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Happy New Year to our members and friends!



PREFLIGHT

Many of us would like to wind back the clock on the year 2008. We have all been affected by some aspect of the global situation. Despite the daily gloom that defines the morning TV news shows, the Flagship Detroit has persevered...but not without a handful of ups and downs.

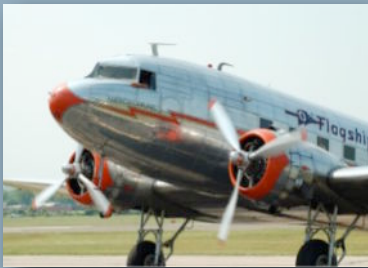
Thanks to the efforts of many talented volunteers, the Foundation has overcome the obstacles. The depth of our organization's human resources is incredible. George Dennis, our executive director and founder, is forever grateful to the people whose hard work helped make 2008 an overall success.



BEFORE TAKEOFF

Please don't forget to renew your membership! Tell a friend! The annual renewal is \$150. **And now a lifetime membership is available for only \$1000 !** Details on where to send your check are on the [website](#).





CRUISE

Here is a re-cap of 2008 Flagship Detroit events:

☀ **Miami station visit- American Airlines**

Fantastic attendance! Great weather. Many thanks to MIA employees.

☀ **Opa Locka Airport-Miami- Private Party**

DC-3 classy backdrop to the limousines.

☀ **Scottsboro, Alabama- Annual Fly-In**

Great fun! Heritage rides.

☀ **Shelbyville, Tennessee- Annual Fly-In**

DC-3 star of the show. Heritage rides.

☀ **Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma**

DC-3 on display military style.

☀ **St.Louis Station Visit- American Airlines**

Great attendance. Presented with new sponsors and a restored maintenance truck. Much gratitude to STL employees.



☀ **WASP Convention- Sweetwater, Texas**

Wonderful event. DC-3 used as transportation for attendees.



☀ **Vance Air Force Base- Enid, Oklahoma**

DC-3 afforded military honors again.

☀ **Sky Ball- Alliance Airport**

Great charity event! Another successful year!



New York station visits- JFK, LGA, EWR- American Airlines

DC-3 on display at terminals. Heritage flights. Many thanks to the employees that made the visits possible. Special thanks to LGA maintenance.

Danbury, Connecticut

Fall foliage visit. Crew rest at the Abend residence. Thanks to our old and new friends in Danbury.



Boston station visit- American Airlines

Heritage flight. Great attendance despite the cool temperatures and changing weather. Thanks to the BOS employees for coordinating the event. Fantastic clam chowder!

Nashville station visit- American Airlines

DC-3 on display again. Thanks to BNA employees.

DFW station visit- American Airlines

Another success! Thanks to all!



Landing

While the Detroit is resting comfortably at its winter home at the Alliance Airport, it is undergoing some much needed maintenance. Some of the highlights include new windscreens, a restored galley installation, and re-painting. In addition, other minor repairs are underway.

The 2009 season is taking shape as you read this newsletter. Please visit the website to check out the planned events. We always welcome your participation. Thanks for your interest and your support. Have a great 2009! See you soon.

For our pilots: DC-3 Ground School on February 4th at the AA Flight Academy.



Thanks to our photographers !!



All the best,
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