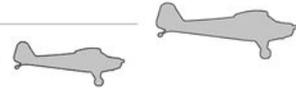




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CAF FRENCH WING - MONTHLY NEWSLETTER - BULLETIN MENSUEL

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EDITORIAL

The serious business has started! The season begins early this year thanks to the Roy Grinnell Art Show in the Air France headquarters for a dozen days, an event which will be followed immediately after by the celebration of the CAF 50th Anniversary in the Air Museum in Le Bourget during a whole week-end. I hope to see many of you there because it will be quite an event!

We will then have a period of preparation for this season's airshows and other events and projects that, I dare to hope, many of you will take part in. I will let you know about our precise needs in the March Newsletter.

Many of our members haven't sent back their answers to the questionnaire which was sent with the January Newsletter yet. I wish to remind these distracted or relaxed members that we really need this information to plan all our activities for the year. If this is the case for you, thanks for sending your answers back very quickly!

The CAF Winter Staff Conference will take place next month in Midland. Curiously, its main subjects will be Recruitment and... Communication! By sending your questionnaire back you will prove that the French Wing doesn't suffer from this modern disease which is a chronic lack of communication. Since I just received the file for the airshow of La Ferté-Alais, I had to radically modify this issue which was practically finished. I added another reservation form to which you will be kind enough to reply without any delay, and send your cheque for the passes, the car park, and for the traditional French Wing Saturday evening dinner under the tent. Beware! The limit date is February 28. After this date you will have to buy your tickets at the top price, that is to say twice as much. There won't be any exception to this limit date! Get your pen out!...

I hope that you will have as much pleasure to read this Newsletter which is packed with fresh news, that I had to write it. Enjoy!

Bernard

COLONEL GORDON STEVENSON, MEMBER OF THE FRENCH WING AND CAF GENERAL STAFF HAS BECOME *CHIEF OF STAFF!* (Page 4)



Photo: CONTRAILS



Photo: B. Delfino

THE FRENCH WING WILL MEET THE PUBLIC AT LE BOURGET AIR MUSEUM ON FEBRUARY 17 & 18, 2007 TO CELEBRATE THE CAF 50 YEARS (Page 3).

ART SHOW OF 30 ROY GRINNELL PAINTINGS AT AIR FRANCE HEAD OFFICE IN CDG AIRPORT FROM FEBRUARY 5 TILL 16 INCLUSIVE (Page 3).



LA FERTÉ-ALAIS : LAST MINUTE !

BOOK YOUR TICKETS FOR THE LA FERTÉ-ALAIS AIRSHOW TODAY USING THE FORM ATTACHED TO THIS BULLETIN, AND SEND IT BACK IMPERATIVELY BEFORE FEBRUARY 28, 2007 !

THANK YOU

Madame Anna Goubard, widow of colonel Lucien Goubard who passed away last month, has asked cols. Roger Gouzon, and Fumiko and Bernard Delfino who attended the funerals in the church and cemetery of the town of Lamorlaye, to pass her very warm thank you to all our members for the attentiveness that they showed to her during these dramatic and difficult moments. A beautiful flowered wreath was offered by the French Wing as a testimony of our sadness and solidarity.

All our members may write to Anna Goubard and send her their condolences at the following address:

255 Avenue Charles de Gaulle
60260 LAMORLAYE
FRANCE

ANNUAL CAF UNITS BEST NEWSLETTER COMPETITION

For the second consecutive year, the CAF organizes a Newsletter competition of issues published in 2006. The Swiss Wing won last year competition while the French Wing received a Honorable Mention with plaque.

This year, the Newsletters published in September, October, and November, have been selected and sent to Midland. Let's wish them good luck!



EMAIL ADDRESSES

Daphne Prebble solved her email problems but it required a change of address. The right one is as follows:

< dprebble@blueyonder.co.uk >

The same thing applies to Eric Janssonne whose new email address is now:

< flight.alsace@free.fr >

FIND THE ERROR!

Our efficient Finance Officer **Philippe Duflot** has obtained from our new bank, HSBC, the attribution of a VISA card to be used for day to day purchases. Emitted in the name of our Leader, this card will allow him to buy things like nuts and bolts, printing paper, and other common items, without spending his own money.

Look closely at this card and find the error... It seems that our typical



Frenchmen reputation has gone beyond some limits...

Note: For safety reasons, this card number has been changed on purpose. Therefore the error is not in that number... Look closer...

SANDY SANSING, JIM LUX, AND NANCY LUX, WILL VISIT FRANCE NEXT SPRING!

Here is an excellent piece of news that everyone will welcome with the greatest sympathy!

The dates and the exact duration of their stay are not known just yet, but whatever they will be, we will adapt ourselves to their schedule so that we can spend as much time as possible with them. They also wish to take the opportunity of this trip to Europe to spend a few days in England.

Those of our members who wish to assist them during their stay, one way or another, must make themselves known as soon as possible! Details of this visit will be given to them as soon as this trip is finalized.

Of course, we will prepare a small party in their honor. No date can be decided as yet but if their trip coincide with the La Ferté-Alais airshow, that would be a perfect occasion. If not, we will chose another one in due time.

< SKY-LENS.EU > WEB SITE OF OUR FRIEND FRANÇOIS BRÉVOT

Our friend François Brévot, excellent aviation reporter and photographer, just created his own web site which

you can visit at the following address:
< www.sky-lens.eu >

There, you will see nice pictures and read good articles.

LIST OF FRENCH WING OFFICERS FOR 2007

Here is the updated list of our Unit Officers (Elected members can cumulate with only one volunteer position):

Board of Administration (Elected)

Unit Leader: Bernard Delfino
Executive Officer: Claude Gascon
Adjutant Officer: Roger Gouzon
Finance Officer: Philippe Duflot

Appointed Officers (Volunteers)

Operations Officer: Patrick Pierre-Pierre
Maintenance Officer: Cédric Malhaire
PX Officer: Fumiko Delfino
French Wing Ambassador: Barbara Hair
Equipment Officer: Didier Cardinal
Public Information Officer: Bernard Delfino
Safety Officer: Patrick Pierre-Pierre
Fund raising Officer: Philippe Duflot
Recruiting Officer: Claude Gascon

We now need to find a Unit Historian Officer and a Project Officer. Should these positions tempt one or several members, colonels or Associate Members, they need to contact us as soon as possible!

A MESSAGE FROM COL. ROGER GOUZON, FRENCH WING ADJUTANT OFFICER

"A new Adjutant Officer, why?... Well, it's simple: The previous one did not want to serve another term!"

Our Unit Leader was worried: No candidate in sight. Days went by and still no candidate... This is when I decided to run for these elctions, although my talents as a writer are very thin and my knowledge of the English language practically inexistent... For the Adjutant Officer of an Association which has constant contacts with the USA, I admit it's quite a poor show!

Even worse, I cannot use a computer - well, not yet - whose language is in direct competition with the English one for nullity!... Fortunately, Philippe Dufлот will put his convalescence to good use and give me some training. He's recovering progressively, so this should not take too long. But it is still true that I feel a lot better with a drill, a spanner, a paint brush, or even a piece of cleaning rag in my hand, than in front of a keyboard or a sheet of paper.



Photo: B. Delfino

By the way, if the Spirit of Lewis is ready to fly (Just some cleaning and it will take off), the Rearwin is awaiting some willingness from our members to get young again! This will not come by itself, and for the French Wing to be credible, we need to move forward fast.

You don't need to be a specialist to clean the numerous parts of this airplane, which all need to be thoroughly checked. So, do not hesitate: It's waiting for you in Villepinte!

See you all soon!

Roger Gouzon, your Adjutant Officer"



CAF 50 YEARS CELEBRATION IN LE BOURGET MUSEUM

The dates of February 17 and 18, 2007 have been confirmed for the celebration of the CAF 50th Anniversary in the Le Bourget Musée de l'Air et de l'Espace. Many members will take part in this event which will allow us to meet the public and recruit more members. If possible, they will need to be there at 9:00 AM and help with the setting up of our booth, the museum opening its doors at 10:00 AM and closing them at 6:00 PM. Due to the high mediatization of this operation, wearing the CAF uniform is highly recommended.

The French Wing booth and the PX will be set up in the entrance hall, and a second booth will be set up near the B-26 Marauder where colonel **Henri Bourrassier** will tell the public about his wartime days. He will also sign the prints made from the painting that **Roy Grinnell** did of Groupe Bretagne aircraft. Many other paintings by Roy Grinnell will be displayed, as well as CAF aircraft photographs.

In addition, weather permitting, our Piper Cub will be there too. It will be displayed among the museum aircraft and military vehicles that we invited to participate in this celebration.

We thank our friends in the Museum for their very warm welcome and for all the help they gave us preparing this event.

See the web site at < <http://www.mae.org> >



ROY GRINNEL ART SHOW AT THE AIR FRANCE HEAD-QUARTERS IN ROISSY CDG FROM FEBRUARY 5 TO 16 INCLUSIVE

Things went fast during January 2007. A phone call from the person responsible for art shows in Air France triggered the practical organization of Roy Grinnell's art show which had previously been planned for last November.

From February 5 to 16, 2007 about thirty prints and giclées will be displayed for the enjoyment of the Air France personnel and the numerous visitors of these headquarters.

We kept the same title as the one we had adopted for Roy's art show in the Aéro-Club de France because its really suits Roy's work:

"GRINELL AVEC DEUX AILES"

If you happen to be in the airport, please do come and see this show, and tell your friends about it!



HELP TO RECRUITMENT

We wish to remind you that any member who will recruit one or more new colonel and member of the French Wing, between January 01 and December 31, 2007, will see his 2008 annual dues reduced as follows:

- 1 new colonel = 25 €
- 2 new colonels = Free

In addition, any CAF and French Wing member (Colonel, Associate Member, and Cadet) will have a chance to win two free return tickets to/from New-York with Swiss International Airlines, thanks to a free lottery draw during our 2007 General Assembly.

THIS MONTH QUIZ...

Col. **Christophe Bastide** found this photograph but doesn't know the type of this airplane at all. He is offering it to our members' sagacity.

The most documented ones will have no problem finding what this mysterious plane, with a tormented shape, is. Its registration will surely help them...

Christophe didn't ask for the identity of the young boy proudly posing before this parasol type aircraft, but if you happen to know him, this piece of information will surely be appreciated too...



COLONEL GORDON STEVENSON HAS BECOME CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE CAF

Colonel **Gordon Stevenson** has replaced col. Joe Cowan at the very important position of **Chief of Staff of the CAF**.

A member of the CAF General Staff for the past 5 years, Gordon, who was god-fathered by col. Barbara Hair, became a French Wing member last year (*c.f. Airshow July 2006*).

During his latest election to the General Staff in October 2004, Gordon had insisted on several points that he estimated to be particularly important for the future of the CAF during the ten years to come, and he was right:

- 1- **Safety of the aircraft and people.**
- 2- **Number of CAF members.**
- 3- **Endowment and financial resources.**
- 4- **Members' imagination.**

Since then, following the few accidents which have cost us some airplanes and human lives, thanks to the General Staff and, especially, the efficient help from **Bob Stenevik**, the level of Safety has been greatly improved: The CAF procedures have been changed, the level of the pilots' qualifications is better monitored, some excellent Safety Notices are published regularly, everything is better controlled and people are more conscious that these Warbirds that we all love so much cannot be flown like light airplanes.

The CAF financial resources, thanks to numerous and generous donors allow us to subsist at a reasonable level. The situation would not be dramatic if it wasn't for the problems that can occur at any time, like the need of new engines for the B-29 *Fift*, for the R-4D *Ready 4 Duty* of the Dallas Fort Worth Wing, or the major engine repair of our Piper Cub *Spirit of Lewis*.



The members' imagination to thwart the inherent difficulties of any association like the CAF or its Units, is at its highest, but it's putting these ideas into practice that is often difficult.

The number of CAF members is the weakest point since it did not progress during the past few years, on the contrary. However, ideas are legion, and the **Code Name Bravo** campaign is an example of a successful one that allows us to recruit a number of new members (which is far from negligible), thanks to a 50% reduction of the CAF annual dues and registration cost the first year.

There would be a lot to say about this last point, and it will be, no doubt, one of the first objectives that Gordon will adopt.

Recently, another problem was revealed, concerning communication within the

CAF: This communication must be greatly improved, both ways!

We, at the level of our modest CAF Unit, are too often the victims of this lack of communication despite the efforts made in that direction: Newsletter as informative as possible, questionnaires sent out regularly, emails sent quickly when urgent needs appear, phone calls made to our members when this urgency becomes vital, periodical meetings, extraordinary meetings, etc. Everything is done so that a dialogue is established between the French Wing Officers and our members. This system works perfectly, as long as both parties respect it...

As it is always the case, everyone of us simply has to look in a mirror to see that this problem of poor communication resides inside each one of us, for it only depends on the interest we have for our organization, the degree of priority we give to it within our day to day activities, and our ability to answer letters and emails without any delay. And what is true for the French Wing is also true for the CAF by and large.

As one can see, Gordon's task is not an easy one, but if he manages to convince all of us, simple members or responsible people of the CAF and its Units at all levels, to adopt this simple basic rule of conduct, he will instantly eradicate this general feeling of lack of communication.

We can only wish him good luck!

AIRSHO. 2007

The answers to our questionnaire received to this day show a strong interest for this event, to such a point that we have hopes to see about thirty members gather in Midland, a total that was never reached before. As far as France is concerned, more than twenty members will fly to Midland.

People's desiderata vary according to the persons concerned and the **Board of Administration** whose members are already over-loaded with work now need that one of the French Wing members who will go to Midland steps forward and volunteers as soon as possible to coordinate this trip whose principles are reminded here below:

1- Each member of the French Wing is responsible for the organization of his own trip and the duration of his stay.

2- In Midland, hotel rooms have been booked by Irene Grinnell at the **Holiday Inn Express** hotel for a cost of \$ 94.00 plus tax per room of 2 or 3, with a hot breakfast which includes scrambled eggs, bacon, etc... Those who wish to find another hotel can do so, but they will have a hard job finding an equivalent since all hotels have put their prices up.

3- Each participant who wish to book a room in the **Holiday Inn Express** must send us, as soon as possible, a cheque of 15,00 € per person, a sum which will be totally reimbursed if you cancel before August 31, 2007. Should you not cancel, this money will be used to pay all or part of the French Wing dinner which will take place on Thursday 20th of September in the evening.

4- each participant will decide whether he wants to extend the duration of his stay and visit another area or attend another aeronautical event, be it before or after AIRSHO.

5- Groups of travellers will be formed with 3 or 4 members. They will do their own reservation of a vehicle for the duration of their stay, be it in Midland only, or during the extension of their stay (Forming these groups will optimize the renting of these vehicles).

6- According the number of travellers wishing to visit the same places, it could

be preferable to rent a 7 seats vehicle, more comfortable and more economical (*Watch the volume of your bags! Whatever type is the vehicle, travel as light as possible*).

7- To take advantage of preferential tickets with American Airlines, please contact col. **Philippe Dufлот** who will give you the necessary contact of this airline. All you will need to do is contact that person and make a deal with him. One can hardly make a more simple offer!

8- Because of the very special feature of this CAF 50th Anniversary AIRSHO and the great number of spectators expected, we strongly advise everyone to rent a **Chalet** (Tent set up along the taxiway) during AIRSHO.

The price can vary according the type of Chalet chosen:

1) **Private Chalet** for groups of 20 persons maximum at \$ 90.00 (72.00 €) per day and per person. It includes the airshow ticket, a hot meal, snacks, beverages (Beer and soda), VIP car park, gift cap, and a program.

2) Large "**Fighter Squadron**" Chalet for individuals or small groups at \$ 90.00 (72.00 €) on Saturday, and \$ 40.00 (32.00 €) on Sunday, with the same advantages but with a lower standard. Beware! These prices are increased \$ 10.00 for the non-CAF members.

(*Note: The possibility to share a Chalet with the Swiss Wing is being studied*).



Photo: B. Delfino

LIST OF ALL FRENCH WING MEMBERS WHO HAVE DECLARED THAT THEY WILL BE PARTICIPATING TO AIRSHO :

This list is not exhaustive. Other names may be added to it as they come in, and many will travel with two or three persons or more, family members or friends.

The **French Wing** group may, therefore, be very big this year, which requires a very careful and detailed preparation.

Europe:

Gilles Avenel
Eva Bancel
Jean Barbaud
Didier Cardinal
Jacqueline Clerc
Jean-Christophe Debuissou
Bernard Delfino
Fumiko Delfino
Claude De Marco
Philippe Dufлот
Roger Gouzon
Marie-Françoise Le Cornec
Julien Lepelletier
Léon Manoukians
Jean-Claude Miniggio
Patrick Pierre-Pierre
Claude Requi
Antoine Roels
Gilles Troussard

USA / Japan :

Hugh Alexander III
George Chandler
Roy Grinnell
Irene Grinnell
Haruo Tanaka



Photo: B. Delfino

IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT ONE OF OUR MEMBERS RESIDING IN FRANCE HELPS US COLLECT AND COORDINATE THE INFORMATION RELATED TO THE PEOPLE WHO WILL TRAVEL TO MIDLAND.

This volunteer will need to contact everyone whose name is on this list and get from them all the practical pieces of information which we have listed hereafter, and send them to us:

- Exact number of people travelling (Name, first name, address, contact numbers, etc).
- Dates and time of arrival and departure in Midland.
- Way of travelling to get to Midland and leave from there (Should it be a regular airline flight, name of the airline, flight number, times and dates of arrival and departure).
- Type of hotel sought after (*See item 2*).
- Ability to share a hotel room with another member to reduce its cost.
- Grouping of members for the renting of rental cars.



Photo: B. Delfino

- Needs for an airline ticket from Paris or elsewhere.
- Specific individual needs.
- Renting of a seat in a Chalet (*French Wing Chalet or Fighter Squadron Chalet*) during AIRSHO. Name, first name, member or non-member status, contact numbers, one or two days, etc.

- Intention to extend your stay to visit other places or events in Texas or somewhere else in the USA, be it before or after AIRSHO (Please state the place and the length of this extension, the way you intend to travel, etc...).
- And any other information which may help to the good running of your stay.

NEWS

WORLD SCALE MODELING SHOW IN LE BOURGET FROM MARCH 31 TILL APRIL 9 2007

Our members whose hobby is scale modelling will be interested to hear that this show which used to be held at the Porte de Versailles in Paris until last year will move to the Le Bourget show area.

This World Show includes all aspects of scale modelling: Trains, cars, boats, and, of course, airplanes. Tooling will also be very present.

Should you not be an expert of the cutter, file, and super glue, you will still find very good reasons to get out and see beautiful small planes!...



Photo: Site Mondial Modélisme

THE FRENCH WING IS LOOKING FOR...

Within the scope of our activities, be it for the maintenance of our airplanes or our vehicle, the PX, the hangar, or our presence at various airshows or events, our Unit always need small supplies.

We are looking for:

- An inoperative Continental engine, or a VolksWagen one for training.
- Tie-Wraps long and short.
- A4 printing paper.
- A5 envelopes.
- Glue (All types).
- Tools.
- Nuts and bolts for general use.
- Nuts and bolts for aviation use.
- Parker metal screws (Small sizes).
- Primer paint.
- Electrical insulating tape.
- Dust bin bags.
- White rags.
- Protecting gloves.
- Polish for paint.
- Polish for metal.
- Window cleaning fluid.
- Etc... etc... Your imagination will be the limit. Thanks!

BRAND NEW T-SHIRTS

We have received the new French Wing T-shirts. They're of excellent quality, made by *Fruit of the Loom*, and the French Wing logo is embroidered, not printed!

They sell for 15,00 € (\$ 19.00) to non-members, and 12,00 € (\$ 15.00) to members (Plus \$ 5.50 postage and packing).



A VAN WITH A TRUNK

Article and photos: Col. Bernard Delfino

We told you before in these pages : Our vehicle needs a roof trunk to stow part of the French Wing booth equipment, namely all the long beams like the tent posts, the flag ones, and the tent itself.

This trunk will help us save a lot of room inside this Ford *Transit* and will improve safety of the 6 occupants (One driver and 5 passengers).

In addition, this trunk has a definite ludic aspect since it can be used as an observation platform during airshows.

like the locks, the seals, the reinforcement beams, and the sanding and painting, represented the major part of the work.

In total, and up to date, this trunk required over 200 working hours to



Making good use of the roof bars they made and fitted to the van last month, cols. **Roger Gouzon** and **Bernard Delfino** designed a fair size trunk which fastens securely to these bars, while still being removable.

They decided to put their study into practice early in January, and, after many hours of work, often helped by col. **Fumiko Delfino** who never refuses to perform any kind of work, even if it's dirty and laborious, they proceeded to the manufacturing of this indispensable accessory.

Made of all-weather half an inch thick plywood panels, screwed and glued together, this trunk is over 8 feet long, 4 feet wide, and 5 inches thick.

It was put together in a few hours, but, as usual, the fitting and adjustment of the numerous accessories

complete, but it was worth it! Too bad so few members could make themselves available because this operation would have been much shorter. We hope that these impediments are only temporary.

Let us remind you that all our members are very welcome in these practical jobs, whether they come from the Paris area or from the provinces. Roger can lodge one member during his stay. All you need to do is phone him and decide on a date of arrival, the duration of your stay, and all practical details like sheets, towels, etc. Villepinte is a town easily reached either by train or by road.



WHAT'S LEFT TO BE DONE ?

Once this trunk is finished and fitted to the roof of the vehicle, a few simple tasks will remain to be done :

- Manufacturing of a front piece to streamline this trunk and reduce drag.
- Outside decoration to the colors of the French Wing and the CAF.
- Inside painting in light gray.
- Manufacturing of curtains to blank off the vehicle windows. These blanks will be used as an advertising support for the CAF and the French Wing.
- Minor paint work retouching outside.
- Fitting of three point seat belts to the three rear seats.
- Manufacturing of an access ladder to open the trunk and access the observation platform.

Nothing difficult as you can see... Once all these jobs are completed, our **Equipment Officer**, col. **Didier Cardinal** will take back the responsibility of this vehicle and deal with the minor maintenance.

He will take care of it from a general point of view, and organize the annual technical checks required by law.

Note: We remind our members that this vehicle is available for those who might want to rent it. Since the number of drivers is limited, it will be with a driver.

2007 ACTIVITIES

The small questionnaire which was attached to the January Newsletter gave the results we expected, except regarding the number received.

Effectively, the number of questionnaires which were returned is 11, to which one must add the desiderata expressed via email or telephone after insisting on their importance. Therefore, it was a total of 35 members, out of the 96 of our Unit, who made us aware, as well as possible, of their wishes to take part in one or several projects. It is too little to seriously plan an entire year of activities. **Therefore, one should not be surprized if, during the yera, we are forced to modify or even cancel some of these projects...**

If we do have to cancel, those of our members who dedicate themselves to the CAF and the French Wing will be very disappointed, but one must admit that **without the necessary man power, any project, which ever it is, is destined to fail...**

However, we are sure that many of those who did not reply have been the victims of their thoughtlessness or indolence, or personal problems which, at this very moment, take a higher priority than these associative activities.

This is why we remain resolutely optimistic, and wouldn't be surprized to see several of these members reappear during some of these events or activities for which the number of declared number of participants is, today, insufficient.

Therefore, here is the list of our projects and the number of declared volunteers to this date for each of these projects, followed by a few comments and appreciations:

- **Newsletter**: Ten members are ready to participate, either with written articles or illustrations. Very good!
- **Recruiting**: Only seven members are ready to make some efforts to recruit. This is very surprizing and left the members of the Board of Administration dumbfounded because nothing is easier than speak about the CAF and our Wing! It's probably an omission from our members... Please do reassure us!

- **Ford Transit**: Three members volunteered and actually worked hard to complete this project, which will be true at the end of February.

- **Tie pins of the French Wing**: Only one member, in addition to the Board of Administration, was interested, but it is sufficient.

- **Safety**: We were happily surprized to see that 4 members are ready to help Patrick Pierre-Pierre, our Operations Officer, responsible for this important matter. As one can read somewhere else in this issue, Patrick went full steam ahead on this subject and produced a praiseworthy safety program which only requires some final polishing before it can be implemented. Bravo Patrick!

- **Web site**: Three members are concerned, and it's enough if one consider the relative modesty of our future web site.

- **Roy Grinnell Art Show in Air France**: Six members have shown a definite interest for this project which is ready to run.

- **Celebration of the CAF 50th Anniversary in the Le Bourget Air Museum**: Twelve members will participate, which is enough for a two days event.

- **Restoration of the Rearwin Sportster**: Only 8 members have decided to participate in this long job that will make this venerable airplane fly again. That is definitely not enough, especially if one considers that 3 of them live in the provinces. Many of our members could easily come and give a hand to make this project move faster, even though they don't have any special knowledge in aircraft engineering. Let's hope that a helpful fairy will wake them up soon...

- **Restoration of the LeBlond engine**: Three members are interested. This is enough for the practical work. Looking for the missing parts will take a lot more help though.

- **Maintenance of the Piper Cub**: Only three members are ready to help. It's not enough but we have no doubt that some spontaneous help will come in along the year.

- **Tour de France of the Spirit of Lewis**: Fourteen members have declared that they are interested to fly legs between cities or local flights. This is not enough (Yet...). Please refer to the "Operations" page in this issue and choose one or two flights that you like to fill in the gaps of this project.

- **La Ferté-Alais airshow**: Fifteen persons have volunteered to help during this airshow. This will be sufficient providing that at least half of them are erady to help preparing the equipment before the airshow, and stowing it after this event.

- **Fly-in in Le Plessis-Belleville**: Eleven members will be present. That is sufficient.

- **Airshows during the season**: Thirteen members have shown an interest for one or the other of these airshows. A big effort will be necessary because of the number of planned (But not yet confirmed) airshows.

- **AIRSHO 2007**: A really big success for this event with, to this day, more than 20 members coming over from France. Bravo! (*See the dedicated article somewhere else in this issue*).

- **French Wing General Assembly**: Seven members are erady to help preparing this meeting, which is enough.

Finally, we hope that the thoughtless members who haven't sent back their questionnaire will do it as soon as possible...

CONCLUSION

At the risk of repeating ourselves, every member of our Wing must understand that the running of an Association such as the French Wing cannot be accomplished unless its members give the leaders the information they need and ask for. They don't ask you just to bother everyone, on the contrary... And one must admit that worries that may preoccupy each one of you are not at all incompatible with the few minutes that are required by answering a simple questionnaire. On the opposite, it can become an excellent therapy!

REARWIN SPORTSTER

WHAT NAME CAN WE GIVE TO OUR REARWIN SPORTSTER ?

With the restoration of our number two airplane in its phase 2, and after the move of the airframe to Villepinte, serious things have started.

It is time to find a name to this Rearwin Sportster 8500, in order to personalize this project a little.

We ask all our members to suggest a name that would fit this aircraft. Any name is allowed as long as it does reflect the honorability of this project.

Please send us your suggestions. The members of the Board of Administration will choose among all the names that will be received.



Photo: B. Delfino

WASHING, CLEANING UP, AND PAINTING...

The second trip to Rennes, as one may remember, had allowed us to bring the Rearwin wing to Villepinte on December 28, 2006 (above). A big clean-up of Roger's workshop was done, together with some paint work (below). Let us thank cols. Philippe DufLOT, Roger GOUZON, and Fumiko and Bernard DELFINO for this difficult and sometimes dirty work, which lasted more than three weeks, but got the place ready to receive the parts of this rare aircraft as expected.



Photo: B. Delfino

It was on January 8, 2007, that the delicate operation of unloading the wing from the roof top of the French Wing van took place.

The weight and the size of this major part called for some relatively important man power. Therefore, cols. Philippe DufLOT, Fumiko and Bernard Delfino, and Roger Gouzon replied positively to our call for help. Roger had to also call his cousin Philippe because not enough members could make themselves available to carry out this delicate task in total safety.



Photo: B. Delfino

A job well done: On the photo above one recognizes, from left to right, cols. Roger Gouzon, Philippe DufLOT, and Fumiko Delfino, and, on the right, Roger's cousin, Philippe, whom we sincerely and warmly thank for his invaluable help.



Photo: B. Delfino

The restoration will first concentrate on the fuselage and the flight controls. The right hand wing has been stored high up against one wall (above) of this freshly painted workshop, and the dismantled left wing has been comfortably stowed in a room located next to this one, with the other parts of the plane.



Photo: B. Delfino

WHAT NEXT ?...

The most urgent task will be to design and manufacture a supporting frame for the fuselage. The latter, being made of many tubes welded together, will need to be rotated around its longitudinal axis, over 360°, so that one can access all sides of this frame. Without this facility, working on this giant puzzle would soon become a nightmare! This is why the design and manufacturing of this sophisticated supporting frame should take a few weeks which will soon be caught up with, when volunteers find ideal working conditions in a comfort they will highly appreciate.

Paint stripping will be done mechanically thanks to a sand blaster that we just acquired, much more efficient and safe on such an intricate structure than chemical paint stripping. The latter represents a definite hazard for the life of the airplane since it can induce corrosion in hard to reach corners that could be poorly washed. This corrosion is like gangrene for metal parts and can appear several months or years after this operation, often when it is too late. Chemical paint stripping will therefore be limited to metal sheets or parts with a clean and simple shape of which we can be sure that they will not retain any of this paint stripper, even in the smallest imperceptible quantity.

Once these tubes and welds have been checked free of any crack and corrosion, the structure will be protected and put aside for painting. We are far from this stage, although that depends entirely on the ardor and the number of our members who will come and help.

SPIRIT OF LEWIS 2007

THE FRENCH WING PIPER CUB SPONSORING SYSTEM

The annual premiums and cost per hour are split as follows:

- **Flying Sponsors:** 250 Euros per year and 25 Euros per hour (Average cost per hour, over 10 hours: 50,00 €).

- **Restoration Sponsors:** 125 Euros and 40 Euros per hour (Average cost per hour, over 10 hours: 52,50 €).

- **Supporting Sponsors:** 50 Euros and 55 Euros per hour (Average cost per hour, over 10 hours: 60,00 €).

- **Non-Sponsors:** No annual premium and 80 Euros per hour.

This system, which is based on 50 flight hours for the whole year, asks for a sufficient number of Sponsors to cover the annual fixed costs of \$ 6800.00.

QUESTION: Can you buy your own Piper Cub and pay all the expenses related to such an ownership?... No?... Well, for a modest amount of money, you can have the pleasure to fly as much as you want on a legendary J-3, without the worries inherent to such an ownership. How?...

BY BECOMING A SPONSOR!...



Peinture: Roy Grinnell

PIPER CUB SPONSORS FOR THE 2007 SEASON

The number of Sponsors has gone up once again this month (see the last page of this issue), but we are still awaiting for some members who haven't renewed their sponsorship yet. We invite them to do this as soon as possible to cover all the fixed costs entirely so that it can operate in complete quietude. Thanks in advance!

SPONSORS 2007

FLYING SPONSORS

Hugh Alexander III
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Jean-Yves Cercy
George Chandler
Bernard Delfino
Fumiko Delfino
Claude Gascon
Roger Gouzon
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Sandy Sansing
SKY RUNNER
Regis Urschler

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Christophe Bastide
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Henri Bourrassier
William Davies
Jean-Christophe Debuissou
Stéphane Duchemin
Louis-Jean Gioux
Barbara Hair
Aubrey Hair
Léon Manoukians
Haruo Tanaka
Ron Wright

FLIGHTS OF THE SPIRIT OF LEWIS

On January 16, taking advantage of a less sullen day than usual, that is to say with less rain, the Piper Cub flew four times locally which enabled us to check its reliability and the sound reduction gained from the replacement of the exhaust stacks: We lost at least 10 decibels thanks to these new exhaust pipes!

Apart from the ambient temperature which caused some freezing problems of the carburettor on the ground, soon corrected with the systematic use of the carb-heat, everything went fine. Cols. Jean-Yves Cercy, Roger Gouzon, Fumiko Delfino, and Bernard Delfino, flew a total of 2 hours, just before the rain and the wind came back...

OUR SAFETY PROGRAM IS NEARLY COMPLETED

Our Operations Officer, col. **Patrick Pierre-Pierre** has just created a safety program which exactly corresponds to our needs. One must note the celerity and professionalism shown by Patrick when he did this important work. Thanks Patrick !

This program will soon be published, once it has been finalized and illustrated.

Everyone who deals with our airplanes, one way or another, be it in flight, on the tarmac, in the hangar, or in a workshop, will receive a copy of this program after they have followed a short training course that Patrick will give to them.

Once this program is officially implemented, **no member will be allowed to touch the airplanes unless he or she has followed this course and received a Certificate that will prove it.**

This system may appear a bit drastic to our members who are not used to work on airplanes, but accidents happen quick, often because of ignorance.

Remember that propellers make no difference and bite anything that comes in their path. This difference must, therefore, come from us, and this program will help us do that.

In addition, in case of an accident, and, of course, the inevitable subsequent enquiry, the DGAC inspectors (And our insurance company) will appreciate our readiness. One of the very first questions that are asked during these enquiries is: "*Do you have a safety training program in place and do you have records of it?...*"



Photo: B. Delfino

2007 OPERATIONS

From our Operations Officer, col. Patrick Pierre-Pierre

Those who are connected to the Internet and wish to contact me via email, please note my address reserved for air operations: <patrickppcaf@wanadoo.fr>. My other address is still available for any other electronic mail. Should you prefer to speak to me directly, call me on my cell phone: 0672016123, or on my home fixed phone: 0546509355.

Many pilots and passengers are missing from the lists. I hope you all have answered the questionnaire sent with the Newsletter last month. This will allow us to fill in the blank boxes. If it isn't the case, thanks for sending your answers back as soon as possible! Everyone must be conscious that we will only be able to plan these activities when we know your exact wishes.

Finally, please note that these events haven't been confirmed yet. They will be updated when we receive the reply from their organizers.

Patrick

TOUR DE FRANCE 2007

DATES	ITINERARY	PILOT	PASSENGER
13/7/07	Le Plessis/Troyes/Montbéliard	C. Gascon	F. Delfino
14/7/07	Repos Montbéliard	C. Gascon	B. Delfino
15/7/07	Montbéliard/Chalon/Issoire	Gascon/Miniggio	P. Dufлот
16/7/07	Repos Issoire	Gascon/Miniggio	?
17/7/07	Issoire/Grenoble	Gascon/Miniggio	?
18/7/07	Repos Grenoble	Gascon/Miniggio	?
19/7/07	Grenoble/Mende/Toulouse	C. Gascon/?	?
20/7/07	Repos Toulouse	P. Pierre-Pierre	J. Roeder
21/7/07	Toulouse/Périgueux/Couhé	P. Pierre-Pierre	R. Gouzon
22/7/07	Meeting Couhé	P. Pierre-Pierre	N/A
23/7/07	Couhé/La Rochelle	P. Pierre-Pierre	R. Gouzon
24/7/07	Repos La Rochelle	P. Pierre-Pierre	?
25/7/07	La Rochelle/Rennes	P. Pierre-Pierre	Hugh Alexander III
26/7/07	Repos Rennes	G. Avenel	Hugh Alexander III
27/7/07	Rennes/Deauville/Dieppe	G. Avenel	Hugh Alexander III
28/7/07	Repos Dieppe	G. Avenel	Hugh Alexander III
29/7/07	Dieppe/Le Plessis	G. Avenel	Hugh Alexander III

2007 AIRSHOWS & EVENTS

MONTH	DATE	PLACE	A/C	CREW One way	CREW Return	PX	ORGANIZERS
MAY	25-27	LA FERTE ALAIS	J3 NC	/P. Dufлот Gascon/	/ Gascon/	YES	AJBS
JUNE	2/3	LE PLESSIS	J3 NC	ALL (Fly-in)	ALL (Fly-in)	YES	CAF/FW
JUNE	10	NIORT	NC	PPP/Passager	PPP/Groupe Norvигie	NO	ASPAN
JUNE	14-17	POPHAM (UK)	J3	G Avenel/P. Dufлот	G Avenel/P. Dufлот	J-370years/NO	Piper Club France
JUNE	14 & 18	BOULOGNE	J3	PPP/	/	NO	CAF/FW
JUNE	16/17	MONTLUÇON	NC	JY Cercy/PPP/	JY Cercy/PPP/	NO	Rassemblement AF
JUNE	23/24	LE LUC	NC	PPP/Groupe Norvигie	PPP/Groupe Norvигie	NO	ALAT
JULY	8	EVREUX	J3 NC	G Avenel/P. Dufлот PPP/RG	G Avenel/P. Dufлот PPP/RG	YES	Armée de l'Air
JULY	13-29	TOURDEGAULE	J3	See attached table	See attached table	Mini PX	CAF/FW
JULY	22	COUHE VERAC	J3	During Tour de France	During Tour de France	Mini PX	Aéro club
AUGUST	5	SARLAT-DOMME	NC	PPP / P Dufлот / R Gouzon	PPP / P Dufлот / R Gouzon	NO	Aéro club
SEPT.	2	LENS	J3 NC	/ Dufлот /	/ Dufлот /	YES	Air History
SEPT.	9	LA ROCHELLE	NC	PPP/groupe Norvигie	/	NO	Aéro club
SEPT.	16	TOUSSUS LE NOBLE	J3 NC	/Passager /Passager	/Passager /Passager	YES	Air History
SEPT.	22/23	RENNES	J3	Cercy/Gascon	Cercy/Gascon	Mini PX	Aéro club

FRENCH WING P.X.

The following articles are available with a payment by cheque to the CAF French Wing. (+ P & P).

- Wing patch: € 9,00.
- "Gioux" type patch: € 6,00.
- Various epoxy pins: € 5,50.
- Various pins "cloisonné": € 5,00.
- 100 A4 sheets with the Wing logo and your personal address: € 10,00.
- Warbirds photographs 30x45cm: € 10,00.
- T shirt Piper CUB, 170 grammes, Hanes, L or XL: € 15,00.
- T shirt cartoon P40, 170 grammes, Hanes, L or XL: € 15,00.
- T shirts other sizes on order.
- T shirt illustrated with the picture of your choice (Maximum size A5 - Warning! Only send pictures that are free from any copyrights!): € 15,00.
- Aircraft profiles 15 cm x 20 cm ready for framing: Various types: € 4,00 chaque.
- Vidéo filmed in Midland (55mn) VHS PAL: € 16,00 ©.
- Eric Besançon large size paintings: F4U Corsair and Messerschmitt 262 night fighter: € 30,00 P & P included ©.
- Poster N°1 Avions de la seconde guerre mondiale peint by Jean Bellis, 61x81cm: € 9,00 (FW Members), € 10,00 (Non Members) © + P & P.
- Greeting cards with Jean Bellis' profiles: € 4,00 each (P & P according to quantity) ©.
- Roy Grinnell prints - Normandie Niemen, F4U7, and B26 Marauder - Unsigned: € 40,00 + P & P € 10,00. Signed by veterans: € 60,00 + P & P € 10,00 ©.
- Roy Grinnell print of the Piper Cub: € 10 + P & P (FW Members), € 15 + P & P (Non members).
- Post Cards based on the same paintings (B26 Marauder and Neuneu): € 0,50 each (P & P according to quantity) ©.
- CD Rom of all FW Newsletters since January 2000, French and English, and 200 photos of warbirds taken during Airsho in Midland, by B. Delfino: € 10,00 P & P included ©.

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THANK YOU!

• This month, our most sincere thanks go to:

- **Marcel Francisci** and **AVIATION CLUB DE FRANCE** who just donated 2000,00 € to the French Wing for the accomplishment of its projects! This gift is a support of inestimable value, for the restoration of the Rearwin Sportster in particular. A big THANK YOU! to our friends of Aviation Club de France!

- **General Jean-Pierre Job** Who appreciated his invitation to our General Assembly, the video presentation, the participation of our members, and his visit to the air museum with veterans. He made a donation of 80 € to help our projects. A big THANK YOU! general!

- **Gilles Avenel** who renewed his Piper Cub sponsorship as Flying Sponsor, and **Christophe Bastide** and **Léon Manoukians** as Supporting Sponsors.

- **Georges Marcelin** who renewed his Restoration Sponsorship, paid his 2007/2008 annual dues, and made a gift of 75 euros to the Rearwin Sportster restoration.

- **Roger Gouzon** and **Bernard Delfino**. Roger donated the paint for the Ford Transit, and Bernard donated the wood and some nuts and bolts. In total, shared equally between them, a gift of more than 300 euros to this great French Wing project.

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Eric JANSOINNE	30,00
Christophe BASTIDE	15,00
David PRICE	25,00
Fumiko DELFINO	212,60
Bernard DELFINO	213,75
Haruo TANAKA	45,00
Eric REARWIN	10,50
Yves DONJON	8,00
Roy & Irene GRINNELL	138,00
Bunty BATEMAN	150,00
Marcel FRANCISCI	100,00
Dominique DEUDON	200,00
John ROEDER	175,00
Ronald WRIGHT	104,00
Léon MANOUKIANS	30,00
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Activités French Wing	57,00
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LA FERTÉ-ALAIS AIRSHOW

25, 26, & 27 MAY 2007

TICKET RESERVATIONS

Dear friends,

The La Ferté-Alais airshow is approaching fast, and the file sent by Editions Lariviere, the organizer, has confirmed that our participation will take place in the same conditions as for the previous years, that is to say, entry tickets at a reduced price of 18 € for the whole week-end, and car park places at 8 €. Like we did before, the French Wing will organize a dinner under the PX tent on **Saturday evening** for its members and friends (Cost: 15 € per person). Thanks for fully and clearly filling in the form below, and for sending it back to the French Wing **before February 28, together with a cheque written to the "CAF French Wing"**, of the total amount of the cost of your participation.

NO ORDER WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DATE OF FEBRUARY 28!

Thanks in advance.

B.Delfino

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Name & first name:

I will attend this airshow: YES - NO (If YES underline the days you will be there: **Friday - Saturday - Sunday**)

Names of all persons who will be with you:

Number of tickets at 18 euros: x 18€ =
 Number of parking spaces at 8 euros: x 8€ =
 Number of dinners at 15 euros: x 15€ =
 Total to be paid: =

I will sleep in a hotel: YES - NO (If YES please contact col. Christophe Bastide at "bastide16@aol.com" or 0609623493)
 I wish to sleep in the PX tent: YES - NO

Planned date and time of arrival (Not before Friday 25 at 14:00):
 Planned date and time of departure:

Date: Signature:

Note: Tickets will be given on Friday 25 May afternoon on the airfield.