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Preflight
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Great New England Air Show
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This will be a short newsletter. I hated to miss the pizza party. My other commitment was postponed a week. By the time I found out it was too late to change plans.

I finally got on the base about 10 o'clock Saturday morning. There were some long waits but that's to be expected. This was the best show in some time in my opinion. The Blue Angels and Snowbirds were present along with the F-22 and a good assembly of classic airplanes.

Based on past parties I'm sure it was a great success.

The warbird flyby consisted of the B-25 Mitchell, TBM Avenger, P-51 Mustang and FG-1 Corsair.

I did attend the great New England Air Show. My observations appear later.

The aerobic displays were impressive as usual as was the appearance of the Golden Knights. The Canadians were represented by a CF-18 which put on a pretty good one-pilot show, forming a condensation shock wave but not quite going supersonic.

Interesting Links returns with more links to web articles I thought might be of interest.

The Snowbirds put on their usual excellent show drawing oohs and applause from the viewers.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, June 4, 2015 at the First Congregational Church in West Springfield, starting at 7 PM. This is a couple of days before the anniversary of the D-Day landings. Hope to see you there.

Interesting Links
Various contributors

WW2: The Chance Vought V-173 "Flying Pancake" proof-of-concept-vehicle (1939-44)

The Vought V-173 "Flying Pancake" designed by Charles H. Zimmerman was an American experimental test aircraft built as part of the Vought XF5U "Flying Flapjack" World War II United States Navy fighter aircraft program.

Both aircraft featured an unorthodox "all-wing" design consisting of a flat, somewhat disk-shaped body (hence its name) serving as the lifting surface.

Two piston engines buried in the body drove propellers located on the leading edge at the wingtips.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rln-WB5BBBE&feature=em-sub digest>

WW2: War Record of Nippon Parachute Troops (1942)

Japanese produced in english film on the Japanese airborne operation which captured Palembang, Sumatra, on 13-15 February 1942.

The Royal Dutch Shell oil refineries at nearby Pladju (or Pladjoe) were the major objectives for the Empire of Japan in the Pacific War, because of an oil embargo imposed on Japan by the United States, the Netherlands, and the United Kingdom.

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MFCA	Valley Forge PA		8-9 May 2013
Name	Award	Subject	Class
Pete Dawson	Gold	Shorty Caboose	Open Ordnance
Ron Harrison	Silver	Cult of Ulrich	Fantasy Painter
	Bronze	Locksley	Historical Painter
Ian Forgey	Silver	A6M3a Zero	Ordnance Painter
Walt Damon	Bronze	Churchill in North Africa	Historical Painter
Al LaFleche	Bronze	Terre de mes ayieux	Historical Painter
	Bronze	Tywin Lannister	Fantasy Painter
	Certificate	Rushen Glenn	Open Fantasy

Interesting Links (Continued from [page 1](#))

With the area's abundant fuel supply and airfield, Palembang offered significant potential as a military base to both the Allies and the Japanese.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oqT6_Mw66RQ&feature=em-subscriptions_digest

The 10 Greatest Camaros of all Time

http://www.automobilemag.com/features/lists/1507-the-10-greatest-chevrolet-camaros-of-all-time/?eml=1129201&sp_rid=10209435397

Racing at Riverside

<http://connectingpoint.wgby.org/2015/05/gone-but-not-forgotten-riverside-park-speedway/>

The DC-3 The Grand Old Lady

Remember when.... Flying the old DC-3... cross wind landings, leaky windshields..the uphill climb to the cockpit.... rough rides of summer, the winds of Winter and Spring.

The smooth air of a moonlit night... seeing the cows in the pasture in early morning...the backfire of the engines when starting... Memories.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jnl6LOK2ciQ&feature=youtu.be>

WW2: Records of the maneuvers of the Fleet

A film report on a practical field test of the Imperial Japanese Navy of men and equipment under simulated combat conditions in 1940.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8G3XYAa7BhE&feature=em-subscriptions_digest

Old Car Brochures

<http://www.lov2xlr8.no/broch1.html>

WW2: Field Assembly of the GB-4 radio controlled dive-and-glide missile (1944)

Footage shows the field assembly of the GB-4 dive-and-glide missile at the Wright Field Equipment Laboratory.

Following German success with the Hs-293 and Fritz-X, the U.S. began developing several similar weapons, such as Felix, Bat, Gargoyle, GB-8, and GB-4.

The GB-4's development began in 1944 as a clear-weather, good-visibility weapon to attack heavily defended targets; it was only useful against objectives readily identifiable on the crude CRT screens of the period.

The target was acquired by a television camera beneath the warhead, with a field of view 18° high and 14° wide, and the bomb was steered by radio command guidance, the operator tracking it by means of flares in the tail.

It featured a plywood airframe with twin booms and fins with a single elevator. The warhead was a 2,000 pounds (910 kg) general-purpose (GP) bomb.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T75iaTDOzGI&feature=em-subsub_digest

Brussels Aviation Museum

Really great aircraft photos - this album contains photos of what must be one of the largest aircraft sanctuaries in the world. A magnificent collection.

<http://www.sbap.be/museum/brussels/brussels.htm>

Cool Russian Boneyard

Some great stuff here for those who have interest in jet age Russian aircraft. Lots of shots of the internals.

There are a ton of great pictures in this link.

Looks like a pretty fun yard.

Enjoy...

<http://igor113.livejournal.com/441419.html>

Erickson Aircraft Collection - USA Northwest 2014

Great selection of well taken pics. I'd love to visit this place, as i have an interest in vintage automobiles as well as prop driven aircraft. More than a couple examples of "never trust a museum restoration for complete accuracy". Their FW-190A-8 being an example. I believe the original bird wearing that scheme was a -5 or -6 variant. Best of my knowledge, no F4U-7s wore USN markings, being contract built for France. They acknowledge that theirs was originally French. Lots more minor misrepresentations, you can pick them out. Beautiful show, none the less. At the end of the slide show, are several more shows to choose from.

<http://www.ruudleeuw.com/usa14-ericksoncollection.htm>