Support requirements as well as final confirmation of each Airshow appearance logistics. Whew!

This training includes everything from air and ground crew responsibilities from delicately packing the PX into the TBM in such a manner that it all fits (learned over a number of years) to double checking all aircraft flight preparations (preflight issues such as fuel, oil, preflight airframe inspections, etc.)

The Pilot Airshow training and certification requires a completely different set of both hands on training and FAA and CAF paperwork that Col Thompson also has in his bag of Operational Duties.

If he seems grumpy - just say thanks Bob!! (Another Photo on Page 3)

A collection of Colonels participating in the first 2019 Airshow Crew training session, February 16th.
WE'RE BUSY! BUT, WE'RE NEVER BUSY ENOUGH!!

RMW AIR SHOW SCHEDULE - 2019

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Step Two!
Operations Officer Col Bob Thompson continues to finalize (if there is such a thing) our airshow schedule for 2019.

It’s less than a month before “309” and a RMW Show Crew heads south to a warmer Tucson, AZ to visit Davis Monthan AFB. Don’t miss this opportunity to see one of the best Military Aircraft Museums in the world!

Rocky Mountain Wing Event Schedule

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EDUCATE INSPIRE HONOR

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The incredible accomplishments of aviators, astronauts, and engineers over the past century are truly the stuff of legends. We should celebrate these things and leverage our aircraft and living history to inspire people of all ages to do better.

Honor: Although this word does come third, that by no means indicates that this is the order of importance! Celebrating and honoring the achievements of the greatest generation and freeing the world from tyranny are some of the most noble things we can do. And, this has become even more important as our World War II vets move on from life to join their brethren in memory. We should take every opportunity to honor and celebrate the awesomeness of the greatest generation.

Another great thing about our mission statement is the great variety of meanings we can add to it. We can Educate, Inspire, and Honor through living history, and we can Educate, Inspire, and Honor through flight. The options are almost endless, and we have the people, aircraft, ground equipment, knowledge, and ability to make them all possible.

The CAF has the opportunity to impact every generation in meaningful ways. I look forward to seeing you all this year and seeing how you and your unit can use our mission statement.
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Another big fund-raising effort is underway this year – Tom Dennis is researching local Grant possibilities for TBM Avionics upgrades, building fund for a new hangar/museum, Rise Above program, Link Trainer restoration, and other projects. Tom needs your help, specifically help writing some of the boiler-plate that will show up in most of the Grant applications. Things like history of the RMW, past projects, ideas for new projects, etc. If you like to write, or want to help in any way, please contact Tom at w2dg0@outlook.com.

Dick Maddock and Byron Huffman have been working feverishly most Wednesdays and Saturdays to get the TBM ready for Pilot Ground School and currency flights before our first airshow appearance at Montchan Davisafb in Tucson March 22-24. New Member DeWayne Columbe (an A&P at West Star!) has jumped in to help. And attaboys to the other members who pop in as needed to help! In addition to the usual Winter Maintenance and Inspection, the team has installed new windows in the Bilge – they look GREAT! And you can even see through them.

We have had some interesting opportunities drop in on us recently. Those of you who attended the January Staff Meeting got to see some video clips of scenes of the TBM that will show up on the Discovery Channel ‘Gold Rush’ series sometime in March. The video crew spent a day and half with us in late December. Thanks to Chris Ryan and his partner who flew their T-6 down from Heber City to do the air-to-air video work, and thanks to Bob Thompson, Dorothy Dutton, Dick Maddock, Byron Huffman and DeWayne Columbe who spent their Saturday Christmas shopping time helping the video crew get what they needed.

And this month we got a request to do a special commemorative ride at the Boulder ‘40s dance on June 15. The request came from John Stemple, a pilot, photojournalist, historian, and editor of https://MilitaryAviationChronicles.com an excellent military aviation history website. Keith S met John at last year’s Aviation Hall of Fame Ceremony and introduced him to the RMW and our historic TBM and its exploits in the Royal Canadian Navy. It turns out that John has an ancestor in common with Queen Elizabeth!

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MAINTENANCE REPORT

By Col Dick Maddock
Maintenance Officer

The new windows are installed in the bilge. I want to remind ALL PERSONNEL TO USE ONLY DISH SOAP AND WATER to clean them. They are plexiglass. Manufacturer recommendations are for only dish soap and water—NO WINDEX OR PLEDGE.

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I want to remind everyone who is planning on flying in the TBM or working on the plane to watch the video Stand Downs found at https://cafoperations.org and take the test at the end of the video, 66-1 for maintenance and 60-1 for safety. My email for the 66-1 test is rhm803@yahoo.com.

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By Col Ernie Stech
Contributing Writer

Ed Note: Col Ernie Stech is back at RMW with his imagination and wit. Many months ago Ernie developed two characters based on our “309” and Cub. “TB” & “Jay” still converse among themselves during those long hangar hours alone...

By Col Ernie Stech
Contributing Writer

TB was bouncing up and down, at least as much as he could in his hangar. He was one happy TBM Avenger.

Jay looked over and said, “What are you so happy about?”

“Oh Jay, I just found out that the Navy Blue Angels are going to be here at the airshow in July!”

“What’s so great about that?”

“They’re Navy, you goofball. I was Navy. They will have the same colors as mine. This is so great!”

“Well, we had the airshow a couple years ago, didn’t we?”

“Yeah, but that was those other guys, from that other service. I don’t like to use their name. We have an interservice rivalry. Their airplanes are a different color. They have different ejection seats from my guys. Most importantly, they don’t have tail hooks!”

“Do you think any of the Navy pilots will come over and look at you?”

TB shook his cowl sideways. “I don’t think so.” He sounded a bit dejected. “See, I have a propeller, and they have jets. They will probably think I am way too old and decrepit.”

“I think that’s rude,” responded Jay.

“Well, at least we will all be U. S. Navy, and that makes me proud!” TB perked up again.

Jay yawned. “Think I’ll go to sleep.”

TB quit bouncing and stood happily with a smile.

...Jay was thinking, “That big lug forgets that I was Navy too – just not Blue.”

(Watch for more “TB” & “Jay” in future issues.)
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NEXT STAFF MEETING
MARCH 9, 2019
RMWCAF HANGAR
SUPPORT YOUR CAF WING.

Use this space to jot down your ideas for Wing Activities.
All ideas count.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Bring this note with you to the March 9th Staff Meeting - you might get a cookie!!

Staff Meeting Bullets 2/9
Compiled monthly from RMW Staff Meeting Notes.

2019 objectives are to grow the membership by 15 members, pay back $8,000 to the Cub Maintenance Account, and at least $20,000 to the TBM Maintenance Account. Our fundraising goal for 2019 is $15,000, which we hope to exceed by a significant margin.

We have 64 paid members plus donations (equals $3,200). We have invoiced 15 past-due members (via Square) for this year’s membership dues. Only one has paid so far.

We’re looking for mechanical interns from local schools. This includes Western Colorado Community College, Intellitec, and CMU adult courses. Front door recruiting sign faded - Kay stated he would replace the poster at the front door.

PX will be restocked for air shows. Required Airshow Crew Training for the TBM, including maintenance and flight crew requirements will begin in February including Safety training as well. The new engine has been installed in the Piper Club with inspection and finalization occurring by March.

The fire department inspected our fire extinguishers and certified them. The CO2 bottles are currently in for recertification. Annual Safety Stand Down Video Training (at https://cafoperations.org) is mandatory for all RMW Members who will fly in any CAF Aircraft this year.

We are exploring the possibility of a 2020 fly-in of unique aircraft to Grand Junction. Checking with GJ Airport, Experimental Aircraft Association, Colorado Pilots Association and others for interest and support for this type of event. The possible donation of a Beech Queen Air is still a possibility – suitable only for static display or salvage.

Every member needs to record their time supporting CAF (that data is important for justifying our need), so active members, please keep good records of your hours. We are exploring possible grants for expansion of the museum and TBM hangar. Possibilities include a buy or lease an existing one or build a new one.

The MK-13 Torpedo will be returned to the US Navy in Washington state. Consideration is being given to fabricating a mock-up or looking elsewhere for a replacement.

WWII QUIZ (SEE PAGE 5)
Answers

Naval Operations and Sea Battles
1. The USS Enterprise (CV-6)

The Air War
2. The Brewster Buffalo.

(Ed. Note - Looks like a Buffalo - has no ass)
Wing Leader’s Report
(Continued from page 3)

He communicates with her occasionally, and wants to do “something special” for her. June 15 is the 66th Anniversary of our TBM’s flight over the Queen’s coronation celebration and John created a commemorative certificate that he will send to her after the flight.

The Consul General of Canada in Denver will likely attend and perhaps say a few words, and the Senior RCN Officer at Cheyenne Mountain has also been invited! This will no doubt be a major publicity event for RMW ☺.

BTW, John Stemple is now officially the most distant member of the RMW – he is a CAF Life Member and lives in Florida …

On the not so good news side, we will be returning the Mark 13 torpedo to the US Naval Undersea Museum in Washington State. We’ve had it on loan from the Museum for 5 consecutive 5-year loan periods (25 years!). Mark 13s are fairly rare (unless you count the ones on the bottom of the Pacific Ocean), and several other Museums have asked for a turn. The current loan policy limits the loans to a single five year term – I think we got more than our money’s worth. To minimize the possibility of future disappointments like this, I will ask the staff to consider a policy along the lines of Polonius’s advice to Laertes:

"Neither a borrower nor a lender be …"

Thanks to Randy Peebles, Keith Swinehart, George York, and Andy Gilkerson for helping to get the torpedo ready for its return to the Pacific Northwest, and thanks to Gabe Toth for getting the very best bargain shipping rates.

Stay tuned!

Kent

PS – we’re looking for alternate sources of Mk 13 (or equivalent) torpedoes to display with their primary delivery vehicle – the TBM.

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Are YOU going to be ready to:

RISE ABOVE in 2019?

By Col Tom Howe
Education Officer

The entire Education Staff of the RMW/CAF has already been busy scheduling the 2019 Wing Rise Above Program currently scheduled for Monday April 9 through Friday May 3rd. Throw in the scheduled Wing Open House on Saturday May 4th and get ready to be busy, busy, busy for those two weeks.

The almost finalized Rise Above schedule shown here gives an indication of the support that is going to be required. Lots of work to be done in advance as well. We’ll be expecting about 1,200 middle school students from Montrose (District RE-IJ), Delta (District 50I) and Mesa (District 51) county schools. This will be the first year for Montrose County so they will get a special welcome.

Lots to be done to get ready! If you can help:

☺ Work with Media
☺ Work with Veterans
☺ Schedule Coverage
☺ Coordinate visiting aircraft
☺ Run Domed Theater
☺ Arrange Port-a-Potties
☺ Manage Prison Gate
☺ Etc., etc., etc…

Contact Col Howe 261-0727

Mid April will be here soon!