



MILE HIGH FLIGHT 18

Order of Daedalians

Newsletter

May 2009

Fly Toys and Flyboys at Platte Valley

2009 Flight Schedule

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 Ed Cutler.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Speaker/activity</u>
16 Jan	Aurora Hills*	Brian Patterson, COANG
20 Feb	Aurora Hills*	Dave Parvin, sculptor
20 Mar	Aurora Hills*	MG Whitney, H/land Sec
17 Apr	Aurora Hills*	MG Mike Edwards, TAG
6-10 May	Seattle, Wash.	Daedalian Convention
15 May	Platte Valley	Lafayette Foundation
19 Jun	Aurora Hills*	Newt Moy, WWII
17 Jul	Aurora Hills*	MG Lassen, ANG/space
21 Aug	Wings O'r Rockies	Greg Anderson
18 Sept	Aurora Hills*	OPEN/WAR STORIES
16 Oct	Aurora Hills*	Spud – Flying in Egypt
20 Nov	Aurora Hills*	Business Meeting
10 Dec	Aurora Hills*	Christmas Party

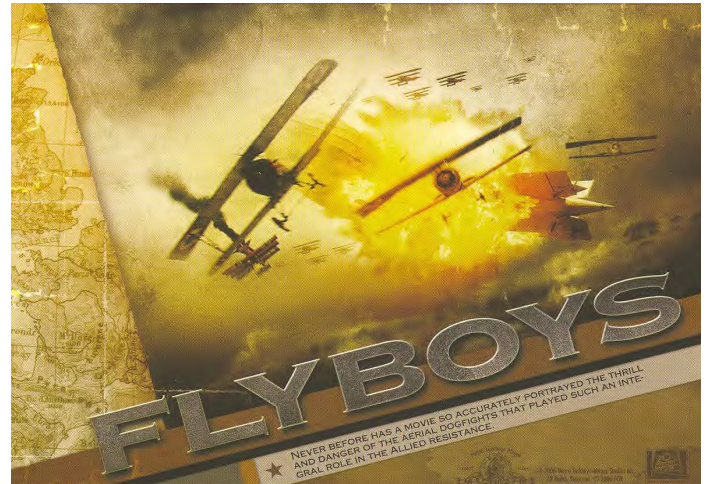
* Aurora Hills Golf Course Tin Cup Bar & Grill

Pilots who took part in making the movie Flyboys to relate experiences

If it's May, it must be springtime at Platte Valley—and time for our annual visit back to bygone eras of military aviation. Hopefully, you've already made your reservations; otherwise, you might remain stuck in the present.

And, hopefully, you've seen the movie *Flyboys*, or will see it before arriving at Platte Valley on Friday 15 May. You can buy it (available on DVD at Wal-Mart for \$7.50) or rent it, but either way, be sure to watch the version of the film narrated by the producer and director, included as an extra feature on the DVD. You will be amazed.

The ever-evolving Vintage Aero Flying Museum opens at 10:00 A.M. Flight 18 activities get underway at 11:00,



and will feature a catered lunch of roast pig (\$20/person), plenty of airplane eyeball candy and a talk by Ken Kellet and Andrew King, who flew as pilots in the making of *Flyboys*, a dramatized, but thoroughly-researched film about the legendary Lafayette Escadrille. Wives and other guests are welcome. More about the movie on page 8.

Flight 18 to National: “Reverse 2004 changes to Tenets & Objectives”

Meeting in 2003 the Order of Daedalians Board of Directors decided on one seemingly innocuous change to the Order's original *Tenets* and on a wholesale revision of its long-standing *Objectives*. The revised T&O were first revealed to the Daedalian membership in January 2004 with the publication of National's 2004 Bylaws; however, no justification for the changes has ever been offered.

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Fellow Daedalians,



These are “*Our Heritage Ideas*”:

1. Sense of responsibility;
2. Work as a team;
3. See a task through to completion;
4. Work under pressure.

All of these, mentioned in our February 2009 newsletter, are still on our minds. Also, goals set for 2009 are:

1. Bring your buddy back;
2. Have good speakers;
3. Complete the Distinguished Pilot Award (DPA) case;
4. Have award reception for the 140 WG DPA’s after case is finished;
5. Bring ideas to the flight officers;
6. Award scholarships.

As for our Heritage Ideas and goals for 2009, I see a great many of them put to work as follows:

I have worked closely with the flight officers on several goals and each contact has been very rewarding. Each flight officer has followed all four!!! Thanks you for your efforts!!!

As for the goals themselves:

1. Bring your buddy members back; it’s working. Keep it up!!!
2. Our speakers – Brian Patterson, Dave Parvin, Mason Whitney and Michael Edwards have kept us informed about 120 FS activities in Iraq (Brian Patterson), sculpturing and flying stories by Dave Parvin, Colorado’s Homeland Security and how we all can be aware of our surroundings and notify authorities (MG Mason Whitney) and Perspective on Colorado Army and Air National Guard’s activities (MG Michael Edwards). Thanks again to all these fine gentlemen for coming and sharing their valuable time with us. Our 19 June 2009 speaker will be Newell “Newt” Moy. WWII – joined in 1939 flying as a B-18 A/C mech!

3. We now have a Distinguished Pilot Award case at the 120 FS Operations

Auditorium at Buckley (*see photo on page 6*). A work of art, it was built by Curtis Watkins. Thanks Curtis! The weather cancelled our award reception and the 120 FS will be leaving in early May to support AEF (Air Expeditionary Force) tasking to Iraq once again.

4. Upon their return, we will award and *ceremonialize* two new DPAs and honor past DPAs sometime in July or August of 2009. Please come and join us and bring your friends, wives or girl friends (all of the above if you choose).

5. Many ideas have come forth from the flight members. Our best was to ask Daedalian National’s Board of Directors to essentially restore the Order’s traditional Tenets and Objectives. (*See the T&O article beginning on page 1.*)

We expect our proposal will be a topic for discussion and/or decision at the 6-10 May National Convention in Seattle. Thanks to Dale Boggie and Ger Spaulding for all their diligence on this effort. Dale will again represent our Flight at the convention.

6. Scholarships. On 23 April Bill Greener presented Flight 18 scholarships of \$1,000 each to one ROTC and one NROTC student at CU Boulder.

So that’s about where we are gents, and remember this: “If at first you don’t succeed, try again. Then quit. No use being a darned fool about it!”

Volabamus Volamus

Don

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

REVERSE CHANGES *from p.1*

When Flight Adjutant Dale Boggie, representing us at last year’s national convention as he has for many, many years, questioned the T&O changes, the concerns he expressed were summarily dismissed. *Big mistake!*

Dale will again be representing the Flight at this year’s convention in Seattle, but this time we think he may have the attention of the powers that be on this matter. Why? Because we submit-

ted a letter, signed by Flight Captain Don Neary and shared with some 50 other flights, to the National Commander and Board of Directors urging restoration of our traditional Tenets and Objectives (with two exceptions). So far, every response we’ve received from those flights has been supportive.

(We advised Don that this effort would either make him a hero, or get him busted retroactively to Airman Recruit.)

Here’s a comparison of the traditional T&O with the 2004 versions along with our recommended actions:

Tenet #2

Traditional: “...trust and confidence of fellow Daedalians.”

2004 version: “...trust and confidence of a fellow Daedalian.”

Flight 18: Restore original language.

Objectives

Trad: “To encourage military aerospace activities to ensure that the United States of America maintains its freedom and status among nations of the world.”

2004: “Promote Air & Space Power in support of National Defense.”

Flt 18: Restore traditional language.

Trad: “To assist in the education of deserving persons in the fields of aerospace engineering and flight.”

2004: “Educate Americans to the advantages of Air & Space Power.”

Flt 18: Restore traditional language.

Trad: “To encourage young people who receive valuable aerospace training to make the military their career.”

2004: “Promote the rewards of a career in military aviation to young Americans.”

Flt 18: Restore traditional language.

Trad: “To encourage and stimulate the younger generations in developing those attributes that are the basis of the Tenets of the Order.”

2004: “Honor the legacy of our Founder Members and all who have flown in defense of our nation.”

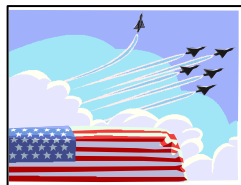
Flt 18: Restore traditional language.

Trad: “To encourage and support activities that will improve methods of flight and flight safety.”

2004: “Encourage and recognize improvements in Flight Safety, Weapons

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Final Flight



Terrel F. Johnson
LtCol, USAF (Ret)
Jul 10, 1937 --
Jan 21, 2009

Terrel F. "Terry" Johnson took his Final Flight on January 21st. He was born in Rockford, IL on July 10, 1937, the second of four brothers: Tom, (Terry), Larry and Fred.

He joined the Air Force in 1958, training at Lackland, Greenville, and Nellis. Following flight training he was stationed at Woodbridge, England, for three years with the 20th Fighter Wing. He also served in Ubon, Thailand, flying 80 missions and Cameron Bay, Vietnam, flying 150 missions.

After leaving the Air Force in 1967 he joined Frontier Air Lines as a pilot and eventually got a billet in the Colorado Air National Guard. When Frontier went belly up, he joined Continental Air Lines as a pilot. He retired from the Air National Guard as a LtCol in 1982. Terry was a member of many organizations, including The Order of Daedalians.

Funeral services were held at Aurora Chase Chapel in Aurora on 2 Feb. Internment was at Ft Logan National Cemetery.

REMINDER TO FLIGHT MEMBERS. As part of your early Final Flight preparation, please ensure Flight Adjutant Ed Cutler has your biography on file. Without it, we'll have great difficulty doing justice to your life story and military career. Ed can provide you a blank Flight 18 bio form to fill out. Please do so ASAP and help us share your story with your children and grandchildren when your time eventually comes.



Welcome Aboard x 3

Newell "Newt" Moy
LCOL, USAF (Ret)
(Daedalian Transfer)



Newt's thumbnail bio

DOB: 3 May 1921.

Wings: May 1944.

Assignments: Panama, Caribbean, Flight Training, Roswell, NM, Gulfport, MS, England, Brazil, Ft Benning, Pentagon.

Military aircraft flown: B-18 (air crew), B-17, C-82, C-119, B-36, gliders & various aircraft as ferry pilot in mid-1940s.

Civilian aircraft flown: Taylor Cub, T-34.

Retired from USAF: Aug 1965; from Civil Service 1984.

Civilian employment: Training device design, acquisition; Training Admin for AF Reserve.

Spouse: Lillian; two daughters.

Residence: Centennial, CO



James A. "Jim" Hanson
LCDR, USNR (Ret)

Jim's thumbnail bio

DOB: 12 Feb 1921

Wings: Jun 1942, Corpus Christi, TX

Assignments: Kaneohe, HI; Solomons (Black Cats), North Island, CA; Alameda, CA; Olathe, KS; Pax River, MD.

Military Aircraft: PBY, DC-3, DC-4 (3,000 hrs).

Civilian Aircraft: DC-3, 737 (31,000 hrs).

Retired from Naval Reserves: 1968, Denver, CO (26 yrs).

Civilian Employment: TWA. Retired in 1981 (13 yrs).

Spouse: Noreen

Children: One son, two daughters

Residence: Aurora, CO

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FORGET TO PAY YOUR 2009 FLIGHT DUES?

Please mail this coupon along with a check for your 2009 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, contact the Treasurer to determine the correct amount to include in the FLM space below.*

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

Address: _____ e-mail: _____

Amount enclosed for: [2009 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: **Treasurer, Mile High Flight 18, P.O. Box 472976, Aurora, CO 80047-2976**

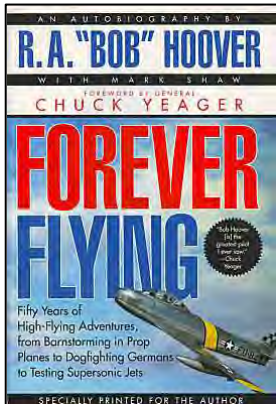
Navy Seals arriving



Bravo Zulu

Donated Hoover book is AWOL

Remember the plan to auction off that autographed copy of Bob Hoover's bio donated by Ray Rider, with the proceeds going to our Scholarship Fund?



We'd still like to do that, but first we have to know who has the book in his possession. During the Jan meeting at Aurora Hills, it was left out for folks to peruse and, we assume, someone must have inadvertently walked off with it. If that was you, please return it to any flight officer so we can get on with the auction. Assuming it's found, anyone interested in bidding on the

book please contact Treasurer Hugh Greenwood. Minimum bid is \$50.



Welcome Aboard from p. 3

Ruben Ace Avakian
1st Lt, USAAF (Sep)



Ace's thumbnail bio

DOB: 10 Jan 1925

Wings: Jan 1944, Luke Field, AZ

Military Aircraft: AT-6 IP; P-39;

A-36 (P-51B); B-17, B-24, B-29; C-47.

Civilian Aircraft: Multiple DC-3 thru MD-80. Cessna 182.

Current CFI, CFII, MEI.

Separated from USAAF: 1946, Ft Sheridan, IL (3 2/3 yrs).

Civilian Employment: Monarch/Frontier Airlines (38 yrs).

Spouse: Janet

Children: Four sons

Residence: Castle Rock, CO

2009 Flight 18 Scholarships



Flight 18 Scholarship Chairman LtCol Bill Greener with Cadet Dustin E. Carey and Midshipman Sefan M. Quan after awarding each a \$1,000 Daedalian scholarship at the Spring 2009 Tri-

Military Awards Ceremony at CU Boulder. Mile High Flight 18 donated these \$1,000 scholarships, which were matched by the Daedalian Foundation.

Meet our scholarship awardees:

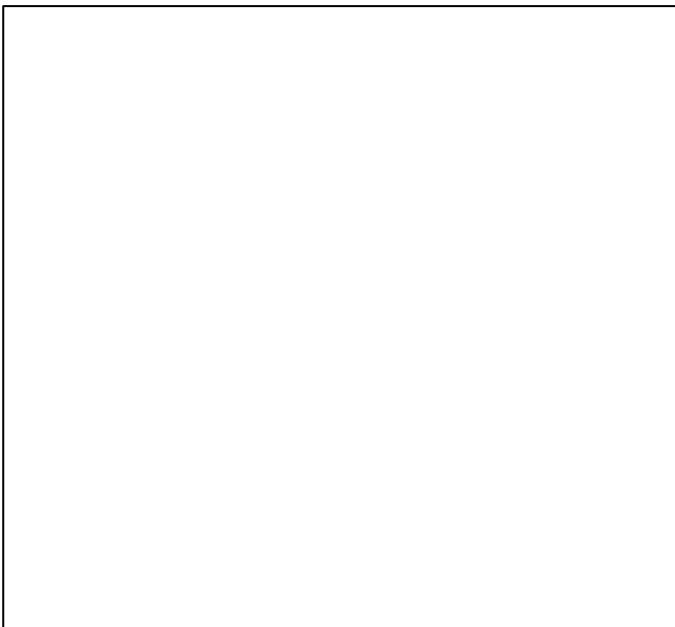
Cadet Dustin E. Carey: Junior, CU Boulder; major International Relations; term GPA 3.3; scored 94 on pilot score; selected by HQ AFROTC for pilot slot at UPT; considered outstanding Operations Group Commander; received Letter of Commendation from the Chemistry Department in September 2005; earned Basic Parachutist Badge, USAF, in 2008; received AFROTC Academic Award in Fall 2007 and Spring 2008; physical fitness test score 93.24 in Fall 2008; holds AFROTC Meritorious Service Award; AFROTC Commendation Award and AFROTC Achievement Award; holds Private Pilots License with 63.6 flight hours; objective is to become Air Force pilot like his father. Cadet Carey is not on scholarship and has worked hard to help his parents with his college expenses.

Midn Stefan Quan: Junior, CU, Boulder; English major; aptitude score 4.02; cumulative GPA 3.15; semester GPA 3.67; received Academic Commendation for semester GPA Aug-Dec 2008; belongs to CU Boulder American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics; active in Battalion intramural soccer team (league champs in 2008); involved with Silent Drill Team; has contributed as a Colorado Relay Runner for the Battalion; member of the Color Guard. Midn Quan has demonstrated a strong aptitude for aviation and wishes to become a career naval aviator.

Senior Doolittle Raider Bill Bower does not attend group's 67th Reunion.

With the passing last Nov of retired MGen Davy J. Bill Bower became the senior surviving Raider and the only surviving pilot. He chose to skip this year's Raider reunion, which took place 16-18 Apr in Columbia, SC. Five of the nine living Raiders attended. Two of them became POWs after the raid, one in Japan and one in Germany.

Below are the routes flown by all 16 B-25s that took off from the carrier USS Hornet on 18 Apr 1942—15 went on to China after bombing Japan and one that headed to Russia, where the crew was interned until rescued in 1945.



The way things are going, would anybody be surprised to see the above headline in the near future?

Wilhite foregoes Fantasy Camp; practices law enforcement instead

Arapahoe County Deputy Sheriff Jack Wilhite, emerging that hard-nosed Sheriff of Maricopa County, AZ, Joe Arpaio, has charged Monroe Mathias at our Apr 17 Aurora Hills luncheon. Wilhite charged Mathias with conspicuously suspicious behavior, saying I'm glad the perp gave up without a struggle, because they only one bullet and I have to keep that in my shirt pocket. At any rate, when Monroe offered to buy Jack an adult beverage, the perp's charges were quickly withdrawn.

P-8A Poseidon completes maiden flight

It's a brand new Boeing 737-800/900 "hybrid" aircraft equipped with a bomb bay for torpedoes and other weapons, wing pylons for missiles, mines and rockets, sonar storage and release capability and a sophisticated array of electronic "wiz bangs" that will enable it to take on a wide variety of missions for the Navy. It will replace the venerable P-3C Orion, which is rapidly reaching the end of its service life. The P-8A's 3.5-hour maiden flight was completed successfully on 27 April. IOC is planned for 2013.

737 Warbird

