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Les Bedding, Spitfire crew Chief

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The CAF – So. CA Wing’s Supermarine Spitfire Mk XIV doing a fly-by at the “Wings Over Camarillo” Air Show on Saturday, August 21, 2010 – with Steve Barber in the cockpit. She had flown for the first time, after almost six years of restoration, on Thursday, August 19, 2010.
See page 6 for more details.

**Wing Staff Meeting, Saturday, October 16, 2010 at 9:30 a.m. at the
CAF Museum Hangar, 455 Aviation Drive, Camarillo Airport**

Our CAF Mission: To Honor American Military Aviation Through Flight, Exhibition and Remembrance.

October 2010

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|---|--------------------|-----------|--------------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| Museum Open 10am to 4pm Every Day Except Monday and major holidays | | | | | 1 Docent Meeting 3:30 | 2 Warbird Appreciation Day Air Show Salinas |
| 3 Air Show Salinas | 4 Museum Closed | 5 Work Day | 6 | 7 Work Day | 8 Airsho 2010 Midland, TX | 9 Work Day Airsho 2010 Midland, TX |
| 10 Airsho 2010 Midland, TX | 11 Museum Closed | 12 Work Day | 13 | 14 Work Day | 15 | 16 Work Day Wing Staff Meeting 9:30 |
| 17 | 18 Museum Closed | 19 Work Day | 20 | 21 Work Day | 22 | 23 Work Day |
| 24 | 25 Museum Closed | 26 Work Day | 27 | 28 Work Day | 29 | 30 Work Day |
| 31 Halloween | Museum Open 10am to 4pm Every Day Except Monday and major holidays | | | | | |

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Submittal Deadline - 15th of the month

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Steve Barber: Candidate for Wing Leader



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Steve Barber has been a member of CAF for twenty years. He has served on the CAF General Staff for eleven years, and was Chief of Staff in 2003.

Steve is a Marine, having served in the USMC from 1966 to 1970, with service in Vietnam in 1969-70.

He flies many CAF aircraft, including the F6F Hellcat; F8F Bearcat; SB2C Helldiver; SNJ/AT6 Texan; A6M3 Zero; Spitfire Mk XIV; C-46 Commando; P-51 Mustang 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's Tailhook Legacy Flight Program along with Admiral Mike Bowman in 1999.

Steve has sponsored several CAF aircraft, and has donated many thousands of dollars to the CAF cause.

He lead the development and fund raising for our hangars, and brought to our Wing the F8F Bearcat, F6F Hellcat, A6M3 Zero, Spitfire Mk XIV, Fairchild F-24, and P-51 Mustang.

He has been the Wing Leader on two other occasions, serving for a total of six years in that office.

Steve is a Senior Vice President of Investments for Stifel Nicolaus & Company, Inc. He has two grown children, Stephen, Jr. (32) and Shellie (40), and a new grandchild, Luke Wilson Barber (7 weeks). His wife, La Tanya, worked for CAF at HQ in Midland for six years.

Steve pledges to continue to recruit new members; to build a new hangar and build a world-class aviation museum as planned. He also wants to improve our Wing's financial standing. In addition to the above, he still wants us all to just have fun.

Dick Troy: Candidate for Wing Leader



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Dick has been a member of CAF-SoCAWing since 2002. He has been our Maintenance Officer, and is currently the Executive Officer.

He has an A&P certificate, issued June 14, 1960, and a commercial pilot license with multiengine and instrument endorsements issued June 14, 1968. He has two years of college experience, and served in the Army from 1963 to 1965. While in the Army, he taught airframe repair at Ft. Eustis, Virginia.

Dick joined American Airlines directly out of A&P school in 1960, and made steady progress with AA until he became Manager of Aircraft Maintenance for AA at LAX. He oversaw four shift managers, 350 mechanics, 20 supervisors and all aircraft overnighting or passing through LAX.

Dick's comments on his candidacy:

"I have been involved in the aircraft industry in some form or another since I was a kid in high school. Counting my years in A&P school, I have a combined total of 55 years in aviation, most of it in aircraft maintenance.

I have seen firsthand the consequences of second-rate maintenance, and to me diligence, knowledge, and experience are the safeguards against accidents. We operate a fleet of ageing warbirds, which amplifies the need for strict adherence to all the rules of safety.

I am a firm believer in what our mission at CAF is. I respect my flag, my country, and most of all our veterans – it is for them we do the things we do. I believe that if you are part of this organization, then you need to embrace its concepts. I am encouraged by our young cadets. They need to learn our story. I pledge to do my best to promote the CAF and to help our Wing to grow and prosper."

**John Woolley:
Candidate for Executive Officer**



John has been a member of our Wing for about two years. He has already shown his ability to organize and get things done. He is currently the CAF-SoCAWing's Aviation Museum Director.

He has over twenty-five years of instructional, student services, and administrative services management experience in the CA Community College system. His latest position was Vice President, Student Services at Ventura College.

He has a B.A. from CA State University, Los Angeles; a M.Ed. from the University of Arizona; a M.A. from Immaculate Heart College; and an Ed. D. from Brigham Young University.

His military service was in the U. S. Army from 1960 to 1962, where he served as a security cryptographer.

He is currently on the boards of: Ventura College Foundation Executive Board; Ventura College Athletic Foundation; President's Circle, Ventura College Foundation; Ventura United Way; and Boys & Girls Club of Ventura.

John's statement about his candidacy:

"I feel honored to have been nominated for the position of Executive Officer of the CAF So Cal Wing. I have been a member of the Wing for only two (2) years, and in this short time I have come to find a great potential in what this unique organization is and might become.

I have come to see a great deal of energy and desire of many members to expand and grow the Wing. We are a rare treasure in our community that has so much to offer.

I wish to be a part of this growth, and feel that my professional and personal experiences might be helpful in working with others of similar desire and energy to improve and move our Wing forward.

**Eric Lange:
Candidate for Safety Officer**



I was exposed to the CAF and aviation at a young age, thanks to my grandfather, long-time Wing member Russ Drosendahl.

This early exposure helped me to develop a passion for aviation and flying.

I officially joined the CAF in 2003, and have been active ever since. Over these years I have met some great people and have learned a lot at the CAF – Southern California Wing under their tutelage.

I have had the opportunity to work on all our So Cal Wing aircraft, with most of my experience on the Zero, P-51, AT-6, and C-46.

I have been a licensed pilot since 2007, and have had the opportunity to log time in amazing aircraft like the PT-19 and SNJ-5 (AT-6).

I am currently in my 3rd year at California State University Channel Islands in Camarillo as a business major.

I believe I can notably contribute my young perspective and fresh ideas as Safety Officer to help lead our organization into the future.

Thank you for the opportunity to try for a chance to make a positive contribution to our Wing.

Sincerely,

Eric Lange

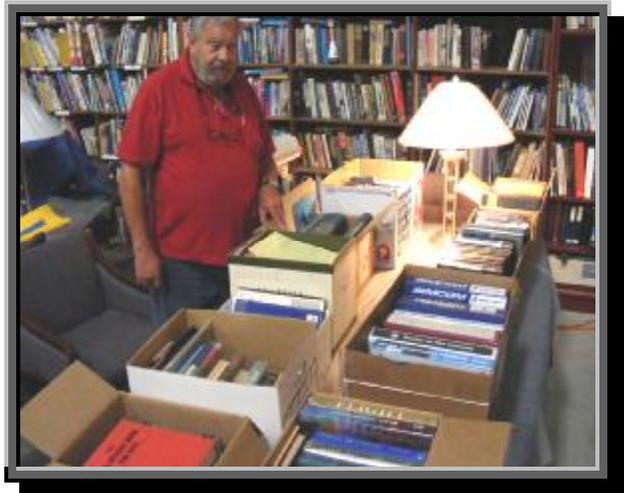
Wing Photo Page I



© Photo by Dave Flood
Museum visitors **Bill Miller** and **Fred Ulam**, and their Docent, **John Woolley**. Bill is an Army vet, and Fred was in the Navy. They had many stories to tell.



© Photo by Dave Flood
Barry Roberts doing his custom work on our Fairchild F-24. Barry is remaking both doors on the F-24, and doing a wonderful job. Thanks, Barry !



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Ron Fleishman looking over a treasure trove of aviation books donated by the Broome Family.



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New member **Richard Jutras** with his stunning 2007 "Parnelli Jones" replica Mustang, - in front of another Mustang, the P-51 Mustang "Man O' War." Dick took a ride in the rear seat of the winged Mustang.



© Photo by Dave Flood
Visitors **Cooper** and **Kellin** getting into the military spirit on their recent visit to our Aviation Museum.



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Docent **Jim Hinkelman** giving his informative tour to a group of visitors to our Aviation Museum recently. We are open 10-4, Tuesday through Sunday.

Clayton Rutkowski – Eagle Scout

Clayton Rutkowski, of Camarillo, took on the job of putting beautiful, drought-resistant plants and trees into our hangars' landscaping along the Aviation Drive side. He and his mom, Lorrie, along with members of their family and friends and scouts from Troop 225 have worked long and hard in our behalf. We of CAF-SoCAWing are very proud of Clayton. He has earned his Eagle Scout award!



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Here is Clayton at his Eagle Scout Court of Honor, held in our Museum Hangar on 9/11. His sister Carlie and his grandfather Thomas L. Rutkowski are presenting him with the traditional Neckerchief Exchange.



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Here is Clayton's proud mom, Lorrie, after presenting Clayton with the Scouter's Medallion and accepting the Mother's Pin from Clayton. They have been a tireless team in improving our landscaping, and continue to show up and take care of the plants and trees that now adorn our Museum. Thanks, Clayton and Lorrie, for all you have done for us. We will never forget your efforts on our behalf!

Spitfire Flies Again !



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Thursday, August 19, 2010 turned out to be quite memorable. The Spitfire Restoration Team rolled out their Spitfire Mk XIV and readied her for her first flight test in over three years.



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The bird, under the experienced hands of Steve Barber, flew beautifully. She also flew with distinction at the Wings Over Camarillo Air Show on August 21!



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Steve, the pilot, giving Les Bedding, the Crew Chief, high marks indeed for a job well done! Kudos, all !

Wing Photo Page II



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Eric Lange and Steve McCartney, both valued members of our Wing. They have both returned to the fold after a short absence. Welcome back, guys!



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Crack shot Scott Drosos manning the gun on the USS Lane during his cruise on the WWII liberty ship off Long Beach with the Newcombs and the Birdts.



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Our Bearcat following "Man O' War" at Santa Paula.



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Three generations of Barbers – Luke Wilson (7 weeks), dad Steve, Jr. and granddad Steve, Sr. Congrats to all, including Luke's mom, Holly and grandmom LaTanya!



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New Warbird Identification Boards, with accompanying donation jars, have been placed with our aircraft in the Museum. They are the work of Jim Hinkelman, Jim Hinkley, and Dan Cuvier. Nice job, guys!



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Thanks to Clay Lacy, we've had this beauty on our ramp since the air show. The visitors love it. So do we.

You are invited to attend the first open house of the new U.S. Navy Seabee Museum facility

When: Tuesday, October 5
10 A.M. – 2 P.M.

Where: New Seabee Museum
NBVC, Port Hueneme
Bldg. 100

- Public welcome
- No reservations required
- Free admission & parking



Even though the ribbon cutting and grand opening of the new museum won't happen until the fall of 2011, be one of the first to get a "sneak peek" of the new building!!

For more information, visit www.usnavyseabeesmuseum.com,
e-mail seabeesmuseum@navy.mil or call (805) 982-5167

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THE IMPOSSIBLE TAKES A LITTLE LONGER**

Wing Photo Page III



© Photo by Dave Flood
Steve Barber, Jr. telling members at our General Meeting on September 18 about upcoming Museum Hangar Rental events – in 2010 and into 2011. Great!



© Photo by Dave Flood
Wing Leader Shirley Murphy & Pat Brown telling the attendees about our new Museum brochures. Help Pat distribute these beautiful brochures.



© Photo by Dave Flood
Mark Hubbard, our new Hellcat pilot, with daughter Kendra and grandson "Khai." Mark is a Navy Captain, and heads up all FA-18 squadrons on the West Coast. We are delighted to have him with us!



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Our CAF/EAA Dinner Dance in our Museum Hangar after the August 21 air show. Everyone had a good time. Reports said the band and the food were great.



© Photo by Ron Fleishman
Many people at the Dinner Dance got out on the floor and "cut a rug." One couple stole the show. It was one of the highlights of a successful air show at CMA.



© Photo by Dave Flood
Cub Scout Pack #75 of Long Beach, CA visited our Aviation Museum recently, and had a picnic on our ramp. They also took tours of our facilities with their families. It was a great gathering – arranged by member Gene O'Neal and his daughter Connie Kritzer, who is a Den Leader with the pack. That's Gene on the left, and Connie across the table from him. We hope that they will come again.

Commemorative Air Force Southern California Wing

Presents

Warbird Appreciation Day

Featuring the North American P-51 Mustang "Man O' War"



CAF Aviation Museum
455 Aviation Drive – Camarillo Airport
Camarillo, CA 93010

Saturday, October 2, 2010
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Fly-bys / Photo Ops with airplane
Public rides available in P-51 "Man O' War"
Gift Shop Items tied in to P-51 Mustang

Museum Donations Accepted

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Wing Photo Page IV



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Here's our new Hellcat pilot, CAPT Mark Hubbard, USN, flying his regular plane the FA-18 at the Wings Over Camarillo Air Show. A spectacular fly-by!



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The Goodyear blimp doing a high-speed pass over the CMA runway at the EAA/CAF air show on August 21. Many attendees said that they thought it was the best air show at CMA that they had ever attended.



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This beautifully restored Grumman Albatross, owned by Row 44 – N44HQ, wowed the CMA crowd with its graceful fly-bys. It's hangared at our airport.



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Here's Carter Teeters flying the CAF's General Motors FM-2 "Martlet," (British version of the F4F Wildcat). It was great to see Carter at our air show, and hope he will make CMA a regular stop on his travels.



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Marc Russell pulling up in a "Missing Man" formation, with two other T-34s in formation. Beautiful sight! The weather cooperated, and the crowds came out in droves for the air show. Congrats to all the people who put the show together.



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Two of the hardest-working guys at the air show – Vern Olson and Tim Kutzbach – who helped make it possible for all the planes to get to the flight line and back. Many EAA & CAF volunteers worked the show.



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Wing Photo Page V



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One P-38 Lightning at an air show is wonderful – but **TWO !** Here they are “beating up” the runway and giving young and old attendees alike goose-bumps.



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Ron Fleishman, who was the air show’s announcer, took this photo from his perch atop the show’s control tower – north along the flight line.



© Photo by Eric Van Gilder
Clay Lacy impressing the crowd in the Grumman F7F Tigercat. It’s a rare flyable warbird in great shape! The editor was a kid at Pax River when it was being tested, alongside it’s sister F8F Bearcat, in 1944.



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Here’s a rare sight! Four Grumman “Cats” flying together! From the left – the Tigercat, Bearcat, Hellcat and Wildcat. Kids will tell their grandchildren about seeing this years from now. What a thrill!



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The Mitsubishi A6M3 Zero, Curtiss P-40 Warhawk, and Chance-Vought F4U Corsair stacked up in their memorable fly-by across the CMA runway.



© Photo by Kevin Birdt
Jeff Birdt’s son Kevin took this shot of the AAF’s North American B-25J Mitchell “Executive Sweet” flying formation with four Chinese Nanchang CJ-6 aircraft – high above the lower fly-bys.

Wing's Air Show Schedule: 2010

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|-------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| Oct. 2, 3 | Salinas, CA | Zero |
| Oct. 8-10 | Airsho 2010, Midland, TX | F6F, F8F, Zero, SNJ-4, SNJ-5 |
| Nov. 5-7 | Thermal, CA J. Cochrane | P-51, Spitfire |
| Nov. 13, 14 | Nellis AFB Air Show | TBD |

Since this schedule is subject to change, please check our phone number – (805) 482-0064 for updated information.



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Our Wing's original airplane, the C-46 *China Doll*, and our newest visiting airplane, the P-51D *Man O' War*. If only they could speak, oh...such stories they could tell. We are so proud of them both.

Remember to Always Recycle !

Lloyd McAfee reminds us to continue to use the recycle receptacles for our cans and bottles. Our Wing gets needed money for our recyclables. Be sure to put your used cans and bottles in the recycle receptacles. Thanks!

Wing's Christmas Party

If you have not yet reserved for the Christmas Party, please see Casey de Bree right away. The cost is \$35 per person.

The party is on Thursday, December 2, 2010, at the Wedgewood Banquet Center, 5880 Olivas Park Drive, Ventura, CA. The banquet center is located on the Buenaventura Golf Course.

Festivities get under way at 6:30 p.m., with dinner served buffet style at 7:30 p.m. As usual, the buffet will consist of tri-tips of beef, bbq chicken, salads, roasted potatoes, dessert, and beverage. Our annual auction will follow.

Help ! Request Your Absentee Ballot !

We need your help to keep the CAF HQ General Staff going in the right direction. Last year only 600 members voted in the CAF General Staff election. A few members could actually redirect the goals of the CAF!

Please send an e-mail request for your absentee ballot today to Keith Lawrence at klawrence@cafhq.org. The deadline is October 2, so time is of the essence!

When you receive the absentee ballot, please vote for the five (5) members who have been selected by the HQ Nominating Committee. Return the ballot per instructions so that your vote will be counted! We're counting on you!

Wing Election Notice

by Dave Flood

Our Wing Staff Election will commence after the October Wing Staff Meeting. The ballots will be printed in the November issue of *Flight Line*, which will be published on October 14, 2010. The deadline for ballots to be received will be November 15, 2010.

We have five candidates for the four Wing Staff posts – Dick Troy and Steve Barber for Wing Leader; John Woolley for Executive Officer; Ken Gottschall for Maintenance Officer; and Eric Lange for Safety Officer.

The photos and bios, with statements concerning their candidacies, are on pages 3 and 4. We hope to have a bio and photo for Ken Gottschall in the November issue.



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Our SNJ-4 "Blue Bird" in her new Navy colors. Cool!

Wing Members of The Month: August

Steve Barber, Jr., Hangar Events Manager

Casey de Bree, Finance Officer

Charles "Chuck" Williams, Wing Purchasing Manager

Congratulations, gentlemen, for your untiring contributions to our Wing! Keep 'Em Flying!

Wing Sick Bay

Keep David Price in your prayers for a speedy recovery!