



MILE HIGH FLIGHT 18

Order of Daedalians

Newsletter

May 2010

Platte Valley happy day is here again

2010 Flight Sked

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 7-10 days prior to each meeting. If not, please advise Flight Adjutant Mitch Neff.

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Location</u> | <u>Speaker/activity</u> |
|-------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| 15 Jan | Aurora Hills* | Officer installation |
| 19 Feb | Aurora Hills* | Thompson/Reeves |
| 1-3 Mar | <i>San Antonio</i> | <i>F/C's meeting</i> |
| 19 Mar | Aurora Hills* | BG Carl Miller |
| 16 Apr | Aurora Hills* | Newt Moy |
| 21 May | Platte Valley | Lafayette Found |
| 18 Jun | Aurora Hills* | MG Whitney-CO H/Sec |
| 16 Jul | Aurora Hills* | LTG Edwards, TAG |
| 20 Aug | Wings O'r Rockies | Greg Anderson |
| 17 Sept | Aurora Hills* | MG John France |
| 15 Oct | Aurora Hills* | Dave Kulaas – P-51 |
| 19 Nov | Aurora Hills* | Business Meeting |
| 16 Dec | Aurora Hills* | Christmas Party |

* Aurora Hills Golf Course Tin Cup Bar & Grill

Fokkers' x-country to Dayton subject of "Wings of Time" documentary

Imagine flying 2400 miles round trip in a replica WWI aircraft with an average speed of 110 mph and a total fuel capacity of only 16 gallons—about 100 miles worth of gas. Now imagine making that trip as a flight of three vintage aircraft, all full-size replica Fokkers belonging to the Lafayette Foundation. They were designed for aerial combat, not for cross country flying.

The reason for the trip was to participate in the 2009 Dawn Patrol Rendezvous, an event held every two years at the National Museum of the USAF in Dayton, OH. The Rendezvous included an air show, re-enactors, model RC aircraft, a parade of era automobiles, and a collectors' show for WWI items. In 2009 it was held 25-27 Sept.

Of the approximately 30 replica airplanes that flew to Dayton for the event, only four were full size. Three of those were the Fokker Dr.I, D.VII and D.VIII from Platte Valley. Two-thirds of the participants were replicas of Allied planes, while the rest, including the three Lafayette Foundation Fokkers, replicated German aircraft.

The adventure was not without mishap, and the whole thing was captured in a feature-length documentary called "Wings of Time," now in the final stages of production. It is expected that either Kurt Russell or Morgan Freeman will narrate the finished product. Lafayette Foundation CEO and Mile High Flight Associate Andy Parks will discuss all this and more during Flight 18's annual picnic with wives at Platte Valley, this year on **21 May**.

Lunch, catered by Bennett's BBQ, will begin at noon and will cost \$20 per person. The Vintage Aero Flying Museum, with plenty new to see, opens at 10:00 AM, with flight demos set to begin at 11:00, weather permitting.

Wives and other guests—the more the merrier—are welcome, as are donations to the Foundation.

See **DAWN PATROL/DIRECTIONS TO P/V** on page 6

Bower misses Raider reunion

The Doolittle Raiders' senior member, Bill Bower was feeling poorly (grounded) and unable to attend the Doolittle Raider's 68th Reunion, which took place 16-18 April at the National Museum of the USAF in Dayton, OH.

As it happened, Flight 18's April luncheon was on day one of the reunion. As soon as the Flight was called to order, we called Bill via cell phone to cheer him up with three rousing "Hip-Hip-Hoorays!" It seemed to work.

See **AFTER THE DOOLITTLE RAID** page 4

Fellow Daedalians,

Once again our goals for 2010:

1. Bring a buddy. Solicit qualified new members to join the flight.
2. Have good guest speakers and warrior stories from our own members.
3. Hold a Distinguished Pilot Award ceremony in coordination with the Colorado Air National Guard.
4. Solicit ideas from members that would improve flight operations.
5. Seek support from other Daedalian flights across the nation who share our views on what the Tenets and Objectives of the order should be.
6. Award scholarships to deserving students who are involved in Aerospace studies with participating emphasis on those who aspire to become military pilots.

Overall, we are meeting our goals with one exception, number 5 above. New leadership at national, as witnessed at the 1-2 March 2010 Flight Captains meeting in San Antonio by myself, showed little interest in changing Tenets and Objectives.

While new national leadership may take up where we left off, my gut feeling is it's a dead issue.

Relating to goal number 3, the distinguished pilot award should be decided when the 140 Operations Building opens sometime after June.

Some 40 Flight Captains were at the very first (and only Flight Captains meeting) and most of the discussion revolved around streamlining our processes by instituting a paperless process in all phases of communications.

I spent \$1,000 to travel to and from San Antonio and to be honest, the best part was the 100th Anniversary of the flight at Ft. Sam celebrating Gen Foulois' first flight on the very same field



100 years ago – a great experience to see two Wright-Flier aircraft (one yellow and one brown) taxi and then fly over!!!

Stinson's Flight Number 2 did a great job hosting all events!

From our 1st Quarter 2010 Report:

Membership activity

Total members last quarter - 133

(Named – 132; Hereditary – 1)

Recruited this quarter – 2

Transferred in this quarter – 2

Deceased this quarter - 1

Net change +3

Total members 31 Mar 2010 – 136

Members Gained: Lt Col Fred Buhl, Capt Josh Burger, 1Lt James Edwards, Maj Ed Quick.

Final Flight: Lt Col (Ret) Robert H. Burris

Meeting 15 Jan 10:

Attendance 35; Guest Speaker: None. War stories by a few select members of Flight 18.

Installation of new officers and announcement of speakers for the upcoming year. Introduction of two transferred members, Capt Josh Burger, 1Lt James Edwards.

Meeting 19 Feb 10:

Attendance 35; Guest Speakers: Col (Ret) John Thompson and Col (Ret) James Reeves.

Welcomed two new members, Lt Col Fred Buhl and Maj Ed Quick.

Meeting 19 Mar 10:

Attendance 34; Guest Speaker: BG (Ret) Carl Miller. Story of BG Miller's flight over North Vietnam and his bombing raid on a power plant.

Six guests from the Army National Guard, Buckley AFB.

See you at Platte Valley 21 May 2010!!!

Volabamus Volamus

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Donald O. Neary, COL, ANG (Ret)
Flight Captain

Final Flight



Robert H. Burris
LtCol, USAF (Ret)
Aug 5, 1925 --
Mar 9, 2010

Robert graduated with a B.A. from UC, Berkeley, in 1957. He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1943-46, 1949-67. In WWII, he was a B-29 navigator on 34 combat missions in the Pacific. He completed pilot training with Class 51-C, and during the Korean War, flew 100 combat missions as an F-80 pilot. He was awarded two Distinguished Flying Crosses and seven air medals.

He led the last flight of fighter jets from Lowry AFB in 1965. After retiring from the Air Force in 1967, he served as Chief pilot with NCAR, Boulder for 18 years until 1986.

Robert was married to Miriam Buzzell Davis in 1953.

He is survived by Miriam, children, Anne, Robert Jr. and John "Randy", and seven grandchildren. He was predeceased by his son Joel S. and brothers, John C. and James C.

Robert volunteered at the Wings over Rockies Museum, was an avid golfer and sportsman, a member of the F-86 Sabre Pilots' Assn, and a Life Member of The Order of Daedalians.

His memorial service was March 19 in Aurora. The family invited contributions in his name to the Wings Over the Rockies Museum or the Colorado Boys Ranch, La Junta.

Pamela Murphy, 90, widow of WWII hero and actor Audie Murphy, died peacefully at her home on April 8. Survived by two sons, Pam established her own distinctive 30-year career working as a patient liaison at the Sepulveda VA Hospital, where she was much beloved. Audie Murphy was killed in a plane crash in 1971.



Welcome Aboard

James "Fred" Buhl
LtCol, USAF/ANG (Ret)



Fred's thumbnail bio

DOB: 4 Nov 1947

Wings: Class 72-02 Moody AFB, GA

Assignments: Davis-Monthan AFB; Korat RTAFB Thailand; Myrtle Beach AFB, SC; HQ USAF, Pentagon; Buckley ANGB, CO.

Military aircraft flown: A-7D, F-16C (3,387 military hrs)

Civilian aircraft flown: B-727, B-737, B-757, B-767 (20,508 civilian hrs)

Retired from COANG Buckley: 1997 after 26+ yrs of svc

Civilian employment: Retired from Continental Airlines after 30 years. Now a real estate investor.

Spouse: Dorothy ("Kelli")

Offspring: Two, Robyn and Mark

Residence: Elizabeth, CO

Other new members (Awaiting completed bios)



Josh Burger



James Edwards



Ed Quick

New "Don't Ask Don't Tell" Uniform

*It also comes in
a "Cammie"
version with
high-heel boots
and
mosquito-net
stockings*



Flight 18 Life Membership Dues

(Annual Flight dues = \$12.00)

Age Group

| | |
|--------------------|-------------------|
| 30/under.....\$305 | 61 - 65.....\$165 |
| 31 - 35.....295 | 66 - 70.....135 |
| 36 - 40.....280 | 71 - 75.....110 |
| 41 - 45.....260 | 76 - 80.....90 |
| 46 - 50.....240 | 81 - 85.....75 |
| 51 - 55.....215 | 86/Over.....60 |
| 56 - 60.....185 | |

2010 FLIGHT DUES

Please mail this coupon along with a check for your 2010 plus any delinquent Flight dues you owe. Add any amount you desire to donate to the Scholarship Fund. *Only Daedalian Life Members (LMs) are eligible to purchase Flight 18 Life Memberships and stop paying annual dues. If you qualify and choose this option, please select the appropriate dues amount from the above schedule, enter that amount in the FLM space below and include it in your check.*

Name: _____ Daedalian # _____ Home Phone: (____) _____

Address: _____ e-mail: _____

Amount enclosed for: [2010 Flight Dues \$12.00 or FLM DUES \$ _____] + Flight Dues for prior years @ \$12.00/yr \$ _____ + Scholarship Fund \$ _____ = Total Enclosed \$ _____

** Make check payable to: **DAEDALIAN FLIGHT 18**

** Mail to: **Mile High Flight 18, P.O. Box 472976, Aurora, CO 80047-2976**

After the Doolittle Raid

1stLt Bill Bower's Mission Report to BG Doolittle

Chunking, Szechwan, China,

May 2, 1942.

SUBJECT: Mission report of Doolittle project on April 18, 1942.

TO: Brigadier General James H. Doolittle.

AIRPLANE TYPE: B-25-B 402228

CREW (# 12): Pilot -- 1st Lt. William Bower; Co-Pilot -- 2nd Lt. Thadd Blanton; Navigator -- 1st Lt. William R. Pound; Bombardier -- T/Sgt Walso J. Bither; Engineer-Gunner -- S/Sgt Omer A. Duquette.

ORDERS:

To proceed from Minneapolis to Columbia, S.C. where crew was completed, then to Eglin Field, Florida, at which time the purpose of the mission was to be revealed, necessary training of crew accomplished and alterations of the ship made. Final preparation to be made at McClellan Field, Sacramento, California, prior to boarding the aircraft carrier U.S.S. Hornet at Alameda, Calif.

Target location was revealed at sea and all maps, objective folders and navigation data were covered by the crew enroute.

Take-off was ordered at 7:30 AM April 18, 1942 without sufficient warning to enable crew to gather necessary position, weather, etc., data.

Individual orders were to report to Chuchow for gas, then proceed to Chungking or if forced to land elsewhere or otherwise hold at Chuchow for further orders.

TIME OF T.O.

0910 April 18, 1942.

WEATHER:

Broken clouds from ship to landfall.

Clear from that point to target with high overcast 100 miles south to 300 S.W.

Clear to southern tip of Japan.

Broken to overcast 1000 ft. turning to W.

Instrument conditions encountered 1:30 hrs. before landfall of China coast.

Over China overcast from surface to 11,500 occasional breaks heavy rain.

ALTITUDE DESIRED:

Approach: below 1500 ft.

Bombing: 1500 ft.

ACTUAL ALTITUDE:

Surface and ground level approach, bombing at 1100 ft., surface to point :30 before E.T.A. of China coast, gradual climb to 11500 ft.

BOMBS:

3 - 500# demolition 1 - incendiary cluster (500#).



More recent photo of Bill Bower

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After the Raid:

Bower's Mission Report to Doolittle - Continued

AMMUNITION:

900 rds .50 cal. 3 AP, 2 incendiary

700 rds. .30 cal. 3 AP, 2 incendiary

TARGET:

Ship yard and docks at Yokohama. Secondary: any military objective within vicinity. Barrage balloons at target made choice of secondary necessary.

TARGET BOMBED:

Oil refinery, tank farm, warehouse, 2 miles ENE of target.

ANTI-AIRCRAFT OPPOSITION:

Heavy AA was encountered just prior to bomb release point from S, W, N, range was poor, elevation good. No hits were made on ship. After bomb release rapid descent to surface was made and AA was seen to score hits on barrage balloons causing their destruction. AA continued from rear and also from hill to the west until approximately two miles at sea. Bursts were of five, tracking excellent.

PURSUIT OPPOSITION:

No actual attack was made by enemy pursuit. Several biplanes evidently of obsolete type followed the plane at 1000 yds for fifteen minutes but did not offer attack.

MISSION REPORT:

Bombs were released in sequence on large warehouse, railroad siding at refinery and tank farm. Warehouse was seen to be hit and fired. Railroad tracks and tank cars also hit. Effect of last bomb and incendiary was not noticed due to heavy AA. Speed of run 200 mph, altitude 1100 ft. One weather boat was sunk 100 miles east of Japan. No other attacks made by machine guns.

ARRIVAL IN CHINA:

Crew was assembled in navigators compartment when landing appeared impossible. At 23:30 the crew left the ship at five second intervals, followed in twenty seconds by the pilot. Ship was at 11,500, on AFCE at 120 m.p.h.

I landed on a mountain with no ill effects, wrapped up in the silk and slept till 5:30 AM. Crew had been told to do likewise and await day light before attempting to locate each other. The next morning I started down the mountain and walked east for several hours, then N.E. At a small village a school teacher was able to locate direction and distance of Chuchow. Walked SE till dark and slept until dawn. Three of the crew joined me at this village. The fourth joined us at noon the next day. Natives carried us to Sian where a car took us into Chuchow. Six nights were spent at Army Air station there and on Saturday evening we left by train for

Yun San. A bus met us and in this we traveled three days to Heng Yang. A plane met us there and brought us to Chungking.

/signed/

WILLIAM M. BOWER

1st Lt., Air Corps



July 1942. Welcome home parade for Bill Bower rolls down the main street of his hometown, Ravenna, Ohio. Like a number of his fellow Raiders, Bower took part in a war bond drive before heading to the European Theater, where he again served under Jimmy Doolittle. (Bill Bower collection)

68th Raider Reunion, 16-18 Apr 2010, Dayton



Four of the eight surviving Doolittle Raiders made it to the 2010 reunion: LtCol Richard Cole, Doolittle's copilot, aircraft #1; LtCol Robert Hite, copilot aircraft #16; Maj Thomas Griffin, navigator aircraft #9; MSgt David Thatcher, engineer/gunner, aircraft #7. The only surviving left-seater from the Raid, Bill Bower, pilot of aircraft #12, was unable to attend.

(Below) Static display of the 17 B-25s/PBJs that were flown in for the event. 16 B-25s flew the original mission.

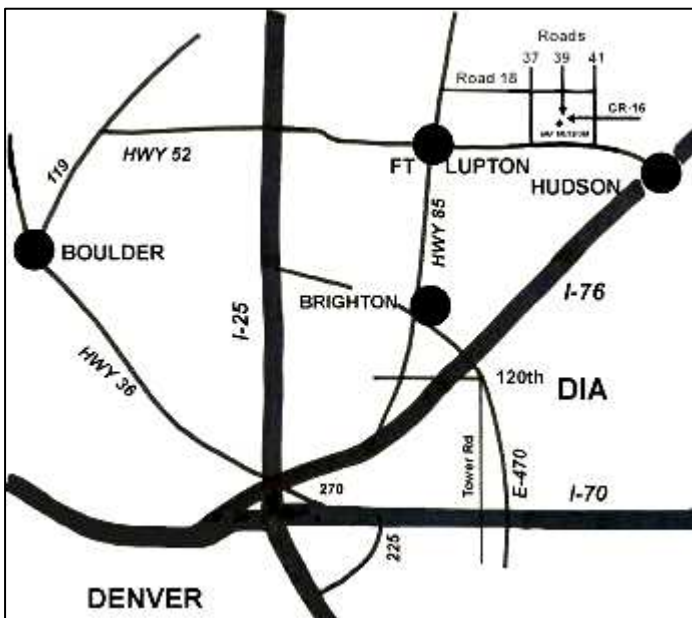


Dawn Patrol *From page 1*



Dawn Patrol promotional material.

Best driving directions to Platte Valley, Vintage Aero Flying Museum



Follow above map to Ft Lupton or Hudson. Then...
...Highway 52 to Road 41; north 1.5 miles to Road 16; west
1 mile to the Vintage Aero Flying Museum.

Flight awards three \$1000 ROTC scholarships for 2010

Matching funds expected from Daedalian Foundation

Those students receiving 2010 Flight 18 scholarships are:

Cadet Angela Marie Pollard is a Junior at Metropolitan State College of Denver. Her major is Aviation Technology with a minor in Math. She has a cumulative GPA of 3.88, and is a member of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars

(Fall 08-present). She was on the Deans' List at Colorado State University in the Fall of 2006. She was also on the President's Honor Roll at Metro State in the Spring of 2009. Angela holds the American Legion Scholarship Excellence Medal, awarded in the Spring of 2009. Her activities include the Metro State Precision Flight Team (Fall 2008 to present), and the Metro State Honors Program from the fall of 2008 to present. She is a licensed Student Pilot with 107 hours in the Cessna 172. She served an internship with Lockheed Martin in the summer and fall of 2008, and was a volunteer at the Wings Over the Rockies Museum in the Fall of 2009. Angela also served an internship with Colorado Sport Aviation (Spring 2009). She has successfully passed her flight physical, and has been selected for an Air Force Pilot slot. Her goal is to become a professional Air Force pilot.

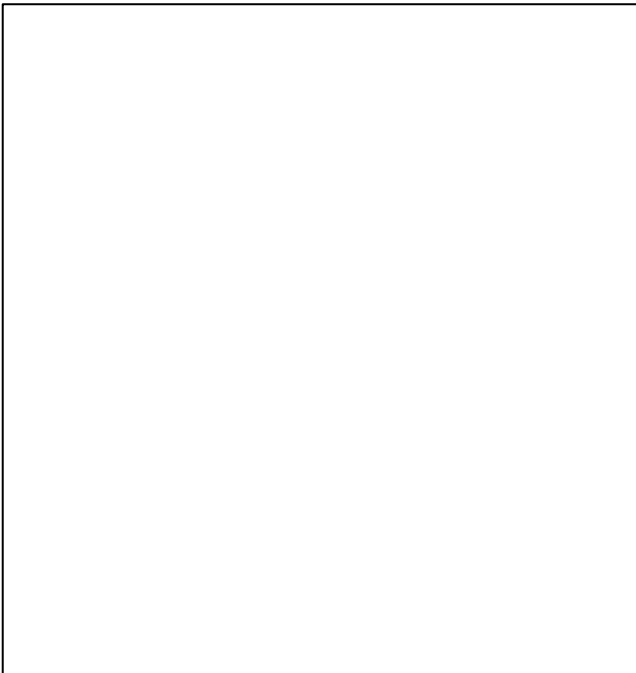
Cadet Austin James Williamson is a Junior at the University of Colorado at Boulder. His major is Aerospace Engineering and he holds a cumulative GPA of 2.74. He has been the Chapter President of the Bernadette M. Jarvis Silver Wings chapter, and the Region 8 Vice President which includes Nebraska, Colorado, Wyoming and Utah. He is active in the Men's Club Volleyball. His ROTC awards include the Daughters of Founders and Patriots of America Meritorious Service Award, Honor Flight, Warrior Flight, College Scholarship, Recruiting Award, Silver Wings Membership, and Honor Guard Membership. He's successfully passed a physical and has been selected for an Air Force Pilot Slot. His goal is to become a career Air Force test pilot and astronaut.

Midn Michael Bartek is a Junior at the University of Colorado Boulder. His major is Astronomy. He is one of the top performers in his class in both academics and aptitude. He has a solid 3.51 semester GPA and a 3.12 cumulative GPA. Midshipman Bartek has been extremely active in the battalion where he is a member of the Color Guard, Drill Team, and various NROTC intramural sports teams. He has held more leadership billets in the battalion than any other midshipman in his class, and has performed superbly in his assigned duties. He has an aptitude score of 4.16 out of a possible 5.0. Midshipman Bartek holds a NROTC Scholarship, and has received a very strong recommendation for the Daedalian Scholarship from his commanding officer. He aspires to become a career naval aviator.



The new "Robin's Roost" bar at the Nellis AFB Officer's Club, recently dedicated in honor of the late Robin Olds. The bell was rung often and well during dedication festivities.

The White House has announced it will recognize former President George W. Bush by renaming a major geological formation after him. Henceforth, the 810-mile-long continental transform fault that runs through California and has been the source of countless earthquakes in the Golden State, will be known officially as "Bush's Fault."



The Gator Swamp ILS—a bit tricky in the goo

I used to work in a fire hydrant factory. You couldn't park anywhere near the place.

Last night, my kids and I were sitting in the living room and I said to them, "I never want to live in a vegetative state, dependent on some machine and fluids from a bottle. If that ever happens, just pull the plug."

They got up, unplugged the computer and threw out my wine.

They're such asses!

Mile High Flight 18- 2010

- Flight Captain..... Don Neary, COL, ANG (Ret)
 - Vice Flt Capt Brian Patterson, LTC, COANG
 - Adjutant Mitch Neff, LTC, COANG
 - Treasurer Tom Shaw, MAJ, USAF (Ret)
 - Provost Marshall..... Dale Boggie, COL, USAF (Ret)
 - Asst Treasurer... Hugh Greenwood, CPT, USAFR (Sep)
 - Scholarships..... Bill Greener, LTC, USAF (Ret)
 - Newsletter..... Ger Spaulding, CAPT, USN (Ret)
- (Positions in bold elected, those in italics appointed)

Flight 18 normally meets the third Friday of each month at the Aurora Hills Tin Cup Bar & Grill, located just north of Alameda and just east of Peoria. Social hour at 11:00, lunch at 12:00. Exceptions via newsletter and caller notification.

The newsletter is published quarterly. Contact the club at (719) 638-5786 or via e-mail at gerkar@comcast.net.

Web site:

<http://www.ghspaulding.com/orderofdaedalianshome.htm>