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RAMBLINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

*Why do eggs come in flimsy styrofoam
cartons and batteries come in a
package only a chainsaw can open?*

Since the “CENSORS” have been having a field day with my articles, this month I’ve decided to tone down my rhetoric and bring some actual news worthy of print, or at least what they won’t discard. When you see Chester Bradfield, PLEASE give him a warm THANK YOU for allowing us the opportunity of our lifetime to experience the tour of Dynamic Aviation. Let’s assume for the moment that you missed the tour of Air Force One on April 21st and the outstanding presentation by the staff. On the other hand, what you didn’t miss was that just seconds prior to the presentation while we were all seated in the cabin of the aircraft, a voice came over the intercom and stated, “Ladies and Gentlemen, this is your pilot Barry Linke speaking to you from the flight deck. As the mechanics finish putting out the fire in the right engine and then fix a wiring problem with the fuel gauge, we will then begin our flight to Paris, France. I would like to add that we shall experience some turbulence over the Pacific Ocean during the flight, and therefore I’m requesting that you fasten your seat belts, bend over, place your head between your legs and kiss your %\$& goodbye”! Mind you that this came from a STRICTLY OFF LIMITS place on the plane and I’m not at all sure where the Military Police instantly hauled Barry off to, as no one has seen or heard from him in three weeks. And then this:

Dear President Drago: While not a member of WSRAACA, the April edition of Tire Tracks has been brought to my attention and much like today’s national news outlets (you choose who you dislike or distrust the most), it seems appropriate for your readers to hear or see another note. I said another and not “the other side” of your most recent diatribe. I won’t attempt to be able to address all the points of your “Ramblings” column as I’m sure space is somewhat limited.

* FACT-You have been known to frequent and be a welcomed hut guest of Bob and Krystal (obvious alias names to protect anonymity) and while you might like your readers to believe that macadam roads don’t come all the way to Red River, might I suggest that there’s likely more asphalt in your driveway than there is on the “lane” where you call home. To clarify, the two seasons, as we refer to them, are: “winter” and “road construction”. We ditched calling the second season “The 4th of July” as on that date, either of the other two or both could actually be true. The weatherman said it will snow the first week of April.

* FACT-The photo you supplied in your newsletter is factual. You clearly picked a machine with heated everything and the most horsepower available in the fleet. The photo above is representative of your posture upon returning to “camp” after your said ride. When this was initially circulated there was some confusion as to which funeral parlor your services were being held, as no obituary was posted with it. We have assured everyone this was just a “nap”, not a “dirt nap”.

* FACT-All of the two-legged creatures that grew up in our hut as well as those who frequent here daily, often ask, “When’s Uncle Louie” coming back?” It was decided long ago to protect them and you by giving you an alias. Their asking isn’t out of fear, but rather planning so that they can best prepare for your arrival and determine their course of tortuous actions. The door is always open, and we hope to see you soon. “Bob”

Things my mother taught me:
PART 9: CONTORTIONISM:

“Will you look at the dirt on the back of your neck?”

Jack Drago

**W-S Region visit to Dynamic
Aviation home of
First Air Force One
April 21, 2024**



Many thanks to our member Chester Bradfield for setting up this exceptional tour.



Our Host—Phil Douglas
Executive Director
First Air Force One



Columbine II, later to be known as the **First Air Force One**, began life in 1948 with the U S Air Force MATS, (Military Air Transport Service). After a short stretch carrying cargo to Iceland, she was converted to the VIP configuration VC-121A for government VIP use. Initially the aircraft was used primarily by the Air Force Chief of Staff and the Secretary of the Air Force, however, in 1952 it was selected by President Elect Eisenhower to be his primary transport.

She was President Eisenhower's primary presidential aircraft until November 1954, at which time she was replaced, remaining on as a backup transport. During the 2 year period of service as the primary transport for the president, the designation Air Force One was first used to distinguish the President's transport, a title still in use today

In April of 1968 she was flown to Davis Monthan AFB for storage. Two years later she was sold at auction to Christler Flying Service with 4 other VC-121A's. The four were converted to agricultural sprayers, and she remained a parts donor to support them.

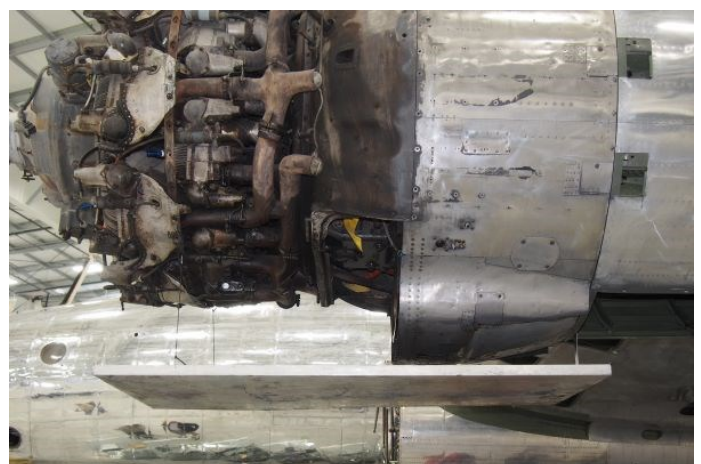
In 1989-1990 she was restored to flying condition, and then saw a limited air show circuit from 1990-1991. After this she was put back in storage until being purchased by Dynamic Aviation in 2015.

In March 2016 she was flown to Bridgewater, VA to begin a complete restoration. When completed, First Air Force One will be a flying museum, enjoyed by the public at events around the country and the world.



Scan for more information





Progress is being made on restoration of the interior.

The Buick and Ford guys were pleased to see that our cars are not the only leaking engines around.

Our tour certainly showed that there is a tremendous amount of restoration still required to bring this plane back to its original glory. The restoration of First Air Force One is funded by donations from individuals like us. We are encouraged to visit www.firstairforceone.org and go on-line to make a donation. Any donation is greatly appreciated and they have had them as small as \$10 and as large as \$10,000.



Miss Virginia



 **Dynamic Aviation**

Miss Virginia



U.S. Army
1943

Missionary
1975

Dynamic
Aviation
1990

Manufactured
by Douglas
3/25/1943

Military
C-47A
SN 43-30665

Civilian
DC-3C
SN 13816

Miss Virginia began life with the Army Air Force in 1943. She performed a variety of missions from 1943 until 1975, including troop transport, special weapons center, aircraft R&D, and the National Guard.

When she retired from military service, she entered civilian life with Wycliffe Bible Translators and Jungle Aviation and Radio Service (JAARS), spending many years in flying in the jungles of Colombia.

In 1990 she was purchased for commercial operations by Dynamic Aviation who modified her for mosquito and gypsy moth spraying. She was eventually retired again in 1999. From 2010 until 2019 she underwent an ongoing restoration while also appearing at various aviation events.

In June of 2019 she joined 14 other DC-3/C-47's, as part of the D-Day Squadron, traveling to Europe in time to participate in the events commemorating the 75th anniversary of the Berlin Airlift.

Today Miss Virginia can be enjoyed at aviation events around the country.



Our group gathered in the conference room for a brief overview of the First Air Force One restoration project.



The huge hanger housing Columbine II and the rest of the collection is well lit and spotless.



As we wrapped up the tour, Phil Douglas spent time answering our questions.



A few years ago when I was still in business at Driver Heating Oil, Inc. in Waynesboro, a half-grown black cat showed up on the property. He was wearing a flea collar and presented himself as friendly. Although I am a dog person, I do like cats too. We didn't know if this cat got lost, ran away, was dropped off or what but it seemed appropriate to provide some water. The cat stayed around and appeared hungry so I got him some cat food. Guess what; I now had a cat. We all took turns providing for him over the week-ends and he stayed around the company most of the time.

I sort of considered him my cat and decided that I needed to give him a name. I didn't want an ordinary name and some of the guys suggested a name that I didn't consider appropriate, so I "scratched my head" for a while. One summer Saturday afternoon I was doing some extra work around the office. When I was ready to go home the cat had jumped up on the car. I had driven my '66 Dodge Charger and had the windows rolled down. I got in the car thinking he would jump off but he didn't. He walked along the window sill and came inside. Knowing that most cats don't like to ride I moved the car around and opened the door but he wouldn't get out.

At this point I decided to start for home and see what would happen and started driving up (south) on South Delphine Ave. The cat began to get nervous and hid himself on the floor like I thought cats are supposed to do. But before he really "lost it" he jumped up on the seat in front of me and put his paws on top of the steering wheel! I exclaimed; Okay cat, you just named yourself. TOONCES! The "driving cat" from Saturday Night Live. At this point I turned around, took him back to the office and let him out. He stayed with us around the place after that.

Nelson Driver

Calendar of AACA Events & Community Car Events

- MAY**
- 8** **Wednesday, 7:00 PM Executive Board Meeting** at Stu Allen's 265 Stayman Ln. Staunton
- 10-11 10th Annual Mid-Atlantic Pre-War Swap Meet, Comer-Jones VFW Post 621, 218 Veteran Lane, Luray.
- 11** **Saturday, 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM, 64th Annual Apple Blossom Car Show, Jim Barnett Park, 1001 East Cork Street, Winchester. Hosted by the Shenandoah Region.**
- 17-18 **Friday & Saturday—ODMA Meet—Roanoke, VA—Holiday Inn Roanoke Airport— see April Tire Tracks for details.**
- 19** **Sunday, 1:30 – 5:30 PM – Vehicle Display at Hazy Mountain Winery, 240 Hazy Mountain Lane, Afton. We will meet at 1:30 at the old Howard Johnson's parking lot at the top of Afton Mountain and travel as a group to the winery.**
- 27 Monday 2 p.m.—9th Annual Memorial Day Community Celebration—Rockingham County Fairgrounds. See page 6 for details
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- JUNE**
- 1 9:30 am-11:30 am Car Show at Summit Square, 501 Oak Ave. Waynesboro. Free.
- 1** **67th Annual Antique Car Show, Fredericksburg Agricultural Fairgrounds, 2400 Airport Avenue, Fredericksburg. Sponsored by the Historic Fredericksburg Region.**
- 8** **8:00 am- 3:00 pm. 55th Annual Richmond AACA Collector Car Show and Swap Meet St. Joseph's Villa, Richmond VA**
- 9-13 **AACA Eastern Divisional Tour, Fredericksburg, VA. Sponsored by AACA Buzzard's Breath Region.**
- 12 **Wednesday, 7:00 PM Executive Board Meeting** at Stu Allen's 265 Stayman Ln. Staunton
- 16** **Sunday 4:00 PM—Monthly Meeting at Golden Corral Buffet & Grill, 51 Apple Tree Lane, Waynesboro *Note Special Time!***
- 20-22 **AACA Eastern Spring Nationals, Saratoga, NY. Sponsored by the Saratoga Region.**
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- JULY**
- 13** **Saturday, 10:00 AM- 2:00 PM – Vehicle Display & Monthly Meeting, Lunch provided, Brightview Baldwin Park, 21 Woodlee Road, Staunton.**
- 10-13 **Western Divisional Tour—Big Horn Mountain, Wyoming— Sponsored by Nebraska Region**

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Minutes of the March 17,2024 W-S Meeting

The Waynesboro-Staunton Region of the AACAA had its April 21th, 2024 meeting at Dynamic Aviation in Bridgewater at 1:45 pm. Prior to the meeting the members could eat at Francesco's in downtown Bridgewater. At the airport, the 40 members present were conducted into the conference room where we were given a brief video tour of how Air Force One came to be in Bridgewater. Our host Phil Douglas, then divided the members into groups of ten and we were taken into the hanger where multiple aircraft including the first airplane that Dynamic Aviation had in Bridgewater were housed. Air Force One (Columbine) was on display with many others. Bill Borchers, the gentleman who is responsible for restoring Columbine's interior, took groups of ten through the aircraft explaining what it originally looked like and how the restoration was being done. Bill is the only person who has worked full time on First Air Force One since it's arrival at Bridgewater. After this many questions about the airplanes in the hanger were answered.

You can go to their website www.firstairforceone.org or youtube.com for more information on this aircraft.


Respectfully submitted,
Robbie Gray, Sec.



MAY BIRTHDAYS



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