

NEWSLETTER

Greetings to all!



Flagship Detroit over the Tarpon Springs, FL area during the EAA photo flight.

2007 Airshow Schedule

March 23-25 Florida International Airshow Punta Gorda, FL
[www.floridaairshow.com]

March 31-Apr 1 Macdill AFB Tampa, FL
[<http://www.macdillservices.com/>]

April 13-15 Heart of Florida Airshow Gainesville, FL
[www.heartoffloridaairshow.com]

June 10-11 Bagotville, Quebec Canada (CYBG) [www.SaiBagotville.com]

June 16-17 Wings over Pittsburgh, OH [www.WingsOverPittsburgh.com]

July 7-8 Thunder Over Michigan Ypsilanti, MI
[www.yankeeamuseum.org/airshow/]

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Flagship Detroit Foundation,

It is my distinct pleasure to bring you this first newsletter of the 2007 season as your new Foundation President.

First I want to take time to thank Captain George Dennis for his past three years of service as the President. George's vision and his tireless efforts have propelled this Foundation from a dream to one with nearly four hundred members. He will now move into his new role as Executive Director and oversee the day-to-day operations of the "Detroit." ***"THANK YOU, GEORGE!"***

Also, I would like to announce the addition of a new board member. Captain Cecil Ewell has agreed to come on board and work with me in fundraising and marketing. Need I say more? *(He also plans to train as a DC-3 pilot. In spite of his fighter background we expect to see a big smile on his face as he cruises along at 150 kts!)*

The Flagship Detroit represents American Airlines history. The "Detroit" is a tribute to all individuals who have been a part of this great airline. This year "Detroit" will once again be on the road participating in airshows throughout the United States and Canada.

Air Shows

The air show season will begin in less than a month. Show schedules are still being negotiated and the first part of the season should be pretty much completed in the next few weeks. The scheduled events and dates can be viewed on our web site (www.FlagshipDetroit.org.)



The shows are hard work and we have discovered that it takes 6-8 volunteers per day to manage the airplane and represent the Foundation at these appearances. We invite anyone that can help to review the calendar dates and determine which events work for you. Contact us as soon as possible with your preferences so we

can confirm a schedule for each show. Please keep in mind that we will be counting on your commitment to work the full weekend(s) that you choose. A volunteer form is available on the website calendar or you can email your preferences and contact information to Airshows@FlagshipDetroit.org.



The first show was at Punta Gorda, FL on the 23th-25th of March. We had a great turnout as fans flocked to the Flagship. And as a special treat, a wedding was held on board Detroit - the bride was a previous AA "Stewardess" that had actually worked on board the DC-3s. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Horvath! Come join in the fun at these events! It is a great way to meet people and help the Foundation at the same time.

New Members

I want to welcome all the new members that have joined the Flagship Detroit Foundation in 2006. We thank everyone for your generous financial support. Our Foundation is over 375 members strong now and we are looking forward to gaining many more new members this year.

Membership Renewals

During the recent Foundation Board meeting a decision was made to institute a policy of an annual membership renewal date of January 1st for all members regardless of the original month of membership application. A renewal page is available on the website (www.FlagshipDetroit.org/FSD/Renewals). Renewals are \$100 each year and you should send your check to Dave Buffington, P.O. Box 939, Colleyville, Texas 76034. Dave's e-mail is DC3Detroit@Mac.com.

We sincerely thank each member for your dedication and commitment to our Foundation. We're looking forward to seeing many of you on the airshow circuit this year!

Fly Safe!

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[Slideshow on the web](#)