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*Note that Cadet Flynn has been promoted from
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SCHEDULE OF COMING EVENTS

28 DEC-Orientation Flights
30 DEC-No Meeting

For Future Planning

04 JAN, 2011-Meeting
11 JAN, 2011-Meeting
14 JAN, 2011-Juliet Long Aerospace Festival
18 JAN, 2011-Meeting
25 JAN, 2011-Meeting

15 FEB, 2011-Col Stidsen lecture on SAC Missile
Silo operations.

TRCS HOLIDAY PARTY

21 December, 2010

The Gala opened with the awarding of the bowling trophies for 2010. Cadet Bourque took Cadet honors and Capt Noniewicz earned the Senior award.

A veritable cornucopia of foodstuffs followed. Featured entrees were chicken dumplings, Swedish meatballs, spiral ham, chicken wings, and Road Kill Chili. The customary sides and savories included a selection of tortillas, rolls, chips, pretzels, pickles, and Tony Goulart's Hot, Hot, Oh so hot peppers which were so enjoyed by Cadet Barbaran that he took the leftovers home.

Deserts covered the spectrum from pineapple upside down cake to special brownies and some innocent looking chocolate bon-bons containing the very essence of the cacao bean.

The meal was followed by the traditional Holiday Jeopardy contest which, needless to mention, was once again won by the Seniors.

The finale of the evening was the gift exchange among the Cadets.

Some scenes from the festival follow, courtesy of Maj Bouque and his ever-ready Canon.



GEMINID METEOR SHOWER AND TOTAL LUNAR ECLIPSE

The peak of the Geminid meteor shower was spoiled by a cloudy Connecticut night. However, Geminids were visible for certain hours on the several days before and after the peak night.

Clouds also obscured the total lunar eclipse from many local observers. Several Cadets reported that they were able to view parts of the lunar display.

COASTWATCHER EDITOR "DISSES" FORMER GOONEY BIRD CREW MEMBERS

Oddly enough, in the issue in which we published

our salute to the DC-3, we failed to mention a member and a contributor, both of whom were associated with that venerable aircraft.

Capt Lintelmann's honors were omitted from last week's article on the senior awards ceremony. Capt Lintelmann received a Commander's Commendation, the Red Service Ribbon with a Bronze Clasp, and a Leadership Ribbon with a Bronze Star. At the age of 19, Capt Lintelmann worked at LAX for Bonanza Airlines. His august position with the company that flew "the route of the gold strikes" is revealed in the second of the two pictures which follows.



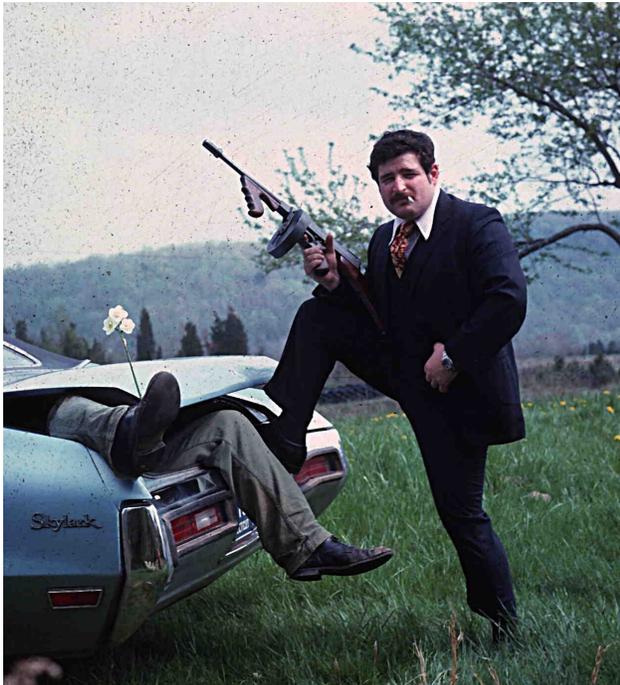
The "Tribute to the DC-3" article was not credited. It was written by Hap Rocketto, 2Lt, AUS (ret.) Why he is sitting in Marine Capt Cuddy's TF9F-6 Panther is a story for another time. However, he did log R4D time while in the Navy.



Lintelmann the Loader-Note both cargo handlers are mugging for the camera rather than paying attention to stowing the baggage and freight on the DC-3. One theory is that the Rings of Saturn are composed of airline baggage gone astray. Now it all makes sense.

Alas, after service as a Yankee Air Pirate, he was forced to leave, sword broken and epaulettes torn from his uniform for reasons not fit for revelation in a family publication. What's a fellow to do?

Fortunately, an uncle from Providence was able to place him in a suitable position in The Family business.



GROUND OBSERVER CORPS REDUX **LOOK AT THE HINTS!**

THIRD CHANCE

The contest will definitely close on the 2nd of January. To be considered for the prize you must meet the midnight deadline and submit a short, non-trivial paragraph about each aircraft. The paragraph must be in your own words, not some cut-and-paste item from the Internet, and should present some information that is more interesting than mere facts such as wingspan. Another picture of each aircraft has been added below.

Mystery Aircraft #1-The hint is that the Hebrew name, Sakim, which means knife, is a play on the name of the German designer of the aircraft. What is the German word for knife?

CURRENT AEROSPACE EVENTS

Signs of Economic Recovery?

Boeing announced that due to customer demand it will raise the production rate of its 777 jetliner from seven to 8.3 aircraft per month over the next year. The firm has also raised its production rate of the popular 737 to 42 per month from the current 38 per month.



Mystery Aircraft #2-The recent Geminid meteor shower should clue you in to the name of this British aircraft which was the only allied jet to see service in WW II. It was Israel's first jet fighter.

New Catapult to be Tested

The Navy has reportedly launched a manned aircraft with its experimental Electromagnetic Aviation Launch System (EMALS). Normal carrier catapults utilize steam. According to the manufacturer, General Atomics, EMALS is more easily adjustable for aircraft mass and more energy efficient.



Mystery Aircraft #3-With what company is Marcel Bloch associated? What is the root of the French word "looking" and consider a phenomenon most often associated with the desert. What aircraft did the Israeli's sell to Argentina?



Mystery Aircraft #4-The aircraft bears USMC markings. Blow up the original picture and look closely near the tail for a US designation which will lead you to the Israeli name. The red 03 on the nose might give you a hint as to what use the Marines made of this aircraft.



Mystery Aircraft #5-What is a "Heinemann Hot Rod," an example of which may be found in the New England Air Museum.

AVIATION AND AEROSPACE HISTORY

01 JAN, 1914-According to the U.S. Centennial of Flight Commission, the Airboat Line initiates the first scheduled airline passenger service in the United States flying between St. Petersburg and Tampa. Curiously, The Commission also lists 15 January, 1914 for the same honor, stating that the Benoist Company starts the first *regularly* scheduled passenger service.

02 JAN, 1967-Col Robin Olds shoot down a MiG-21 to become the first and only USAF ace to score kills in both World War II and Vietnam.



*Olds' F-4C Scat XXVII credited with two Frescos
USAF Museum*





MiG-21 Frescos in North Vietnamese Livery



Syrian MiG-23 in Israeli Livery

03 JAN, 1981-Pan American World Airways retires its last Boeing 707 Stratoliner.



Pan Am 707 Clipper Morning Star



F-14 in landing configuration

04 JAN, 1989-Two Libyan MiG-23s are shot down by USN F-14s over the Gulf of Sidra.



Tomcat with wings at maximum sweep.

05 JAN, 1943-Maj. Gen. Carl A. Spaatz is appointed Commander in Chief of Allied Air Forces in North Africa.



06 JAN, 1925-The German air carriers, *Junkers* and *AeroLloyd* amalgamate to form *Deutsche Lufthansa*.



07 JAN, Major Carl Spaatz and his crew land their Fokker C-2 trimotor in Los Angeles after using aerial refueling to set a new endurance record of almost 151 hours.

08 JAN, 1933-First Flight of the Boeing 247.



Chevron Oil Company 247D at the Canadian National Air Museum.

09 JAN, 1943-First Flight of the Lockheed C-69 Constellation piloted by Eddie Allen and Milo Burcham, Burbank, California.



L-049 TWA Star of Switzerland

10 JAN, 1961-First Flight of the Bell 206A JetRanger.



206L Long Ranger at GON

11 JAN, 1945-Capt. William A. Shomo sets AAF record of seven enemy air victories in a single engagement. An undertaker before the war, Shomo named all of his aircraft "the Flying Undertaker." Shomo was in "Flying Undertaker 6," an F-6D, the photo reconnaissance version of the Mustang when the action occurred. The Japanese aircraft destroyed were six Kawasaki Ki-61 Tonys and one Mitsubishi G4M Betty. He was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor and promoted to major.

12 JAN, 1866-The Aeronautical Society of Great Britain founded, forerunner of the Royal Aeronautical Society.

13 JAN, 1908-Henri Farman sets an absolute speed record of 32.74 mph flying a Voisin-Farman biplane.

Season's Greetings on the Flight Line



Ho, Ho, Ho!

Fellow "Capster" Booth Outlan forwarded this Gary Chambers picture of a trio of Holloman AFB F-4 Phantoms.

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