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## UPCOMING EVENTS

08/03/2009

Director's Meeting  
7:00pm

08/05/2009

Member's Meeting  
7:00pm

August, 7-10 2009

Collings Weekend

08/31/2009

Director's Meeting  
7:00pm

09/02/2009

Member's Meeting  
7:00pm

10/05/2009

Director's Meeting  
7:00pm

10/07/2009

Member's Meeting  
7:00pm

## Board of Directors Elections Results !!!

Congratulations to Jim Keller, Kent Kleinknecht, Ken Ramsay and Richard With, who were elected to the Board of Directors at the June 2009 Annual Meeting. The two year term of office begins 01 July 2009 and run through 30 June 2011. The contact section on Page 2 has been updated with their phone numbers.

## From the Board of Directors Chairman

Through the efforts of many of our members and various promotions, we have greatly increased the number of people taking tours of our museum. While we recognize this as a good thing, it also creates somewhat of a problem. **We don't have enough tour guides.** While we are doing a greater job, this can make us look bad by not having enough tour guides to give our visitors that personal touch. We can hand a visitor a "self tour sheet" and let them tour alone, but we miss the opportunity to talk with them, answer their questions and encourage them to join our museum. It is amazing the number of people that have artifacts from family members hidden away in boxes that could be interested in having us show them in the display area. It is also amazing the number of people who with just a little encouragement would like to become a MAPS member. We need to talk to them.

What does it take to become a tour guide? An interest in military aviation. You don't have to be an expert or know everything about every aircraft or display in the museum. We offer a training program where you shadow experienced tour guides as they give actual tours. We point out very general information. We also have very detailed information you may study on any aircraft or display we exhibit. You can become an expert if you want or a generalist. **Please!!** I encourage you to contact any one of the Tour Guides and express an interest in becoming a tour guide or any of the 7 directors of the museum. If you prefer contact me by e-mail and I will be happy to talk to you [waynejay@aol.com](mailto:waynejay@aol.com). Remember, "many hands make small work," so if you could devote even 2 or 3 mornings or afternoons per month or 1 Sunday per month, you will be a great help to our museum. And you will start to feel like this is our museum. Everyone contributes to our success!

Wayne Noall

## Collings Planning Meeting, July 25th

The next planning meeting for the 2009 Collings Weekend visit to MAPS is scheduled for Saturday, July 25th, at 1000 in the MAPS Briefing Room. Collings Weekend is scheduled to be at MAPS August 7 - 10.

Remember, the Collings Weekend is one of our biggest fund raising events each year, and the more members we are able to get involved, the smoother it will come off, for us and for our guests! If you are interested in helping, in any way, with the Collings Weekend, we urge you to attend this planning meeting.

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## Collings Weekend Information



Visitors queuing up to tour the aircraft. Admission (\$6.00 for MAPS' members) includes walk thru tours of the B-17G Flying Fortress and B-24J Liberator. Admission for non-members is \$12.00 for adults, and \$6.00 for children (those 12 and under), and a portion of the admissions comes back to MAPS.

From Friday when they arrive to Monday when they depart, the MAPS campus will be jumping with people. In past years, the Collings Weekend has seen attendance figures over 2000. It's become our capstone event each year at the Museum. If you are able to, please make sure to attend, we'd love to see you there!



A walk thru tour of the B-17 tells your Briefing Editor that he's either a very large man, or our World War II fliers were on the slight side. Either way, imagining these brave men battling the elements and the enemy miles up while flying these machines only heightens my admiration for their accomplishments!

Flight experiences are available for both the B-17 and B-24. Here a lucky youngster gets some time in the nose compartment of the B-17! 30 minute flight experiences are a tax-deductible \$425.00 per person. A unique experience that would make a great gift for a loved one, aviation buff, or veteran.





## Collings Weekend - Aug 7th - 10th, 2009



The Collings' B-17G Flying Fortress left the factory too late to flying operational combat missions, but did serve with the 1st Air/Sea Rescue Squadron and was later used to test the effects of several nuclear explosions. After a 13 year "cool down" period she was restored and put into service as a "borate bomber" until, in 1986, the Collings Foundation purchased her and restored her to her military configuration in the markings *Nine-O-Nine*.

The original *Nine-O-Nine* served with the 91st Bomb Group, and completed 140 combat missions without an abort or loss of any of her crewmen.

The world's only flying B-24J Liberator, *Witchcraft* returns to MAPS for Collings Weekend 2009. Long-time members will recall that engine work was done on the Collings' B-24J during a past visit to MAPS, right there on the aircraft ramp - stop by the library for photos and a signed t-shirt given in thanks for the help MAPS provided at the time. Though it is sometimes cast in the B-17s shadow, if you look at raw numbers, the B-24 edged out the B-17 in the vital areas of speed, range and payload; mostly due to an advanced wing design and better streamlining. Commence the debate! <grin>



Making her second appearance at MAPS, the Collings Foundation's TP-51, *Betty Jane* is one of several razorback Mustangs that were converted to carry a passenger during World War II. Some were used as high-speed transports, other for reconnaissance duties. General Eisenhower even reportedly flew in one during the invasion! This is the world's only dual stick P-51C in existence! *Betty Jane* will be offering dual stick flight instruction time over the weekend. 30 minutes of flight instruction is \$2200.00, and 60 minutes is \$3200.00. A digital video of your flight training is even available !

Did you know? The Collings Weekend has become one of the biggest events for MAPS Air Museum, both in terms of revenue generated, but also in public exposure. If you are able to help out that weekend, it would be greatly appreciated.



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Random Collings Weekend photos: Left: Brian “Beke” Hodges stands in front of the F-14 Tomcat he flew into MAPS Brian was transferring from Norfolk to the West Coast and made sure to time his trip so he and his family were here for Collings Weekend. Brian is now flying F-18 Super Hornets for the Navy. Center: Harry Kappel from Canton in front of the B-24J - Harry mainly served as a gunner on B-29s during World War II but did have a couple missions as a nose gunner on the Liberator. Right: 12 O’Clock High, literally! This directly overhead photo of the B-17 was taken by a MAPS visitor during one of the many flights the B-17 took during Collings Weekend 2007. Very nice photograph!

**Mark The Dates! Collings Weekend - Aug 7th - 10th, 2009**