMW) by generous donors Debra Hall and Tomi (Hall) Padgett, the Queen Air had been sitting idle for a number of years. Because our wing had no use for the airplane (didn't fit our warbird theme) we expected to have to sell the aircraft for salvage—gaining what little we might get for it sitting here in Grand Junction.

Col Taylor provides this photo essay about how you do that.

First you need to remove some airplane things that get in the way - like engines, wings, the tail, etc.



You need heavy equipment

And a really low "low-boy"

Then the work begins to move the rest of the airplane.

But, thanks to Col Taylor and others in the Wing, an air freight operation that uses Beechcraft Queen Airs for cargo transport was located, contacted and showed interest in the airplane. Lots of conversations, information swapping and visits to Grand Junction resulted in Bemidji Aviation Services completing all the necessary steps to purchase the Queen Air.



You position your jig

Ongoing decisions regarding how to get the Queen Air



You align your jig

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WE'RE BUSY! BUT, WE'RE NEVER BUSY ENOUGH!!

There's nothing on Col Bob Thompson's Air show Schedule until the end of August. Be sure to contact Col Bob Thompson and volunteer to support both the Broomfield and Colorado Springs CAF Tours!!

RMW AIR SHOW SCHEDULE - 2021

MONTH	DAYS	LOCATION	SHOW	TBM	CUB	STATUS
Aug	23 - 29	Broomfield, CO	CAF B-29 & Others			SCHEDULED
Sep	1 - 6	Colorado Springs, CO	CAF B-29 & Others			SCHEDULED
	11 - 12	Cheyenne, WY	Wild West Airshow			SCHEDULED
	18 - 19	Montrose, CO	Tribute to Aviation			SCHEDULED
Oct	16 - 17	Loveland, CO	No. Colorado Airshow			TENTATIVE
Nov	6 - 7	Davis Monthan AFB, AZ	Thunder & Lightning TB			TENTATIVE
	13 - 14	Lake Havasu City, AZ	Airfest			TENTATIVE

TB=Thunderbirds
BA=Blue Angles

Guggenheim Material?

What is "good art?" Everyone has an opinion – most that differ.

However, some Propwash Gazette research has unveiled some common attributes that exist between the artist and the work of art, that exemplify true "artistic" work. Some descriptions from recognized experts of "good" art:

Brian Gross, Brian Gross Fine Art, San Francisco:

Art that is unique in conception and well executed.

Cheryl Haines, Haines Gallery, San Francisco:

Clear intention, unwavering dedication, patience, perseverance, self awareness and the drive to make for yourself and no one else.

Catharine Clark, Catharine Clark Gallery, San

Francisco: When it has its own internal logic. It took me a long time to get to this place, but that is the answer that I now give. I used to say that good art is like porn; you know it when you see it.

Julio Cesar Morales, Adjunct Visual Arts Curator, Yerba Buena Center for the Arts, San Francisco: Work that makes you forget about art.

Source: <https://www.artbusiness.com/how-to-recognize-the-best-art.html>

With those opinions in mind (forgetting the geographic source) we believe an artist with the ability to meet ALL these criteria for "Good Art" must truly produce - "Good Art." Well, such an artist has been found just outside

Steamboat Springs Colorado.

He is a Rocky Mountain Wing Colonel with an eye for artwork that both meets and exceeds ALL the above criteria - especially, "unique in conception", "unwavering dedication", "has it's [sic] own internal logic", and certainly "...makes you forget about art."

Shown here is a yet to be named (as far as we know) sculpture that is the work of RMW CAF Colonel Stu Lynn. We're guessing the piece (isn't that how the experts refer to artwork) may not have been finished when the Propwash was provided these photos but this is such "Good Art" we're releasing these photos anyway.

Your editorial staff is truly impressed – we believe the Wing and "309" should be honored – hence another photo essay in this issue for your viewing pleasure.

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Lurking in the evening sky near Steamboat? What is that? Weird?



This looks vaguely familiar - but still different.



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Keep 'em Flying

WING LEADER'S REPORT

*By Fred Suevel
RMW Wing Leader*

While we wait for a couple of radios to be checked out, to replace the two old ones we had in the TBM, Dick and Bob are considering locations in the cockpit to mount the new radios. It won't be easy because there will be a good number of wires and antennas that need to be connected and tested. Good thing we have Kent, a retired electronic engineer.

Dick and Byron repaired one of our B-4 platforms. One of the steel cross members was bent causing the working area on the platform to tilt. After brainstorming ways to fix the



problem, they came up with the relatively simple solution of cutting out the bent area and welding in a new straight piece of the same length. Once done, the working area of the platform was back to straight and level. Both platforms were pressure washed to remove the grime and then touched up with spray paint.

Our TBM will be back in the

PHOTO OF THE MONTH



This could have been the view of a "wanna-be" pilot for the Army Air Corps early in World War II. Many of our Rocky Mountain Wing's Cub's older siblings might have been waiting on a grass field to "wash out" those that just didn't have the aptitude necessary to fly war time airplanes.

This is obviously a later photo - there's a couple super cubs hidden in the mix. Did you notice? Some super cubs were painted red and white.

movies. On Monday, Aug 2, Hank Braxton, will spend a couple of days with a bunch of actors shooting scenes in and around our plane. Feel free to stop by and watch the action. They may even need some background actors so if you're there don't be surprised if you're grabbed to be in a movie.

Sep 9th); the show at Montrose will be on Sep 18-19.

We're still looking for volunteers for the following four quick shows in a row: The show at Rocky Mountain Metro will be on Aug 23-29; the show at Colorado Springs will be on Sep 1-6; the show at Cheyenne, WY will be on Sep 11-12 (flying there on Thur,

TRIP FOR A QUEEN

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Start attaching jig mounts



Ready to go airborne



MAINTENANCE

Come to the next staff meeting and get a maintenance update in real time - from real Rocky Mountain Wing Wrench Wranglers - in real time!! It's a real deal!



Gear up - the long hard way



Fly into the jig



Get the big lift to the "low-boy"



Start a "Convoy" to Minn.



Arrive at a new Minnesota home truly...

FIT FOR A QUEEN.

WWII QUIZ

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Code Names

What was FDR's Code Name?

The War on Land

Identify the site of the first Allied land victory in the War.

Thanks to author Timothy B. Bensford

NEXT STAFF MEETING
8/14/2021
RMWCAF HANGAR
SUPPORT YOUR CAF WING.



July 10th Staff Meeting Bullets

Compiled monthly from RMW Staff Meeting Notes.

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ANSWERS

Code Names

Victor. The American President was also known as Admiral Q in some messages.

The War on Land

Narvik, Norway, on May 28, 1940 when the French Foreign Legion captured the port from the Germans.

Col Suevel gave an overview of the meeting with CAF HQ visiting Cols Jim Lasche, Mike Danford and Bob Heath and the "Great Dinner" we had with the AZ B-25 crew.

Fred also said that the donations received during the AZ Win B-25 tour stop reached around \$1.100.

Volunteers are needed to support "309" visiting Broomfield and Colorado Springs as part of the CAF Air Power History Tour with FIFI, Diamond Lil, Gunfighter, and others. Talk to Col Bob Thompson.

The TBM will be filmed for its part in a Zombie movie, Monday August 2nd. Show up early in your flight suit if you want to be famous.

XO Col Taylor reviewed the Queen Air move (see page 1.)

Ops Officer Col Bob Thompson reviewed the landing gear issue that arose during the TBM test flight and the ensuing diagnosis and repair. Bob also gave an overview of the current TBM Pilot situation including the inclusion (politically correct) of pilot candidate Paul Mackey.

Maintenance Officer Col Dick Maddock reviewed the plan to install new radios in "309." Bemidji is sending us a couple KX165 Radios as part of the Queen Aire deal. Some cockpit reconfiguration will probably be required to fit these new(er) radios. Our cadre of pilots will be pleased.

The AZ B-25, "Maid in the Shade" had an engine problem (similar to "309's" recent issue) and required an engine replacement. A spare engine was shipped from AZ and installed in record time. The test flight occurred during the RMW Staff Meeting was successful, and the crew loaded up to continue their tour.

Education Officer Col Tom Howe reported that due to Covid Confusion within all school systems, the chance of any education programs happening this year was nil. Recommendations regarding any future programs are welcome. Contact Col. Tom Howe.

Development Officer Dale Beede presented that we are pushing to get the funding for a new hangar. His "realistic" estimate is that we need \$500,000 build and furnish a new Hangar.

Anyone willing to help with this effort please contact Dale.

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Yep, Definitely Guggenheim Material

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"309" thanks you for the recognition Colonel Lynn!!
Once the New York Times picks this article up, the Guggenheim will be calling.