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Tuskegee Airmen Memorial Plaza Dedication Sunday, Sept. 6th, 1:00 PM

Eagle Scout Tim Molinari has spent the past two years planning, meeting with officials, raising funds, and arranging for the construction of the memorial plaza. It is located around the flagpole adjacent to the Freeman Field terminal building. The dedication ceremony over Labor Day weekend is the culmination of Tim's efforts. For more information please see the flyer at the end of this newsletter.

August FFA Meeting -- Airport Awareness Day Cancelled

The August meeting of the FFA was once again very poorly attended. Nothing noteworthy was accomplished. Subsequent to the meeting it was decided to cancel AAD for this year. The cancellation has been brought about by a lack of airplanes for the ride activity, lack of workers to make the effort to organize the event, and general apathy among our members. We'll see what next year brings.

Airport News

Aside from the Tuskegee Memorial Plaza dedication on 9/6, nothing much is going on at Freeman Field.

Interesting Airplanes at Freeman Field

Yesterday your editor and Chris Knotts looked over at the fuel pumps and saw a small, high-wing twin engine airplane we didn't recognize. Of course we had to walk over for a look. It turned out to be a Partenavia P-68 observation aircraft. This one, belonging to some natural resources agency, was fitted out with a belly-mounted camera and a lot of control gear. The nose of the aircraft is all glass; kind of like some helicopters.



We all know that Lance Bartels flies a Challenger 300 jet for Circle-K stores, but we never get to see the plane. It lives in a hangar in Columbus, and since the executives who get to ride in it live up that way as well there is never a need to bring it

to Seymour, until recently. The runway closures at Columbus coupled with some maintenance performed at Indianapolis and an 0-dark-early departure conspired to bring the plane here overnight a couple weeks ago. Your editor was out at the field just as the sun went down. Here's a cell-phone picture of Lance's ride.



Museum Archives

With the major 3-year reorganization of the museum completed we are now concentrating on community outreach (making people aware of the museum and getting them to come visit), and on improving existing situations within the museum.

In the outreach category, on August 15 the museum for the first time ever took some artifacts and set up a display at a remote location. The occasion was Community Day at the Camp Atterbury museum. Our museum was invited to participate. Larry Bothe and Mike Jordan made the trip. We had a propeller blade, demilitarized machine gun, B-17 model and an automatic-cycling slide show of the major exhibits in the museum. We thought it went very well for the first time out, except we forgot one thing. We didn't have a sign telling who we are. We'll have one for next time.



We have also improved a long-standing bad situation at the museum here at home. For many, many years we have had an old furnace room with dug-up WW-II airplane parts piled on the floor. It was a mess. We started in the spring to clean some of it up, and more recently we erected some steel shelving. The parts are now sorted and up off the floor. Here's a picture of the end result. Now we can tell what we actually have. Not beautiful, but quite functional.



Interesting Aviation Links

P-40's at Pearl Harbor Here's a short video (5 min) about two American P-40 pilots who were able to get off the ground at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. From Dirk Vallo, 8/1/15.

<https://www.youtube.com/embed/zS8HWFwaa4>

Flying car, again. This time a tilt-rotor hybrid. God-only-knows how much it would cost to produce. From Marshall Grooms, 8/4/15.

<https://www.youtube-nocookie.com/embed/D4uSWtazRCM?rel=0>

What a terrific job someone did at putting this video clip with great animation and period footage/photos together. Listen to the radial engine sounds and the background music. From Paul Rawnsley, 8/12/2015.

https://www.youtube.com/embed/ywug1nLFfg?feature=player_detailpage

Trump's Boeing 757 BBJ Folks, this is the way to travel. From Floyd Hollandbeck, 8/10/2015.

[Why Would This Guy Want To Be President?????](#)

Valdez 2015 STOL competition, from Paul Rawnsley, 8/10/2015. But they didn't give the winning score!

<https://www.facebook.com/337645475070/videos/10153231773380071/>

Tex Johnson rolls the 707 It was 60 years ago on August 7th that Tex Johnson famously barrel-rolled Boeing's prototype 707 over Lake Washington during the Gold Cup hydroplane race. Ed note: I had heard of this stunt many times, but never seen the video. From Aero News Network, 8/19/2015.

<http://video.seattletimes.com/4401936122001/>

SR-71 Blackbirds Over Hanoi. Pretty cool video. Hard to think this was over 40 years ago. I didn't realize it had flown over Hanoi to let our POW's know they were not forgotten. Not one SR-71, but three of them. From Mike Breuckmann, 8/22/15.

[SR-71 Blackbirds Over Hanoi](#)

Local Event Calendar at a Glance

Aug 29; North Vernon Airport Awareness Day
 Sep 18-19-20 Aviation Migration, Lee Bottom
 Sep 20 Madison free Air Show

Airport Authority meets the 3rd Monday of each month at 7:15 PM, terminal building conference room.
Museum Board meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month, 6 PM, main museum building library room.

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Treasurer's Report

For the period: July, 2015

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| Opening bal, all funds | 10,739.36 |
| Opening bal, chkg acct | 3,725.13 |
| Income | |
| Dues | 35.00 |
| Other | |
| Total Income | 35.00 |
| Expenses | |
| Electric bill | 10.73 |
| Sewer bill | 9.14 |
| Water bill | 14.87 |
| Other | |
| Total Expenses | 34.74 |
| Transfer from MMF | |
| Transfer to MMF | |
| Closing bal, chkg acct | 3,725.39 |
| Mny Mrkt Fnd, opng bal | 7,014.23 |
| Checks written | |
| X-fer in from chckng | |
| Interest earned | |
| End bal, MMF | 7,014.23 |
| Net change, all accounts | 0.26 |
| Grand total, all funds | 10,739.62 |

Join FFFA: Dues are \$10 per year. Send a check, payable to FFFA, to Larry Bothe, 1082 Governors Ln, Seymour, IN 47274-1135. Include e-mail address and phone number. 1/2 price after the 4th of July.

Freeman Flash issues going back to 1999 are available if you contact the editor. A website archive is planned.

North Vernon's Airport Awareness Day and Air Show is this Saturday, 8/29. Admission is free, air show and all. The air show is right after lunch, and the field will be closed for about an hour. The food, provided by a local church group, is really good. Try the fish sandwich. See you there.

Sell – Buy

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TUSKEGEE AIRMEN MEMORIAL PLAZA DEDICATION

September 5 & 6, 2015 - Seymour, Indiana
**COMMEMORATING THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE “FREEMAN FIELD MUTINY”**

- **Saturday September 5, 2015** – Documentary Movie “Double Victory” Tuskegee Airmen at War 7:00 pm (90 minutes) Sponsored by Veterans of Foreign Wars - Seymour High School Auditorium
- **Sunday September 6, 2015** Plaza Dedication Ceremony 1:00 pm - Freeman Municipal Airport

(FORMER FREEMAN ARMY AIRFIELD – Site of the Freeman Field Mutiny)

Dedication Ceremony featuring.....

- *The 113th Army Band from Fort Knox, Kentucky.
- * Congressman Todd Young – 9th District Indiana
- * Indiana National Guard Special Ceremonial Unit with Artillery
- *Special Presentation: Mr. Leslie Edwards – One of the Original Tuskegee Freeman Army Airfield Airmen
- *Mr. Tony Kirkland Special Assistant to Indiana Governor Mike Pence
- *Ms. Melanie Radcliff-Douglas - Regional Director to United States Senator Joe Donnelly
- *Indiana Patriot Guard Riders
- *(Ret) Brigadier General Leon Johnson – National President Tuskegee Airmen, Inc.

For lodging and area visitor information visit www.jacksoncountyin.com or call the Jackson County Visitors center at 812-524-1914.

Updated 8/20/15

Additional information forth coming as available.

All events free and open to the public

Please share this flyer through e-mail and social media.

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