

**Another bit of WW2 history that's mostly unknown.....
The Story of "Bad Angel" @ Pima Air and Space Museum near Tucson, AZ**

On the Saturday following Thanksgiving 2013, Ms. Karen, my 94-year-old father Bill Gressinger, and I were visiting Pima Air and Space Museum.

We were in Hanger #4 to view the beautifully restored B-29, when I happened to take notice of a P-51 Mustang near the big bomber. It's name ? "Bad Angel".



P-51 Mustang "Bad Angel"

I was admiring its aerodynamic lines and recalled enough history to know that until the Mustangs came into service, the skies over the Pacific Ocean were dominated by Japanese Zeros. Then something very strange caught my eye. Proudly displayed on the fuselage of ?Bad Angel? were the markings of the pilot's kills: seven Nazis; one Italian; one Japanese AND ONE AMERICAN. Huh? "Bad Angel" shot down an American airplane?

Was it a terrible mistake? Couldn't be. If it had been an unfortunate misjudgment, certainly the pilot would not have displayed the American flag.

I knew there had to be a good story here. Fortunately for us, one of the Museum's many fine docents was on hand to tell it.



Kill marks on "Bad Angel"

For the whole story, [click here](#).

Submitted by both Al and Dan



Next Meeting:
Tuesday, August 9

at **Chapter 39 Clubhouse**

6:00 Burger Burn

Please bring a salad, dessert, or munchies to share. A donation to cover the cost of the burgers, buns, & other supplies is also appreciated.

7:00 Meeting

Program: Steve Hatfield will be demonstrating his simulator that he will also have at the RAP Open House.



Chapter 39

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New Tail wheel Pilot

Don't forget to wear your nametags.



August Birthdays:

Oliver Hasse—3rd
Jerry Densmore—20th
Charlie Summers—21st

TREASURER'S REPORT

By Scott Christiansen

Balance brought forward.....\$2319.99

Income:

Burger Burn.....96.00
Nametags (paid for).....84.00

Expenses:

Nametags ordered& engrave.....154.05
Clubhouse rent.....120.00

Balance on hand.....\$2222.95

July Minutes

*Ed. Note: **Mea culpa!** Arie was again volunteered to take the minutes, which he graciously did. Sometime between the time he gave them to me after the meeting and the time I got home, they had vanished. So here's my synopsis of the meeting:*

- John called the meeting to order. Doh!
- Last month's minutes were read. (I hadn't been entrusted with those.)
- John announced July's birthdays and introduced our guest Steve Hatfield.

Business:

Most of the business related to the RCRA Open House on August 20th.

- Darrel asked for and got volunteers to distribute flyers about rides on the Ford Tri-Motor. We'll start doing this August first. (If you forgot your area, call Darrel at 431-9609.) He also told us that McKie Ford has made a large contribution to this, in exchange for getting some free rides for vets. Anything more than \$4000 made on contributions and rides will go to the chapter, so talk it up!
- Shawn asked for volunteers for all the other aspects of the Open House, including pilots who are willing to have their planes on display. If you didn't volunteer and can help, call Shawn at 390-0605 or email him at shawn@tmi.us.com.
- We also need volunteers for our chapter booth and Young Eagles rides.
- Steve Hatfield will be demonstrating his flight simulator at our August meeting, as well as having a booth at the Open House.
- Name tags are in. The final cost was \$6 each, and can be gotten from Scott.

If anyone else had any pithy info/business that I forgot, remember that dementia is more to be pitied than damned.

Program: John Glasford discussed the ADS-B.

Meeting adjourned.



I had the honor and pleasure to meet with Lt. Col. Richard Cole, the last surviving members of the Doolittle Raiders. He was Doolittle's Co-Pilot. I had lunch with him, a reserved front seat, next to his daughter, at the program and had the pleasure of having my picture taken with him and much conversation. I told him about watching him practice for the take off for an Aircraft Carrier. To OLD WWII PILOTS having a great time together.

Submitted by chuck

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July Burger Burn

Photos by Kim Roderick



Talking with Steve Hatfield



Arie cooking



Milo still supervising



Exciting talk?



And Cody supervising Dad

Upton Fly-In



Chipped shale ramp



Darrel, Arie, & Bruce