



HONORING AMERICAN MILITARY AVIATION THROUGH FLIGHT, EXHIBITION AND REMEMBRANCE

ALWAYS the busiest month



Photo by Dr. William Hawley

*By Col Tom Howe
Editor*

September is ALWAYS our busiest show month and 2018 is no exception. The month started in Steamboat Springs, then to Eagle Vail then to Montrose and finally late this month to Telluride. Whew!

Steamboat is always a great gathering and is very well supported by the town with great accommodations provided our air crew and support personnel. Couple that with an always attentive attendance that supports organizations such as ours. We always hold the Labor Day weekend for Steamboat.

The wings and wheels event at Eagle airport the following weekend couples a Meacham Auto Auction (in one of the hangars) with a few good aviation acts (our own Barry Hancock wowed the crowd with his T-6 demonstration). We seem to do well at this show and the cub worked hard all day giving rides.

No rest though, Col Thompson finally managed to get Barry to interrupt his schedule to move the TBM from Eagle to Montrose so that we could once again have our popular static display amongst all the numerous active military aircraft that attended this years Tribute to Aviation. How do they get all those military aircraft to attend?

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Above: An Air Force B-52 Stratofortress ("BUFF") arrives MTJ from Barksdale AFB, LA. According to the crew this B-52 is just 15 years younger than "309."

Below: While not as artistic as the Photo of the Month on page 3, sunrise at MTJ's Tribute to Aviation shows "309" in good company with an A-10 Warthog from Davis-Monthan AFB, Tucson, AZ.



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

RMW AIR SHOW SCHEDULE - 2018

MONTH	DAYS	LOCATION	SHOW	TBM	CUB	STATUS
Mar	17-18	Luke AFB, AZ	TB Luke Days 2018			COMPLETED
May	5	Holloman AFB, NM	Legacy of Liberty			COMPLETED
	19	Peru, IL	Gathering of Avengers			COMPLETED
	26-27	Cannon AFB, NM	TB Special Ops Wing AS			COMPLETED
Jun	16	Boulder, CO	Open House/40's Dance			Cancelled
	23-24	Hill AFB, UT	TB Utah Airshow			COMPLETED
Jul	25	Cheyenne, WY	TB Frontier Days AS			Cancelled
Aug	18	Glenwood Springs, CO	Airport Open House			COMPLETED
	25	Evanston, WY	Airport Day Air Show			COMPLETED
Sep	1	Steamboat Springs, CO	Wild West Air Fest 2018			COMPLETED
	8	Eagle/Vail, CO	Wings & Wheels			COMPLETED
	15-16	Montrose, CO	Tribute to Aviation			COMPLETED
	29-30	Telluride, CO	Cars and Colors			CONFIRMED
Oct	6	Prescott, AZ	Wings Out West Air Show			CONFIRMED
	26-27	Dallas, TX	CAF Airshow			Possible

If you're looking for a great day in Colorado's fall color spectacle, then you should plan to go to Telluride on Saturday 9/29 and/or Sunday 9/30 to attend the Cars and Colors Festival. You can help support our booth and Rides at the airport, and

It is FUN!!

Contact Col Bob Thompson

TB=Thunderbirds
BA=Blue Angles

Rocky Mountain Wing Event Schedule

Dates - 2018	Event Type	Location
13-Oct	RMW Staff Meeting	CAF-RMW Museum
10-Nov	RMW Staff Meeting	CAF-RMW Museum

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Dates - 2018	Event Type	Location
1-Dec 9-Dec	Xmas Card Photos with Santa	GJT
8-Dec	RMW Staff Meeting	CAF-RMW Museum
?-Dec	2018 Survivor's Party	CAF-RMW Museum

ALWAYS (cont. from Page 1)

What little PX was left from Eagle went to MTJ inside "309" and Col Thompson determined what additional stuff was needed from the GJT hangar. The RMW Ambulance made the trip with additional supplies and for the third weekend in a row our Colonels were ready for action. The Montrose crowds were steady and enjoyed the seemingly endless activities about the display area. Our receipts were better than ex-

pected with a near sellout at the end of the second day.

We're not done yet. If the weather cooperates, the Cars and Colors weekend in Telluride should top off a tremendous month. This year we hope to have the TBM in "ride" mode rather than display mode ... with some rides already scheduled.

Come to Telluride on the 29th or 30th to help - and , of course, have **FUN!**

These gals at MTJ arrived from a WWII time warp along with the "ghosts" of aircraft lost during that unfortunate time. Thanks for reminding us how we could adapt as a nation.





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Keep 'em Flying

PHOTO OF THE MONTH



Col Kaleb Julius caught this spectacular "...raining fire in the sky" view of "309" sitting on the ramp at Steamboat Springs. Wow! Thanks Kaleb!

WING LEADER'S REPORT

By Col Kent Taylor
RMW Wing Leader

expected, September has been a whirlwind of activity, with airshows/events at Steamboat Springs, Eagle/Vail, Montrose, and Telluride. Gaye and I missed Steamboat and Eagle, as we were on an extended tour of the Canadian Rockies (Wow!). Lake Louise was the high point of the tour



– literally. I took this picture of our hotel on the lake after a 3.5-hour hike up steep, rocky terrain. And the hike down took even longer – due to increasingly frequent rest stops!

As I expected, RMW performance at SBS, EGE, and MTJ was nothing short of stunning! PX, Wingwalk, and Cub Rides at all three events gave us a BIG income boost to help carry us through the

rest of the year. Attaboys/Attagirls to everyone that helped make these events successful! Telluride is still a few days away as I write this report, and I expect that the winning streak will continue!

On a less positive note, our little yellow Cub started using more oil than normal, and was getting difficult to start. So we stopped giving rides at Montrose, and parked the Cub at a local A&P mechanic's shop. Further

investigation revealed one cylinder with very low compression and two with lowered compression due to excessive ring wear. Prognosis: the engine is near TBO, and ready for a major overhaul. We're

exploring options, but it's clear that we're looking at a significant expense. Discussion and final decision at the October Staff Meeting.

Back to positive news! I attended the General Staff Meeting in Dallas September 21-22, and am pleased to report that I am quite impressed with our new CEO, Hank Coates. After only 60-days since coming

on-roll, he has developed an excellent understanding of the CAF in general, and HQ staff operations in particular. He worked with staff members to refine and finalize the mission statement work done by the General Staff. He also suggested Core Values, Vision Statements, high-level and short-term strategic goals for the General Staff's consideration. I'll elaborate on details of the GS Meeting at the October RMW Staff Meeting.

We'll also be starting the RMW Officer election process for open/expiring positions, identifying Nominating Committee and Election Committee members, setting a date for the Election/Survivors' Party, planning for Photos with Santa, and more at the October 13 Staff Meeting.

Bottom line: you won't want to miss this meeting! Mark your calendars! Be there or be ☐!



MAINTENANCE REPORT

Ed. Note:

The RMW Maintenance Officer, Colonel Dick Maddock, spent most of the past month out of town. "309", having been well trained (and well maintained by Colonel Maddock and his crew of wrench wranglers) also spent all of the past month "out of town." 309 has been marking territory at Steamboat Springs airport, the Eagle / Vail airport and at press time is hanging out (and territory marking) the Montrose airport awaiting it's next September leg to Telluride on September 28th.

Colonels Maddock and Huffman (plus others that occasionally offer their assistance) have had so much time away from their maintenance charge, there may be some recurrent training necessary.

Perhaps some practice providing real-time maintenance while traveling (as shown below) would be helpful - just in case. Colonel Maddock will probably have some lame excuse why that method will not work with "309" because of all the cowling and lack of foot holds or some other obviously unimportant reason.

But in reality, all the maintenance work identified and completed on "309" is evident as our TBM works its way from appearance to appearance without the need of constant attention from it's trusty maintenance crew. Even the obligatory "territory marking" is delicate and precise - demonstrating the love and care our aircraft receives.

Thanks guys!!



WWII QUIZ **ANSWERS ON PAGE 5**

The Air War

1. Identify the only member of the RAF to be awarded a Victoria Cross in 1940 for air battle over Britain.
2. What was unusual about the U.S. 99th Fighter Squadron?

Thanks to author Timothy B. Bensford



The RMW Yellow J-3 Cub was looking really good in Montrose, but not feeling real well. It flew a few rides on Saturday (hard to start though) and was grounded on Sunday due to engine problems. Wish it well as it goes into heavy engine maintenance mode.

REMINDER!

SAFETY STAND DOWN 2018

Meet our new CEO Hank Coates in his first video appearance, [Safety Stand Down 2018](#). Hank makes it clear what his priorities are relative to Safety, and introduces Jim Lasche who describes recent incidents, and the importance of always keeping safety at priority #1. **The video is required viewing for all pilots, air crew, and maintenance staff, BEFORE YOUR NEXT FLIGHT. If you intend to fly in the TBM or Cub, you must view this video before getting on board.**

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Looks like this 309 is returning to the Bunker Hill from a late day mission over some Pacific island in mid year 1945 - but wait, that is our "309" captured by our Colonel Kaleb Julius while they were both ("309" and Kaleb) on their way to Steamboat for Labor Day.

**NEXT STAFF MEETING
 OCTOBER 13, 2018**

10:00 AM

RMWCAF HANGAR

SUPPORT YOUR CAF WING.

Col Julius doesn't play favorites but said he had to slow his Cherokee six way, way, way down to grab this photo of our RMW Yellow Cub on Labor Day weekend. Kaleb demonstrates his "eye" for a good photo even while trying to keep his airplane in the sky!



WWII QUIZ

(SEE PAGE 5)

ANSWERS


The War on Land

1. Fighter pilot Lieutenant James B. Nicholson. He received it posthumously for attacking a German squadron while his own plane was on fire.
2. It was the first Army Air Force unit made up totally of blacks.

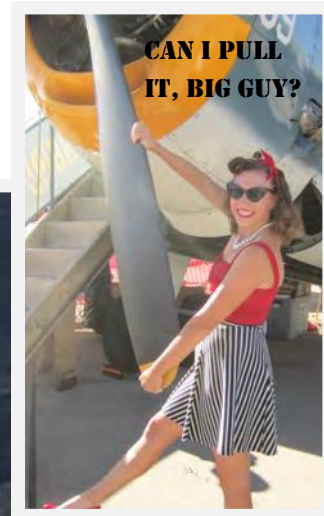


Staff Meeting Bullets

Compiled monthly from RMW "Official Communicator Award" Winner Col Becca Walters meeting notes.

 No September Staff Meeting. Too much happening!!

More September Photos



**... AND THERE WILL BE MORE
FROM TELLURIDE SEPTEMBER
29TH AND 30TH!**



**MONTROSE WWII NAVY TBM
PILOT VETERAN HAROLD
WOLFE CLIMBED INTO THE
TBM COCKPIT JUST LIKE HE
DID MANY TIMES DURING
WWII. HAROLD SAID HE
NEVER THOUGHT HE WOULD
DO THAT AGAIN...**