



LOBO WING CHATTER

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ALBUQUERQUE, NM

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That's us! September 1st 2016 was our inaugural day. Our web site has gone through a total overhaul under the guidance of our new web master, Bob "Bear" Chestor. Granted there is much more work to be done: updated NEWS, EVENTS and adding more links etc. Those of you who are internet savvy will have no problem navigating the wealth of information at our site. The rest of us will be amazed how easy it really is. Bear will be tweaking the site as needed. Spread the word to your friends. www.lobowing.org. We're running with the big dogs now!

Thank you Scott Witschger and son Ryan for initiating the web site about 10 years ago. Scott is now a very busy man dedicated to managing and working the AT-11 restoration project.

THIRD GENERATION NEW MEMBER

We welcome our newest member, Sean McBride, He is a Senior Specialist, Technical Care, with T-Mobile. Sean is no stranger to the Lobo Wing. He grew up knowing about the Wing and CAF through his dad, David, the present Wing Leader and his grandfather, Ken, a 30-year member and a former pilot of the PT-26. Welcome aboard Sean!



Sean McBride



Ken, David & Sean, McBride

At-11 UPDATE REPORT by SCOTT WITSCHGER, AT-11 PROJECT MANAGER

It has been some time since you have received an update on the progress for the AT-11. Because there is a lot of ground to cover the update will be spread over the next few issues of *The Chatter*.

Since the AT-11 arrived in 2003 we have primarily worked on the disassembly, cleaning, inspection, repair and replacement of parts on the basic airframe and some of the key sub systems. We have learned a lot and we have made some mistakes but we now have what we consider a solid airframe that will fly safely for many years.

During this long period (some say VERY LONG) we have invested thousands of man-hours but spent only a small portion of the funds required for a full restoration. As I have reported to headquarters, I feel we have consumed 80% of the man-hours and 20% of the dollars required to complete the restoration. So far all of the materials, hardware, stripper, paint and necessary replacement parts have been paid for with funds provided by aircraft sponsorships purchased by our membership. These funds have kept the project moving for many years but now we are entering the period when we spend 20% of the total time but need 80% of the total funds required to complete the restoration.



This 80% covers engines, propellers, tubing and hoses, accessories, avionics, instruments, paint and a lot of smaller items we have not discovered yet. Fortunately, as always, various Lobo's have stepped up in a big way to cover a lot of this 80%. A donation by Julie Smith paid for 1 engine overhaul, the overhaul or replacement of all the flight and engine instruments and all the used avionics purchased to date. George Martin has committed to donate the funds needed for the overhaul of the second engine. Sandia Aerospace has committed to provide the costly transponder and ADS-B equipment we need and Car Crafters has committed to painting the aircraft if logistics can be worked out. WOW! Isn't that truly amazing?



But, we are not off the hook just yet. We need to find suitable cores and have the fuel pumps, vacuum pumps, starters, electric generators, tachometer generators, prop governors and feathering pumps overhauled. The propellers were overhauled many years ago but they will need to be re-inspected and as a minimum the seals and grease need to be replaced. I estimate that these overhauls will cost another \$20,000. WOW again! Yep, this stuff ain't cheap and there is two of everything.

SO, I'm asking for your help for this final push.

Please join your fellow members who have made a financial commitment to this project and purchase an AT-11 sponsorship. An aircraft sponsorship is still only \$3500.00 and a restoration sponsorship is \$1750.00. There are numerous options for purchasing sponsorships over time or upgrading a sponsorship from a restoration to an aircraft sponsorship as a memorial to a loved one who has passed. Companies may also purchase sponsorships. So if you own a company or know of a company that would like to help, you should encourage them to purchase a sponsorship. Of course any amount can be donated directly to the Lobo Wing for the specific purpose of restoring the AT-11. If you would like more information on donating to the AT-11 you may go the CAF Headquarters web site or you may contact me at 505-235-7999.

Next time we will look at what has been accomplished in the past.

HAPPY NEWS

One of our new members, Sabina England, got a big surprise when she and Greg Shaub went to the Albuquerque Botanical Gardens for one of the summer concerts. Greg proposed to Sabina the old fashioned way on bended knee. How about that for romantic! Of course she said YES! They will be married on October 1st in the Red River, NM area.

CONGRATUALTIONS and BEST WISHES



THIRD ANNUAL LOBO WING BOWLING TOURNAMENT—OCTOBER 29, 2016

“IN THEIR HONOR” FUNDRAISER

Santa Ana Star Casino (Starlight Lanes) - Saturday, October 29, 2016

Sign In: 12 noon

Opening Ceremony: 12:30pm

Bowling; 1:00 pm

\$25/bowler \$100/team Awards for 1st, 2nd, 3rd Places

Information and sign up, call **Ron Dikes**, 505/480-8620; e-mail runabout@ix.netcom.com

It's about 5 weeks out! Hope you're getting you're team together. We'll have door prizes, 50/50 cash raffles, and a fantastic silent auction. Don't miss out a on a fun-filled afternoon. Sign up now!

Until next month — Don't forget to visit our web site www.lobowing.org

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“I believe; therefore, I know.” This method of study is known as “immaculate perception.”

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“IN THEIR HONOR” EVENT

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In military aviation throughout our nation's history**

THIRD ANNUAL BOWLING FUNDRAISER EVENT

PLACE: Starlight Lanes (Santa Ana Star Casino)
Date: Saturday, October 29, 2016
Time: Sign-in 12 Noon; Opening Ceremony 12:30 pm; Bowling 1:00 pm.
Cost: \$25 per Bowler or \$100 per Team
Contact: Ron Dikes 505-480-8620 email: runabout@ix.netcom.com

- There will be awards for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place teams.
- Door prizes, silent auction and 50/50 cash raffle.

TEAM NAME: _____

BOWLERS NAMES:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

Team contact person

Name & Address _____

PHONE # _____ E-Mail _____

REGISTRATION MUST BE ACCOMPANIED WITH \$100.00 FEE CASH OR MONEY ORDER.
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