



LOBO WING CHATTER

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FOR ALL OUR FREEDOMS!

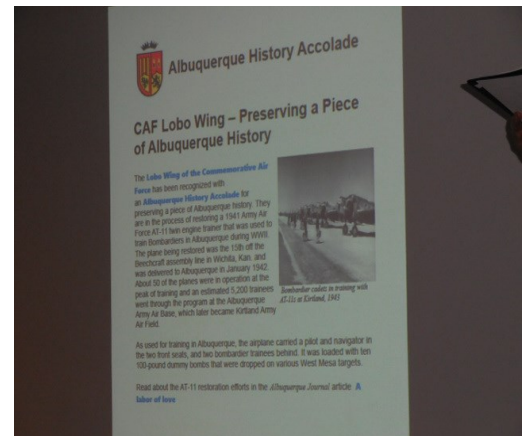
HONORING THE LOBO WING

The Albuquerque Historical Society presented the Lobo Wing one of its first Historical Society Accolades. *CAF Lobo Wing—Preserving a Piece of Albuquerque History*. The Accolade is a direct result of the Albuquerque Journal January 3, 2018 article, *A Labor of Love* by Rick Nathanson, on our on-going AT-11 restoration project.

We are very honored to receive this Accolade.



Accepting the Accolade is:
Rose & Frank Gasperich &
Sara & Dave McBride



UPDATE ON OUR WYOMING CONNECTION—JULIE SMITH

Never one to sit back here's what Julie is up to:
"Just back from epic trip. Picked up a little Piper Clipper I brought near Boston and flew 2000 miles home. Verry slowly. Weather, of course, delayed us at various times. " We look forward to your visit to Albuquerque. Just let us know when.



AT-11 UPDATE AND OTHER ITEMS

Dave McBride, our Lobo Wing Leader recently sent out an update on the AT-11. In case you missed it, here's the latest. It's a lot to digest so it deems repeating.

It's been awhile since I've updated everyone on what's happening in the Lobo Wing which is quite a lot. So here it is in no particular order.

1. The AT-11 is always the most important project for the near future.

A LOT of progress has been made with many different things associated with the AT-11.

- The new instrument panel is in and all instruments have been overhauled and most are installed in the panel.
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- A LOT of wiring has been labelled and installed mostly from cockpit to the engine nacelles.
- The second R985 has been overhauled and delivered!! Through the incredible generosity of two of our members we now have TWO completely overhauled Pratt & Whitney R0985 engines.
- Final repairs are being made to the wing.
- Most, if not all, dzus fasteners have been replaced.
- The Norden bombsight was finally returned to us after being overhauled.
- Soundproofing and insulation is being installed.
- A completely new entry hatch is being constructed. This is a tedious job as our aircraft doesn't accommodate a standard door.
- There are still other things that need completion. **Come out to find out if you can HELP!**

2. AT-11 Paint

Due to the efforts of Car Crafter owner, Jim Guthrie, PPG is going to donate (thousands of dollars worth) the paint required for the AT-11. Right now we are still trying to nail down the exact color we want to use and believe me, there are endless options. We're also still discussing the various options on how to paint the aircraft. The two options we have discussed are painting it in our hangar which is a huge undertaking. The second possibility is having an aircraft paint shop do the painting. We are working both these issues for the time being. Either way we probably won't do the painting until next year as we have more work that needs to be done prior to painting.

3. ADS-B (Automatic Dependent Surveillance Broadcast)

I have mentioned this before. This is the relatively new system that the FAA has mandated to be fully operational by January 2020. All aircraft that will be operating in controlled airspace are required to have this equipment installed. What this means to us is we have to purchase (money!!) and install this equipment. We are still looking at the options, but as of right now it looks like we can purchase an add on system from Garmin for the PT-26 for approximately \$1795. For the AT-11 we are looking at a system from L3 that is being offered at a discount through the CAF. The price for that one is approximately \$4400. Once we decide, look for a fundraiser campaign in the near future.

4. OTHER ITEMS

Upcoming Events: WE NEED HELP, We need someone to take the lead on these coming events.

- August 25(LOFI) Land of Enchantment Fly In at Double Eagle Airport
- September 14-15 Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA) Fly In at Santa Fe Airport
- We will have the PT-26 and PX at both events

PLEASE CONTACT DAVE McBRIDE as soon a possible (Cell 505-238-8021).

DAVID McBRIDE'S UPDATE CONTINUED...

5. FACEBOOK

We now have a new Facebook Manager, Karen Tilbury, wife of Lobo Wing member Korry Tilbury and mother of Dustin Tilbury also a Lobo Wing member, has volunteered to be our Facebook Manager. Karen has quite a bit of experience as she manages the Dollar General Store (Moriarty) page, the East Mountain Neighborhood Watch page and her son's (Dustin) race team page. She is in the process of updating our Facebook page and also adding a process to make donations. We are grateful to have someone like Karen who knows what she is doing!

6. WEB PAGE

Speaking of social media, our Webmaster, Bob Chestor, is in the process of also adding a DONATE button to enable us to accept donations on our Lobo Wing web page. Additionally, he is working on adding a STORE to the page so we can sell limited items on the internet.

7. FUNDRAISING

As of right now, the AT-11 **NEEDS** approximately another \$10,000 to finish the project. As always we are constantly thinking of ways to raise funds for our operation. If you have any ideas and/or would like to help with fundraising, please let me know (Cell 505-238-8021).

Thank you Dave for your thorough and concise report on the state of the Lobo Wing Unit.

If you have an ounce of compassion, volunteerism or a love/passion for historic airplanes, look no further, the Lobo Wing is in your future. When was the last time you visited Hangar 80 at the Moriarty Airport? We are open every Saturday from 10 am to 3 pm for a tour of our progress plus lots of airplane talk and amazing stories.

'Til next time.....

"REMEMBER, THE LOBO WING IS SMALL BUT
MIGHTY!"

Lobo Rose