



MILE HIGH FLIGHT 18

Order of Daedalians

Newsletter

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Wings 16 Aug: meet local pilot who'd finish Lindy's 'North to Orient' flight

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Flight 18 normally meets on the third Friday of each month. Exceptions are announced in the newsletter and through the caller phone tree. Your caller should contact you via phone/e-mail 10 days prior to each meeting. If not, please advise Flight Adjutant Roy "Snooker" Poole.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Activity/Speaker</u>
18 Jan	Aurora Hills*	Flying with Bob Hoover
15 Feb	Aurora Hills*	Dam Busters/Spud
15 Mar	Aurora Hills*	B-52 shootdown -Greener
19 Apr	Aurora Hills*	"Rtn Flt"-McQuillan, RAF
17 May	Platte Valley	History of Lowry AFB
21 Jun	Aurora Hills*	Death of the Luftwaffe
19 Jul	Aurora Hills*	F-16, F-22 & F-18 videos
16 Aug	Wings Over Rox	Lindbergh flight redux
20 Sep	Aurora Hills*	140 th Wing Cmdr brief
2-6 Oct	San Diego, CA	Daed. Nat Convention
18 Oct	Aurora Hills*	LTG Kehoe, Nat. Comm.
15 Nov	Aurora Hills*	Bus. Mtg/Elections
18 Dec	Aurora Hills*	Christmas Party

* Aurora Hills Golf Course Tin Cup Bar & Grill

Non-pilots as Members???

Mile High Flight 18 has said no to the question put to all flights by National—should we consider “expanding membership criteria” to allow non-pilot crewmembers and/or drone operators to become members. Kitty Hawk Flight 8 at Seymour Johnson AFB NC disagrees with us and argues that WSOs should be allowed in.

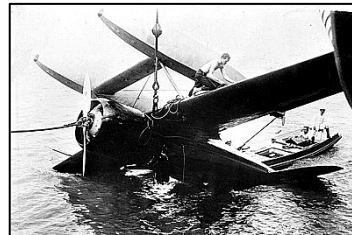
To follow the debate so far, go to page 5

Building replica Lockheed Sirius float plane

In 1931, Charles Lindbergh and his wife, Anne, took a Lockheed Sirius aircraft on a trip she wrote about in her best-selling novel, *North to the Orient*. Coming four years after Lindy's legendary solo crossing of the Atlantic, the story of this venture gained significant global interest.

It was planned to follow a great circle route to China: northwest from New York, NY, over northern Canada and Alaska, down the Russian and Japanese island chain to Tokyo, then west to Shanghai (*see map on page 8*).

It took them a month and approximately 20 flights to get there. The trip ended in China when the plane was damaged in a launching accident and shipped back to California for repairs. Their intended path after China is unclear.



Following repairs they instead flew east through Greenland to Europe, south to Africa, across the South Atlantic to South America, up the Amazon and back to the U.S., some 33,000 miles in all.

“My project goal is to finish building a replica of the aircraft and fly the route taken by the Lindberghs to China. Then, since I don't plan to damage the plane, I would continue on south through the South China Sea to Australia and then across the South Pacific to South America on my return home.”

“I'd like to share the history of the Sirius with the country. It'd be a big hit at air shows and a documentary of the construction and the trip would likely draw interest too.”

- Todd Hunt of Elizabeth, CO, Flight 18's scheduled guest speaker at the Wings Museum on 16 August 2013.

Visit Todd's web site: <http://thesiriusproject.org/>



Memo from the Flight Captain

Fellow Daedalians.

As you probably recall, The Order of Daedalians was founded some 79 years ago in 1934. Mile High Flight 18 came into existence 31 years later on Independence Day 1965, which means we have just embarked on our 49th year. Happy birthday, Flight 18!

Three months from now at our regularly scheduled luncheon on Friday 18 October, our special guest speaker will be Daedalian National Commander Lt Gen Nick Kehoe. His visit will come roughly two weeks after the 2013 National Convention in San Diego, so I expect he'll be updating us on the subject of Daedalian membership criteria, a major topic of discussion at the Convention and of this newsletter.

And speaking of special guest speakers, Colonel Floyd "Sumo" Dunstan, Commander of the COANG's 140 Wing at Buckley AFB and member of Flight 18, is scheduled to provide an update on COANG operations at our 20 September meeting at Aurora Hills.

Continuing in reverse chronological order, our August meeting at Wings Over the Rockies Air & Space Museum will feature a presentation by Todd Hunt, a local pilot who lives in Elizabeth and is building a replica of the single-engine Lockheed Sirius float plane that Charles and his wife Anne Lindbergh flew from New York north then west to Shanghai, China, via the Great Circle route in 1931.

The Lindberghs' trek ended in China when their plane was damaged and had to be sent back to Lockheed for repairs. But when his replica is completed, Todd hopes to follow the same route to Shanghai, then forge on to Australia, coming home by way of South America.

And, of course, Todd is looking for sponsors to help finance this truly exciting undertaking.

Capping off the schedule for 2013, we'll be electing new officers in November before finishing the year with our Christmas party at Aurora Hills on 18 December. Tin Cup manager Cindy Jones always treats us well, especially at Christmas time, so please put this event on your calendars now and let's have another a nice turnout this year.

Wings CEO Greg Anderson has announced the opening, on the very day of our July meeting, of a new exhibition featuring one of the finest aviation artists in the world. "Wood and Canvas: The WWI Aviation Art of James Dietz" features 53 extraordinary works along with early aviation memorabilia, all on loan from the Allen Airways Flying Museum in San Diego. Greg says this exhibition will still be open on 16 August when we meet at Wings, so plan to check it out. Learn more here:

<http://www.wingsmuseum.org/>

And Jack Wilhite reminds us about the Rocky Mountain Airshow, 16-18 August at Rocky Mountain Metro Airport, 11755 Airport Way in Broomfield. Organizers are hoping to honor all WWII vets who come with a golf cart parade, and to recognize any Vietnam vets present during the Vietnam War portion of the program. If you are a WWII vet who would like to attend please contact Bea Wilhite at (303) 697-4775. More details about the airshow at this link:

<http://www.cosportaviation.org/home.html>

A handy summary of all the activities I've mentioned in this memo appears in column three of this page.

Perhaps our most important activity of all is the perpetuation of this Flight and what it stands for through the recruitment of new members, primarily from the sizeable pool of former military pilots in the Denver area. Please make a special effort to let any of those folks you meet or know about us and how much we'd like them to join us.

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Ger Spaulding, CAPT, USN (Ret)
Flight Captain

16 Aug – Wings Over Rox Museum:



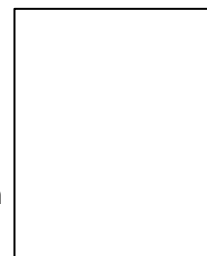
Flight 18 luncheon featuring a presentation by Mr. Todd Hunt about his quest to

replicate and complete Charles and Anne Lindbergh's 1931 "North to the Orient" journey.



Now open - WWI art exhibit at Wings called "Wood and Canvas: The WWI Aviation Art of James Dietz".

16-18 August – Rocky Mountain Airshow at RMM Airport, Broomfield.



20 Sept – Flight 18 luncheon with Col Floyd "Sumo" Dunstan, Commander, COANG 140th Wing.

18 Oct – Flight 18 luncheon with Lt Gen Nick Kehoe, Daedalian National Commander.



15 Nov – Business Meeting; election of officers for 2014; program TBA

18 Dec – Christmas Party, Aurora Hills