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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The Valiant Air Command was formed to perpetuate the history of aviation, to encourage gathering of men and women in camaraderie, research and Warbird restoration. To serve as an educational tool for young and old alike and to assure that the memory of those who gave their lives in service to their country shall not perish.

NEXT BOARD MEETING



Days: October 10th, 2006
Time: 12:00 Noon
Place: VAC Board Room

HOW WOULD YOU LIKE YOUR UN-SCRAMBLE?



OR



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ELECTION INFORMATION

The following members filed applications to run for a Board of Director position: Marilyn Bettencourt-Finance, Frank Pound-Personnel, and Robert Frazier-Procurement. No other applicants were filed and each of the above was elected unanimously. Congratulations to our new directors.

OPEN HOUSE AT VAC MUSEUM

In November we will celebrate two great OPEN HOUSE weekends at the VAC Museum. One is to remind you to "exercise your right to get out and **vote** on November 7th," and the second is to HONOR all our **Military Veterans**, both active and retired. Please come and visit your Museum, bring a friend, neighbor or Veteran! We are always making changes, and this year we have improved the look in the PX, the hangar, the upstairs Library and other areas, as well! Come visit, give us your comments and ideas, and maybe help make some additional changes. We look forward to greeting you!



FROM THE FRONT COUNTER By Ginger, Crystal and Sandi

Halloween is coming the end of this month and we have GREAT jumpsuits for dress-up for the kids. October 28th **Trains, Planes, and Automobiles** Set-up 7-9, more information? Call Norm 321-268-1941. November 11-12 Our second Annual Veteran's Day Open House 9-5pm Brevard Residents and Military Need volunteers for this weekend. Shop early for Christmas and don't forget 10% off for members.

Come see us at the PX. Remember everything is 10% off for members.

UPCOMING ANNUAL AIRSHOW

**Mark your calendars for 2007 Airshow dates
March 16, 17, and 18th, 2007
Advance ticket sales-call 321-268-1942**

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EDITORS CORNER

All news articles and officers reports are due by the 15th of the month. Please e-mail information to vacwarbirds@bellsouth.net Attention: UNSCRAMBLE article.

OFFICERS REPORTS

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Hal Larkin

TA-4J After removing all excess hydraulic lines from the left access bay, we traced the two hydraulic lines that operate the canopy. We tried to operate the canopy hydraulic cylinders with air, and nothing happened. We then removed the canopy selector valve, took it apart, cleaned, reassembled and installed it. Using low-pressure air, we located the two ports that operate the canopy hydraulic cylinder. We then plugged the remaining ports, applied air pressure, and BINGO! The canopy hydraulic cylinder operated per the maintenance manual.

We will fabricate a two-quart hydraulic tank and install it so that we can use the existing hand pump in the access bay to operate the canopy. The fitting that attached the hydraulic cylinder to the canopy has been fabricated, tagged and put in stock until we are ready to install the canopy. We have removed all excess cables, tubing, brackets, etc., from the tail section. The speed

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brakes have been closed and locked in position. The tail section is now ready for a new light sanding prior to priming.

R-2800 The two vendors, one in Texas and one in Oklahoma, that thought they had some of the parts we need for the R-2800 turned up nothing. Back to the search for hard-to-find missing parts. Rework of the baffle clamps is ongoing.

Hal Larkin
Executive Officer

OPERATIONS OFFICER
Ken Terry

For those of you that read my July report and are interested in seeing the airplane that I bragged about, Rick and Zack Nesius's T-34, you need to drop by the Museum as it is on display, however you better make it soon as it is only going to be there temporarily. Zack is attending school in Orlando and Rick has allowed us to show it off a little while Zack is in Florida, then it will go home to Chapel Hill, TN. By the way, both have joined the VAC, welcome aboard guys. We hope to see a lot more of both you two, your families, and of course, your airplane, especially at TICO 2007. What better excuse can you have to stop by your VAC Museum than to see a beautiful airplane.

Scott MacLeod, has agreed to take over administrating our Scholarship and within hours of accepting the task informed me he had already received the donation of a breakfast for two (max of \$15.00, at Flapjacks, in Port Orange, I-95 and Taylor Road) to be raffled off at our next meeting as a fund raiser. Great Work Scott and thank you for the help! I have eaten many a breakfast at Flapjacks and can vouch for their quality and taste, it is a very good place to eat.

If you know of a deserving young person that would like to apply for the Valiant Air Command Scholarship please drop me a note.

We are currently developing a process to fill out forms for Membership, Pilot Registration, and FAST Documents on our web site, thank you Dave Rich Web Master. If you have any thoughts of other items that could be placed there to assist you, the members, let us know. The object is to save time by allowing you to accomplish these chores at your leisure, during times when you are "playing solitaire" on with your computer. And save a few pennies of postage and the time of mailing. Of course, the "old standby" of U.S. (Snail) Mail is always available. Check it out and let us know what you think.

We are busy selecting items for the Pilot "Goodie" Bags for 2007 and have a couple nice surprises. We are considering a policy of only giving them to those who pre-register. How do you guys feel about that? Let me know. Remember, if you pre-register and don't show up – no big deal – but the pre-registration is a HUGE help for us.

Respectfully submitted
Ken Terry

