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HAPPY NEW YEAR



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**On the way to Nellis AFB air show – thew Cats riding heard on our C-131 Samaritan.
Flying the Hellcat is Steve Barber, and at the controls of the Bearcat is Jason Somes.**

**Wing Staff Meeting, Saturday, January 6, 2007 at 9:30 a.m. at the
CAF Museum Hangar, 455 Aviation Drive, Camarillo Airport**

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Our New Staff Officers

by Dave Flood

Steve Barber, Wing Leader



Col. Stephen W. Barber

Col. No. 19119, Life Member No. 1787

USMC, 1966-1970; Vietnam, 1969-1970. Steve has two grown children, Stephen (28) and Shellie (34). His wife, La Tanya Barber, worked for CAF at HQ in Midland for six years.

Steve has been a member of CAF for almost sixteen years. He has served on the General Staff for seven years, and was Chief of Staff in 2003.

Steve flies many CAF aircraft, including the F8F, F6F, SB2C, SNJ/AT-6, Zero, Spitfire, C-46, and others. He holds an Unlimited LOA for single and multi-engine aircraft. He is a CAF fighter Check Pilot, SNJ Check Pilot, and a TRARON Formation Lead pilot. He founded the Navy Tailhook Legacy Flight along with Admiral Mike Bowman in 1999. He has sponsored several CAF aircraft, and has donated many thousands of dollars to the cause.

Steve has been involved in the purchase and restoration of our F6F, Zero and Spitfire.

Steve has been Wing Leader for the SoCAWing previously, for a four-year period, and was the chief fund raiser for the building of our 1.6 million dollar hangar facility in Camarillo, completed five years ago...and free from all debt.

Steve is a Senior Vice President of Investments for A.G. Edwards and Sons, Inc., and has been in the investment business for twenty-one years.

Jason Somes, Executive Officer



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Col. Jason Somes

Col. No. 29088

Jason is thirty-five and single. He was born in Encino, CA, and lives in Simi Valley. He learned to fly at the age of sixteen in a Pitts biplane.

Jason holds multi-engine commercial ratings, and also holds an A&P, with inspection authorization.

As a pilot, he has 2,650 total time hours.

Jason is an aviation consultant and corporate jet mechanic. He owns and flies a T-6, a Pitts biplane, and a formula one racer.

He is currently piloting our F8F, SNJ-5, and Zero.

Joe Peppito, Maintenance Officer



Col. Joseph Peppito

Col. No. 10448

Joe is very well known throughout CAF. He has been our Wing Leader and Maintenance Officer in past years.

He was a P-47 crew chief in the USAAF during WWII.

He has worked for TWA, American Airlines, North American Aviation and Rockwell – working on the F-86, F-100, Redstone, Jupiter, Atlas, Thor, Mercury, Apollo, and Space Shuttle programs.

He has been married to Marjorie for 60 years. They have had four children. Joe lives in Newbury Park.

Great to have you “back in the saddle,” Joe!

Air Show Report

by Bill O'Neill

Since the last issue of Flight Line, your Wing attended two air shows. These were the last that we will attend until late in the first quarter of 2007.

Thermal Air Show

We left for Thermal on Friday the 3rd of November @ 9:30 a.m. We had an escort of the F6F and the F8F for the entire flight. When we arrived over the airport, the fighters stayed in formation with us. This was quite a sight to see. During the show a number of people remarked that it was a terrific sight. We landed at 10:25 a.m. We were directed to our parking spot, where we cleaned the plane and were refueled. We were greeted by Veronica, who gave us our packet and arranged for us to meet Vicki the Van Driver, who would be transporting us to and from the hotel. She also went out of her way to drop us off at Terry Cedar's house for a BBQ he and Ann organized for all of us (fighter pilots included), plus a few of their friends.

The Thermal Air Show has become the high point of the Air Show season from the perspective of the members working the show. This is due to the incomparable hospitality of the Cedars. Thank you Ann, thank you Terry for such a warm and wonderful experience at your home.

Saturday was gorgeous. We took the early van to the show (6:30 a.m.) in order to set up and be ready for the crowd. Even though the show started at 9:00 a.m., the gates opened early for there was a pancake breakfast starting at 6:00 a.m. We were completely ready to go by 8:00 a.m.

It was a good show. Our parking spot was good for the crowd, but a bit of a problem when we were trying to leave. We earned \$2,507 from the PX and Tours plus an additional \$800 as our appearance fee. Additionally we received 800 gallons of fuel.

We arrived at Camarillo at approximately 5:00 p.m.

Nellis AFB AVIATION NATION AIR SHOW

We left for Nellis AFB on Thursday, November 9 at 10:00 a.m. We arrived at 11:50 a.m., just 10 minutes prior to our original ETA. We were met by base personnel, who arranged for our plane to be fueled and took us to base transportation and housing. I checked everyone into the Air Force Hotel. I returned to the plane where the group had finished cleaning it. Lips, our Air Force liaison officer, arrived while I was there to see if there was anything that we needed. At that point in time everything was fine.

Friday we opened the plane @ 8:00 a.m. for the base people. We didn't charge for tours, but we left the donation box out in the plane. We collected \$60. It was during this time that I started to suspect that our parking place wasn't the best in the world. We were right in front of an entry gate, but it was closed. As it turns out, we were off the beaten track by about 200 yards. Also, we had no PX due to the exorbitant vendor fee we would have had to pay up front. So we decided to rely just on tours for revenue.

Saturday was a miserable day. There was a high overcast, and it was windy, with temperatures in the 50's. Foot traffic was low because we were away from the mainstream of visitors and the weather was bad, which impacted the number of people attending the show. We collected \$659 for the day for tours. Not a great day. You could shoot a cannon off in the area we were located and no one would hear it. I estimate that between 3 and 5% of the people in attendance walked by our plane and about 5% of those took the tour. Our parking place was TERRIBLE!!!! We closed up shop about 4:00 p.m., which was about 15 minutes after the crowd started its exodus. We went back to the hotel to clean up and met for dinner.

Sunday was clear but colder, partially because the wind was stronger than Saturday. The crowd seemed smaller and our tour money was less – \$524.

Monday morning as we were preparing to leave, I talked to the fuel truck driver to see if he had any extra fuel and could he top us off if he did. Not only did he top us off, but drove to Camarillo to give us the remaining fuel at a cost which was considerably less than the \$3.50 per gallon fuel was selling for on the open market.

This was the last Air Show of the season. A photo of our C-131 crew is on the Wing Photo Page I on page 5.

Until next year, take care!

CAF Election Results

by Dave Flood

In our CAF – SoCAWing elections of staff officers for 2007, Steve Barber, of Camarillo, was elected as our new Wing Leader, replacing Casey de Bree, who has served admirably for the past four years. Steve will assume the mantle as of January 1, 2007, and will serve for two years.

Two other new Wing officers were elected to serve two-year terms. Jason Somes, of Simi Valley, was elected to be our new Executive Officer, and Joe Peppito, of Newbury Park, was elected as our Maintenance Officer.

A total of sixty-six ballots were cast in our Wing election, a significant increase over previous years.

We congratulate the new officers, and commend the outgoing officers – Casey de Bree, Dave Long and Dick Troy – for their dedication to making our Wing one of the elite organizations in all of the Commemorative Air Force. They have left large footprints for the new officers to fill.

On the national scene – our new Wing Leader, Steve Barber, was elected to the CAF General Staff with a total of 421 votes, 26 more than the runner-up, Mark Novak. Joe Cowan was the third candidate to win election to the General Staff, with 346 votes. Of special note: Steve was not among the official nominees for the General Staff, but was nominated from the floor at the General Membership Meeting in October. He now will wear two caps – one for CAF SoCAWing Leader and one for CAF General Staff. Congrats, Steve – we're very proud of you! (by the way, you are on latrine duty next week).

Editor's note: Biographies and photos of Steve, Jason and Joe are on page 3.

Wing Photo Page I



Photo by Dave Flood

At our annual Christmas Party, held on December 1 at Residence Inn, Oxnard, Bill O'Neill presented a gift certificate to Gloria Troy, Dick's wife, for a day of pampering at the Oaks in Ojai.

The crew members from the C-131 wanted to show their appreciation for all that Gloria had done for them during the past air show season. She made everyone feel at home during these flights, and provided real "first class service" that set the tone for each air show. It brought back fond memories of how it used to be to fly first class.

Gloria, you have our thanks and gratitude for a job well done.

Signed: The C-131 crew.



Photo courtesy of Al Watts

Here is the C-131 crew (plus at least one imposter) after their arrival at Camarillo from the Nellis AFB show. From the left: Al Watts, Lois Watts, Gene O'Neal, Charlie Valentine, Dick Updegraff, Bill O'Neill, Dick Troy, Rick Johnson, Gloria Troy and Chuck Kelly. Notice how they look well-fed and happy after their "first class" flight from Nellis. This was mostly as a result of the extraordinary culinary expertise and warm and cordial service onboard provided by Gloria Troy.



Photo by Dave Flood

Gary Barber in the front seat, and Casey de Bree in the back seat ready to take off in our SNJ-5 #290 They were on their way to Ventura, to do a flyby for the VFW during a ceremony commemorating the 65th anniversary of Pearl Harbor Day – December 7, 2006.



Photo by Dave Flood

Pat Brown and Casey de Bree hold one of our eight new museum direction signs which will be placed at strategic locations on roads leading to our WWII Aviation Museum. The signs are beautifully done with a light blue background, white lettering, and an outstanding graphic showing our *China Doll* in flight, inside a shield logo of our CAF – SoCAWing.

The Ventura Military Explorers

VME Post 2861 is a program for youth between the ages of 12 and 18 who believe they are interested in a military career. The objectives of VME are to help young people prepare for entry into a military service academy, ROTC program, or OCS. VME goals include the development of leadership skills, self-discipline, morals, character, teamwork, customs and courtesies. Skills in color guard procedure, drill, navigation and field skills are emphasized.

We appreciate their continuing help in providing security for our hangar events.

Their website is: www.vme2861.org

“Pilot Maker Day” at Camarillo Airport

by Ceci Stratford

Saturday, December 9 dawned cloudy and drizzly, but the gods were with us. It cleared up to be a beautiful partly-cloudy day for our featured airplane event.

Five military trainers were on display: The So Cal Wing's SNJ-5 “290”; Jason Somes's and Chris Rushing's T-6s; Mark Matye's T-28 and Marc Russell's T-34. There were two impressive fly-bys of the T-6s, SNJ and T-34 in formation, which brought the people running out from the hangar to see them.

In the afternoon, Mark flew the T-28 (with yours truly in the back seat for a thrilling ride) and showed off his beautiful aircraft with several fly-bys, one with the gear and tailhook down.

The SNJ-4 was pulled out and had a display table with information on its restoration. Also, the Fairchild was displayed. Free posters, postcards and booklets were available to the children. Eric van Gilder prepared new brochures on the T-6 and T-28 and these were handed out.

“290” was the “photo ship”, offering photo opportunities for kids and adults who sat in the cockpit with leather jacket, helmet and goggles. Chuck Williams was the photographer and Dick Witten printed the 5x7 photos, which included the individual's name and the date along the bottom. The pictures were put into white cardboard folding frames which also featured an aerial view of “290”, a flyer about the event, and information on the CAF. Having a picture taken was a popular activity.

Gloria Troy manned the refreshment table with coffee, sodas, waters, crackers, brownies and chips. Thanks to many members, we had lots of home-made cookies for sale, too!

Civil Air Patrol cadets and Ventura Military Explorers manned the parking lot and watched the ramp. These polite, eager teenagers were a joy to have with us. Many thanks to them and their leaders!

Two 5 year olds were celebrating their birthdays at the hangar with more than 100 people, so there was lots of activity.

Many So Cal Wing members and family came to the event and helped. Thank you to all of you, especially those who helped on Friday and who drove great distances to attend.

Although we had lots of planning and hard workers, the day wasn't as successful as we hoped. However, it was a great opportunity to try out such an event. Our debriefing meeting yielded many good ideas for the next event. It will be much simpler and less costly. Keep your eyes and ears alert for our featured airplane day schedule for 2007.

Serendipity...or the Holy Spirit?

by Dan Newcomb

David Price visited us on December 12, and what happened after his arrival shows just how unpredictable and rewarding a day can be at the hangar.

David Price, as you may know, is involved with many fine charitable activities. I was going to say “philanthropic” but I wouldn't want to destroy my image by using such a big word. Anyway, Mr. Price visits CMA several times a year to give selected students from Oaks Christian High School in Westlake Village, of which he is a major benefactor, flights in his Mustang. If that had happened at my school I wouldn't have dropped out! Well, about ten minutes after Mr. Price's Mustang (P-51D “Cottonmouth”) touched down, a pool of coolant was observed under the aircraft. Not a good thing! In a flash several of the members, led by Marc Russell (who I think must have been born with a built-in “somebody needs help” alert system) pulled off the engine panels and started troubleshooting. Meanwhile, thirty high school kids are standing on the ramp in disappointment. It didn't look very promising for the kids, but Marc, Gary, Tim and others would do their best.

While the crew worked on the plane, Ron Fleishman and Dave Flood, the Docents for the day, took the class on tours of the hangars. Brad Livingstone, the teacher of the Oaks Christian class, tried to keep the kids' spirits up.

Enter stage left, Paul Besterveld.

Paul just happens to own the most beautiful Mustang I have ever seen. Paul didn't want those kids to be disappointed, so he volunteered to take them up in his plane. Paul taxied his plane over from his hangar at the east end of Camarillo Airport, and called for a fuel truck. That's when some fun began. David told Paul that he would pay for the fuel. Paul said that he wouldn't hear of it and that he would pay. David, sitting in his plane, motioned me over and handed me his credit card. He asked me to take the card and pay for the fuel. As I approached the truck Paul saw what I was about to do and insisted that he pay for the fuel. I quickly deduced I had three choices. Pay for the fuel. Not pay for the fuel. Book a flight to Rio. So that left me with two choices. I walked over to David and said, “Paul insists on paying, and since he is a heck of a lot bigger and younger than you and me, he wins.”

Paul made two flights, with two very excited youngsters, during which he introduced the Oxnard SWAT Team, training at the end of the runway, to the joys of being buzzed by a Mustang. A third flight was scheduled, but time ran out and the class had to get back to school.

As the sun set David Price launched for Santa Monica, the kids were headed back to the school, and we towed Paul's Mustang to his hangar - where we enjoyed a cold beer.

Another eventful and fulfilling day at CAF SoCAWing!

Museum Update

by Sarah de Bree

This is the time for celebrating the joy and good feelings remembered in the holiday season that we share with our loved ones and friends and the people we meet in passing. This feeling that we try to hold onto throughout the year sometimes fades quickly and the loving thoughts get set aside and replaced with anger or impatience. Let this be our challenge for the New Year: to maintain and share thoughts of peace and caring for the people here and at home. And when we pass a stranger, remember to say "hello" with a smile that shows how great each day is and that even a stranger is welcome.

I want to take this time to thank everyone who has helped with the growth and changes to the WWII Aviation Museum throughout this year. Many of you were absolutely terrific in taking my scattered ideas and turning them into reality and a wonderful addition to the Museum. So many of you just jump right in when help is needed in the gift shop or in performing docent duty. Again, I thank you, for all of you are very much appreciated!

We tried to bring the holiday season into the Museum with the holiday tree sparkling with colorful lights and decorated with bulbs in the color of the season. You might also have noticed the toy airplanes that shared space on the beautiful tree. The gift shop has beautiful touches of the holiday season that will greet our visitors with a warm holiday welcome. We put in a holiday table in the gift shop that offers great ideas for that gift you couldn't quite think of - and many selections for stocking stuffers.



© Photo by Sarah de Bree

We want to wish each of you the very best of the holiday season and hope each of you have a wonderful time with your family and friends. Happy holidays and a New Year filled with peace and joy to everyone.

Signed: The Museum Team



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Some of you may have noticed the wonderful team of elves putting together a float for the Camarillo Christmas Parade that was held on the 9th of December. It was just a fantastic float - with the red Fokker tri-plane model and the façade of a barn door projecting a barn-storming motif. There were hay bales and a barnyard turkey plus a tree that was being decorated by some volunteers as the float moved along the parade route. Santa sat in the pilot seat. This must have worked, for the float took the City Council's Directors Award. Thanks again elves, you did a great job!



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Jack Broome donated the Fokker tri-plane model to our Wing. It proved to be a winner on our float that appeared in the 2006 Camarillo Christmas Parade on December 9. Thanks, Jack!

Wing Photo Page II



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Ceci Stratford and Joe Peppito were the people behind the "Pilot Maker Day" held at our hangars on Dec.9.

They headed a dedicated group of volunteers who helped to put on the special event featuring the training planes of WWII and the Korean War.



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Mark Matye helping Ceci up onto the wing of his T-28 Trojan. Ceci enjoyed a flight in the back seat of the T-28.



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Here's Mark making a fly-by with gear and tail-hook down. The North American T-28 replaced the aging NA T-6/SNJ in 1949. The Trojans were used by the USAF, USMC and USN.



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Our own SNJ-5 #290, a wonderful example of the plane that trained so many of our fighter and bomber pilots during WWII. It was so simple to fly, and trustworthy, that it became known as "The Pilot Maker."



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Another shining example of a versatile training plane is Marc Russell's North American T-34, shown here with Marc in the cockpit and Dan Newcomb's wife, Karen, in the back seat.



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Jason Somes flying his North American T-6 "Miss Universe" over Camarillo during the "Pilot Maker Day" fly-bys. Jason is our new Executive Officer. He learned to fly in a Pitts Special biplane when he was sixteen.

Wing Photo Page III



© Photo by Eric Van Gilder
Some nice formation flying at "Pilot Maker Day" by Marc Russell in his T-34 and Jason Somes in his T-6.



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A North American T-6, Convair C-131 and North American T-28 lined up at the Pilot Maker Day on Dec. 9.



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Joe Peppito's SNJ-4 restoration project on display.



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The T-34 and two T-6s doing a formation fly-by for the crowds attending our Pilot Maker Day event.



© Photo by Eric Van Gilder
Chris Rushing in his North American T-6 taxiing toward the runway. His passenger is Pamela Bean, a Civil Air Patrol cadet.



© Photo by Dave Flood
Col. Terry Cedar imparting his wisdom about the SNJ-5 #290 to a group of visitors to our WWII Aviation Museum. Terry's grandsons are next to the aircraft. We are fortunate to have volunteers such as Terry.

Report From The Road

by Scott Drosos

“For once you have tasted flight, you will forever walk the Earth

With your eyes turned skyward. for there you have been,

And there you will always long...to return.”

Leonardo da Vinci, 1452-1519

The above quote, one of my favorites, appears on the Commemorative Air Force's Southern California Wing website, at www.orgsites.com/ca/caf-socal. The CAF is a non-profit organization I belong to that is dedicated to preserving and flying World War II era aircraft. I have mentioned my involvement with them several times in past reports. At our Wing, located in Camarillo, California, I am part of an all-volunteer team that is in the years-long process of restoring a PBJ-1J bomber (Navy version of the B-25 “Mitchell”). It's a big part of my life, and, although it is a lot of work and takes a lot of my time, I find it very rewarding. The primary reason I'm so involved though, is that I feel it's vitally important to keep the history of WWII alive for future generations. Because of the sacrifices of those brave men, we are all able to enjoy the freedoms we have in America today. All too often we take that for granted. As it is often said, those who forget history are doomed to repeat it. I believe that's true, and see many parallels between the threats to our freedom that existed in the 1940s and what is going on today. As a result, I feel compelled to be involved in the preservation of history, especially aviation history, through the CAF.

Anyway, check out our website. We're always looking for volunteers and new members, and are desperately in need of financial support to keep those old “warbirds” flying. So anything you can do to help us out would be greatly appreciated!

Note: Col. Scott Drosos devotes many hours to the restoration of our North American PBJ-1J – when he isn't flying to Auckland, Melbourne, Shanghai, Baku, Frankfurt and points in between in his 747-400 for Atlas Airlines, a major cargo carrier. He keeps a journal of every flight, and shares the report with a number of friends. This is just an excerpt.



© Photo by Dave Flood

Look, Ma, they shrunk our SNJ-5 -#290 !!!

Hangar Events News

by Dick Burrer

We have had some very successful events recently, which have added needed money to our treasury.

The most recent was a child's birthday party on “Pilot Maker Day,” Saturday, December 9. We netted a nice fee plus gift store sales.



© Photo by Dave Flood

A young birthday party attendee at our Museum Hangar on December 9 going at the hanging piñata.

Each event provides us with additional knowledge on how to become more professional and successful.

One ongoing issue has been members making event arrangements and not involving the Events Manager or the Wing Leader. What eventually happens is a double booking, insufficient staff, area not prepared, and confusion.

There is a Master Event Schedule Board on the wall in the Museum Hangar reception area. Every event is posted there so that docents are informed and we avoid double booking.

Also, just as important, is the Wing obtaining an insurance certificate from the host; fire department approval (over 35 people); and, of course, the pricing. All of this is handled by the Events Manager. So...please don't circumvent the system!

Remember, all of us have the potential to sell our Museum as a great place for people to hold their event! Just be alert to any individual group, or organization, that is looking for a unique place to hold a function. We are very price-competitive.

We have had several memorial services for deceased veterans. Our backdrop of WWII warbirds and museum artifacts lends an historical ambience to the memorial service.

For information on any event, please call me at (805) 384-1951 or e-mail me at burrerd@aol.com. I will make all the necessary arrangements.

Thanks to all of you for making our events successful!

Wing Photo Page IV



© Photo by Dave Flood

Pat Brown making her presentation concerning the new Aviation Museum directional signs. Pat was instrumental in getting the signs made by the city. All eight of the signs were paid for by generous donors during the Christmas Party on December 1 at Residence Inn, Oxnard.



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Casey de Bree, our outgoing Wing Leader, responding to a tribute made to him for his outstanding service of four years. He is holding a special binder of signed photos of many of the regular hangar volunteers who have worked with him over the years. In the rear is Dick Troy, outgoing Maintenance Officer.



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David Baker (right) auctioning off a photo (held by Doug Matthews) of a P-51 to a generous donor. The auction was a huge success!



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Here's our unofficial mascot, "Bogie," who holds court at our facility when his owner, Ken Gottschall, is working in the Restoration Hangar.



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The Oaks Christian High School history class meeting with David Price and his P-51D at our Museum. They were a super group of young people led by their teacher, Brad Livingstone. David is a benefactor of Oaks Christian School in Westlake Village.



Here's a Christmas card from Lawrence Allen from his new home in Wyoming. We all miss you, Lawrence!



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2007 WING MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL NOTICE

December 15, 2006

Dear Wing Member,

It's time again to renew your annual membership in the Southern California Wing of the Commemorative Air Force. We sincerely hope you will retain your affiliation with our wing since we expect exciting things to happen in 2007.

We are one of the leading wings in the CAF with more than 300 Wing members and nine assigned aircraft. Our museum has become a major attraction in the Camarillo area and both attendance and museum income have risen steadily. Our plans are to continue this growth and we want you to be a part of these exciting happenings.

To renew your membership, just remove this page from the newsletter, complete the information requested, enclose your check payable to the Southern California Wing, and return by March 1, 2007 to:

CAF Southern California Wing
 455 Aviation Drive
 Camarillo, CA 93010
 Attn: Personnel Officer

Any contribution in addition to your \$50.⁰⁰ annual dues will be greatly appreciated. Contributions are welcome to help us complete the many projects we are undertaking, such as building out the interior areas of the hangars and museum, retire the debt incurred to repair the C-131 right engine, the B-25/PBJ restoration, the SNJ-4 restoration, the Fairchild F-24 restoration, the Spitfire restoration and any other project you may wish to support.

Sincerely,

Casey de Bree, Wing Leader

2007 Wing Dues	\$50. ⁰⁰
C-131 Loan Retirement	_____
Hangar/Museum Interior Build-Out	_____
B-25/PBJ Restoration	_____
SNJ-4 Restoration	_____
Fairchild F-24 Restoration	_____
Spitfire Restoration	_____
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