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DELAWARE AVIATION MUSEUM FOUNDATION

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From the Office: Larry Kelley

Back in 2004, We started the Delaware Aviation Museum Foundation with the following mission statement: The Delaware Aviation Museum Foundation (D.A.M.F.) is dedicated to promoting and preserving the history of aviation, focusing on aviation in Delaware and the Coastal Delaware Airport. The Museum maintains a display of classic, vintage and military aircraft and aviation artifacts as well as an extensive reference library. The D.A.M.F. promotes tourism to Sussex County by hosting events at the airport and museum, providing an educational venue for students, visitors and the community.

We are building our perfect team to fulfill our mission statement. We are acquiring a great collection of aircraft. In recent years, we have added a J-3 cub, a J-4 cub, two flying DH-82C Tiger Moths, and have a flying DH-1 deHaviland Chipmunk on the way. We are literally out of space and have rented T hangars at KGED as well as KSBY and CGE to house our aircraft. We have tour groups weekly and during the summer, several times a week. Our B-25 Ground School and flight training program has received international attention. Our LHFE (Living History Flight Experience), aka Rides, has become even more popular across our base of events. As we expand our restoration efforts, along with the maintenance on the flying airplanes, especially the B-25, our need for dedicated volunteers is ever more acute. Without all of YOU, we would just be a locked up dark hangar with a few old airplanes stuffed inside. With you, we are a vibrant growing museum operation.

WE NEED YOU:

DELAWARE AVIATION MUSEUM FOUNDATION’S CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS
Calvin Peacock

As everyone knows, the Delaware Aviation Museum Foundation (DAMF) is a non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization that accepts and solicits charitable donations to both add to the museum’s aviation displays and fund its outreach programs. How many of you know that DAMF also works to either directly or indirectly contribute to other non-profit organizations?

Over the past Several years, DAMF has donated aircraft parts to other museums and non-profit organizations for their restoration projects such as the latest B-29 to be restored “Doc” or the PT boat being restored at the WWII Museum in New Orleans, LA or the XP-82 in Douglas, GA. A more recent form of donation has been the use of the museum’s aircraft. DAMF’s L-16 “Spot” has been used extensively to raise money for other charitable organizations such as churches, United Way, March of Dimes and other non-profit fundraisers. Most recently, the B-25 “Panchito” was donated to do a flyover the Wicomico County Civic Center to start the Wreathes Across America ceremony sponsored by Perdue Farms.

DAMF gives back to the local, aviation and veteran communities in many ways. This is one of them.

SAFETY IS NO ACCIDENT!
Sabrina Kipp, Safety Officer

Just a quick reminder to everyone to exercise caution while transitioning in the hangar, particularly during our maintenance periods. Aviation in itself presents a higher risk to safety and working in our hangar is no exception.

DAMF does have a Safety Management System in place. The Safety Management System is not new to aviation. It has been in existence for at least a decade on the national and international levels, becoming a required standard for all airlines, reducing incident/accidents from human factors thereby making air travel a safer means of transportation. This program has been so successful other industries outside of aviation have adopted their own Safety Management Systems.

This program is dependent on everyone being proactive in recognizing and reducing any hazards that may be encountered. If you see something and cannot fix it yourself, then please report it to a manager. Adhering to our organization’s policies and procedures enhances everyone’s safety.
FLIGHT TRAINING
Sabrina Kipp
Director of Flight Training

This year was a productive year for our B25 Flight training program. Interest is still high as the word is getting around the industry. One SIC was from France, making him our second international student. In all we added 9 pilots to the B-25 Second in Command ranks during 2018.

In addition to the B-25 Pilot in Command and Second in Command courses we added an opportunity for SICs to return for recurrent training. There are three SIC recurrent courses to choose from to give them a broader education to flying the Mitchell as well as coming back for a refresher. Already we have several interested pilots for this new course line. Training is independent of our regularly scheduled classes.

We will be offering 4 Second in Command classes for 2019. These classes are scheduled for April, August, October and November. Check our website events page for actual dates.

Not a pilot but interested in learning more about the North American B-25 Mitchell? Join us for one of our Ground Schools to learn the history and inner workings on how the Mitchell operates. Ground School is just $299. For more information please view our Flight Training tab on our website at: http://www.delawareaviationmuseum.org/damf/flight_training.html or contact the Director of Flight Training at flighttraining@delawareaviationmuseum.org

Big thanks to all the volunteers that help support the flight training classes. It is a team effort and we wouldn’t be able to have a successful year without you.

FOCUSBING ON LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT OF OUR DIVERSE ORGANIZATION

Looking Back on 2018....

Ron Covais:

During this past year, we purposely focused on dividing responsibilities to achieve better use of the time and talents of our incredibly dedicated Team. We brought Charlie Quandt on board to join us because he is both a pilot and A&P mechanic. We have further delegated responsibilities to Ron Covais to free up time for Larry Kelley to orchestrate the overall Museum Foundation and oversee the increasingly demanding costs and responsibilities of maintaining our aircraft, especially Panchito. To this end, we have rented additional hangar space and are acquiring an additional Hangar. This has allowed us to better organize our main hangar and generally clean it up and organize our tools and inventory of parts and spares. This has been a continuing work in progress...but, we are seeing results. This past year we have also planned and started the process for creating what we call A Pathway to Aviation Careers. This will allow us to, in addition to Aviation Education Awareness Day during our annual Wings and Wheels Show, create a direct program to fund and provide scholarships to underprivileged high school students in the local area.

Building on This Past Year....Looking Ahead to 2019

This first Quarter of 2019 will see our attention focused on getting the B-25 maintenance completed and planning for the upcoming Air Show Season. Furthermore, we will continue our efforts to better organize our main hangar and space requirements. Regarding our scholarship program and our mentoring efforts, we are making great progress toward our Pathway to Aviation Careers for local underprivileged students. Ron Covais has already presented our plan to the Greater Georgetown Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. The next step in gaining the support of over 300 members of the Chamber of Commerce is to present our concept and plan to the membership at their February Luncheon. We have already secured the money for the first scholarship for a student to get their Private Pilots Certificate. The funds for this scholarship have been provided by a private donor. The overall plan is to gain the support of the Chamber membership, both with financial contributions and with "in kind" donations. Once this base is established, we will then expand our fund-raising efforts to Corporate America and to State and Federal Government Agencies for further funding. Our theory is "Build it and They Will Come." We can make a great impact for the Community and for individuals who probably never would have such wonderful opportunities to pursue.

Strap in...2019 is going to be a great year for the Delaware Aviation Museum Foundation and the enrichment of many lives...
AROUND THE HANGAR:
Charlie Quandt

While Panchito gets the lion share of the museum’s resources, there are many other activities at the DAMF for those with some spare time on their hands.

We are looking to restore the J-3 (yellow) Cub this spring but must first create a work area on the mezzanine. Volunteers are needed to erect new shelves there and inside the new sea container (CONEX). Then comes organizing and storing the material on the mezzanine floor.

Prefer to make work platforms more than shelves? New work benches and stands will be needed to strip down, inspect, repair and rebuild the wings, fuselage and empennage of the J3. Any and all experience gained on the Cub project will lend itself to a follow-on project, the side-by-side J-4 Cub.

Besides the airplanes, the Jeep, tugs and golf cart need basic maintenance. Currently, the brakes on the fork lift need some TLC.

Don’t do carpentry? How about plumbing and electrical, we need help roughing in and installing the donated kitchen sink and dishwasher. We have the counter-top and the appliances, but need somebody that can rough in the waste & supply lines, same for electrical circuits. Bottom line, there are lots of activities around the hangar, just let someone know how and when you would like to contribute.

SOCIAL MEDIA Bill Rozek

Welcome to the first edition of the DAMF newsletter! It is very exciting to see how fast our team is growing. I would ask everyone to make sure that they “like” our Delaware Aviation Museum Foundation FACEBOOK page. We are starting to aggressively market the GROUND and PILOT TRAINING SCHOOL and this is the fastest way to get the word out. We will be posting information for our different events, news about Panchito, videos, and most importantly advertising about the school. Whenever something shows up in your feed, please share it right away to your page and we will reach thousands of B-25 lovers instantly. Our goal is to keep the school classes sold out well in advance. Jim Mandelblatt continues to do a tremendous job managing our website and John Karr our Docent for tours. Call 443-458-8926 to book tours.

Larry and Bill Rozek at the American Veterans Center, Washington DC October 2018