

THE INVERTED FLYER

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2017 Officers



2017 officers will be elected at the December Meeting. Currently the following candidates are running:

President: Murray Lull

Vice President: Chester Shans

Secretary: Ken Jochim

Treasurer: Dean Ehn

The following appointments have volunteers:

AMA Safety coordinator: Ken Jochim

Membership: Al Coelho

Newsletter: Al Coelho

Website: Mike Gulizia

Auditor: Mike Gulizia

Float Fly: Ken Jochim

BAPC: Murray Lull

Do those names look familiar? They should, they are the same people who did it this year, and many who did it for quite a few years before that...

With that said, I assume that everybody is totally happy with how things are going or they would have volunteered for an office.

Al Coelho - Editor

Ultra light visitor



What do you do when you're soaring over the Rockies and you can't restart your engine (starter problem)?

Home base is Boulder Airport but it just couldn't make the last 3 miles so he stopped at our field. Tied it down overnight and flew out the next morning.



Remember Pearl Harbor

A circular logo with a rope-like border. Inside, the number '75' is prominently displayed in a stylized font, with a blue and white American flag pattern behind it. Above the '75' is the word 'REMEMBER' in a blue arc. Below the '75' is a blue banner with the words 'PEARL HARBOR' in white. At the bottom of the circle, the year '1941' is written in blue.

The 75th Commemoration of the December 7, 1941 Attack on Pearl Harbor

Tomorrow, December 7th, is the 75th anniversary of the 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor and six other military bases on the Hawaiian island of Oahu. This precipitated America's entry into World War II, a global conflict. Pearl Harbor endures as a symbol of American resilience and resolve, and the annual commemoration of the attack on Pearl Harbor fosters reflection, remembrance, and understanding.

Although I do not remember the original attack, as I was only 3 years old, I do remember the rationing and hard times, mostly sheltered from me by my parents. Sugar and gas rationing are two items that I still remember. What 3 year old boy wouldn't remember running out of sugar?

I do remember the surrendering in 1945. I lived in Stockton California at the time and the Port of Stockton (close to my house) lit up with fireworks and celebration.

Take a minute and reflect back on your own memories, or a search of the web will surely enlighten you.

<https://pearlharbor75thanniversary.com/>

Al Coelho - BAS Editor

White 33, rare P-38, makes first public flight

This article was submitted by member Dick Myron and has been extracted out of the newsletter from:

*National Museum of World War II Aviation
775 Aviation Way
Colorado Springs, CO 80916
<http://www.worldwariiaviation.org/>*

White 33, a rare 1942 P-38F Lightning fighter restored by Westpac Restorations, made its first public flight Oct. 17 at Colorado Springs Airport as several hundred onlookers cheered and applauded.



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The World War II plane, and its flight, honored 101-year-old Colorado Springs resident Col. Frank Royal (USAF-ret.) who probably flew White 33 as a squadron commander during the war, and who attended the event.



Steve Hinton, Frank Royal, Jim Slattery

Photographers and TV camera crews aboard Westpac's B-25 got up-close shots of the P-38 as the two circled the Colorado Springs area for about 20 minutes in clear but turbulent weather. Frank was flown in the right seat of a Cessna 421 chase plane that trailed White 33 and the B-25.

"It was a nice flight," Frank said. "I got a good look at the B-25 with White 33 right behind him, over the city and toward the mountains." He said, "It was a special flight because I'm 101 and three-quarters, and as of last week I went under hospice care. So it's kind of a special day." He said he was born on June 17, 1915, and joked that he remembered it "like it was yesterday." The 421 pilot, Steve Hinckley, said that while he monitored his TCAS, or traffic collision avoidance system, Frank was visually pointing out other aircraft.

White 33 was flown by Steve Hinton, who is checked out to fly the P-38 and other classic aircraft. He is president of the Planes of Fame Air Museum, with locations in Chino, California, and Valle, Arizona. He also owns

Fighter Rebuilders, which restores vintage military aircraft.

Bill Klaers, president of Westpac, flew the B-25. He said it was turbulent, but not too bad, "as long as you found a good spot to make the photo flight part." White 33 was "30, 35 feet away when they were doing the photo shoot, [with Steve] tucked right in."

Steve Hinton flew the Lockheed fighter to Portland, Oregon, where it will remain until next spring.

Jim Slattery, who owns White 33 as well as a collection of other priceless vintage aircraft, said the plane "may be, in my opinion, the most important World War II aviation artifact, primarily because [the P-38 was] the height of technology in World War II. It was 100 miles an hour faster than any other airplane and it certainly turned the tide against the Japanese wherever it was...."

"It was just extraordinary in every way. It came from the mind of one of the greatest designers in history, Kelly Johnson, who later on designed the U-2 and the SR-71. And when he did [the P-38], it was completely radical." Jim Slattery said Frank told him a reason he wanted to keep living was to see White 33 fly, "so it's very exciting to see him at this event. This is your day, Frank." Jim also said "none of this is possible without the volunteers and I so appreciate it. Be sure you congratulate them for me."

White 33, serial number 42-12652, was assigned to the 35th Fighter Group, 39th Fighter Squadron. Colonel Royal, as commander of the 39th, was responsible for reassembling 23 brand new P-38s sent to Australia by ship from the U.S. in the summer of 1942. He and another pilot, Tom Lynch, who became a well-known ace, flight-tested the planes and approved them to be sent to New Guinea for combat. Frank said there was a 50-50 chance that he actually flew White 33 during this test phase. Some 10,000 P-38s were built during the war. White 33 was flown in combat from 1942 until 1944.

White 33's operational career ended when its nose wheel collapsed and it was scrapped and buried at Finschafen Airfield, New Guinea. It was recovered in 1999 and brought to Westpac.

During a visit by Frank to Westpac, after comparing logbooks and other information, it became apparent that he had probably flown White 33.

See follow-up article on the next page...

Frank Royal, American Fighter Pilot



I had already finalized most of the December newsletter when Dick forwarded me this newsletter article from the National Museum of World War II Aviation.

Colonel Francis R. (Frank) Royal (USAF-ret.) passed away November 19, 2016, at the age of 101, just over a month after he viewed the first public flight of a restored P-38 fighter he probably flew during World War II. He was delighted to watch from the copilot's seat of a twin Cessna on October 17 as "White 33" circled Colorado Springs for photographers aboard Westpac Restoration's B-25.



**James Allen
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Bruce Wood**

**Keith Holub
Murray Lull
Charles Watt Jr**

BAS Meeting Minutes 11/09/2016

Hobbytown, Longmont

President Murray Lull called the meeting to order at 6:20 pm. There were 10 members present.

Dean Ehn moved that the minutes of the last meeting be accepted. Seconded & passed.

David Goodnow reported that the crack sealing on the runway was done very well.

After some discussion, David made a motion that we spend about the same amount to have the rest of the runway surface top coated. It was expected that would last around 3-4 years. I was suggested that David also discuss filling in the crater on the runway before the top coat was applied. Motion was approved. David will report back on the matter.

Dean Ehn reported that there was no income or expenses in the past month.

There was no report from the Secretary/Safety Coordinator.

Membership Coordinator Al Coelho noted there were no new members last month, and that he was accepting dues for the 2017 year.

There was some discussion about the signs regarding the 400 ft ceiling. No action has been taken as of this time.

It was moved by Al Coelho that for new members joining after Nov 1st that we include the current year if the member pays next years full membership rate. Motion passed.

Nominations for officers were opened. The current slate of candidates is the same as last year, pending any additional volunteers. The Election of Officers will occur at the December meeting.

It was moved that the meeting be adjourned at 7:02 pm. Approved.

Respectfully Submitted
Ken Jochim, Secretary.

This months Food-For-Thought

(from your Editor)

Around The Corner

(by Charles Hanson Towne)

Around the corner I have a friend,
In this great city that has no end,
Yet the days go by and weeks rush on,
And before I know it, a year is gone.

And I never see my old friends face,
For life is a swift and terrible race,
He knows I like him just as well,
As in the days when I rang his bell.

And he rang mine but we were younger then,
And now we are busy, tired men.
Tired of playing a foolish game,
Tired of trying to make a name.

"Tomorrow" I say! "I will call on Jim
Just to show that I'm thinking of him",
But tomorrow comes and tomorrow goes,
And distance between us grows and grows.

Around the corner, yet miles away,
"Here's a telegram sir," "Jim died today."
And that's what we get and deserve in the end.
Around the corner, a vanished friend.

*Here's hoping you had a good year and best wishes
for the new year.*

Al Coelho



Informative links

as you can never remember them...

Club Website: <http://www.boulderaero.org>

BAS RC forum: www.tinyurl.com/boulderrc

FAA UAS home page:

<https://www.faa.gov/uas/>

FAA UAS Registration page:

<https://www.faa.gov/uas/registration/>

AMA home page: <http://www.modelaircraft.org>

AMA Newsletter:

http://www.modelaircraft.org/publications/AMA_Today.aspx

AMA Air: www.youtube.com/modelaircraft

AMA District IX (Yahoo groups)

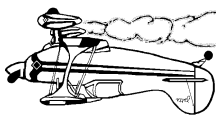
<https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/amadistrict-ix/info>

Will purchase Estate Lots or entire large RC collections.

Richard Myron 303-746-4274

Links should be active. Mouse over and click on them.

Next Meeting 6:30 PM Wednesday December 14th at Hobbytown USA, Longmont.



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