



# STALLION 51

## SUMMER 2016 NEWSLETTER



### **Berlin Express Award**

Berlin Express wins top honors at SNF 2016

“Berlin Express” North American P-51B won the coveted title of Warbird Grand Champion at SUN ‘n FUN 2016.

Distinguished by its Malcolm Hood canopy and wearing the markings for “Berlin Express,” Max Chapman’s P-51 is painted exactly like the 357th FG Mustang that legendary American ace Bill Overstreet flew under the Eiffel tower while successfully shooting down a Messerschmitt Me-109 in 1944.

Bill was honored at the Gathering of Mustang and Legends: The Final Round Up in 2007. He was also honored in 2009 for his World War II heroics when the French Ambassador presented him with the Legion of Honor, France’s highest award.

Berlin Express is currently being stored at Stallion 51 Flight Ops while being offered for sale.

For more information on purchasing the Berlin Express, please contact John Lauderback at (407) 846-4400 or at [John@stallion51.com](mailto:John@stallion51.com)

### **Mustang Corral and 30th Anniversary**

Stallion 51 hosted friends at SUN ‘n FUN 2016 in their Mustang Corral on the Warbird flight line surrounded by Mustangs from our base of operations in Kissimmee. The Mustang Corral included “Crazy Horse,” “Crazy Horse 2,” “Mad Max,” “The Little Witch” and SUN ‘n FUN 2016 Grand Champion Warbird “Berlin Express.”

The Mustang Corral was the place to be during the air shows, especially on Wednesday night and Saturday night when Lee flew his signature solo Mustang demo.

### **Flight Path of Fame**

Stallion 51’s Lee Lauderback received the Flight Path of Fame award at SUN ‘n FUN 2016! SUN ‘n FUN president John “Lites” Leenhouts presented Lee with the award on April 9 before the air show.

The inscription at the Flight Path of Fame reads, “Those who are recognized here have brought excitement and thrills to tens of thousands of aviation enthusiasts throughout the years at the SUN ‘n FUN International Fly-In & Expo. Their volunteer participation in this event has taken SUN ‘n FUN from a local fly-in to a world-class international event. SUN ‘n FUN salutes them for their support of our mission to preserve and enhance the future of flight through world-class events, inspiring and educating people of all ages.”

The Flight Path of Fame is located at the Vertical Riser, which is near the main entrance to SUN ‘n FUN. Past inductees include the AeroShell Aerobatic Team, John Mohr, Sean D. Tucker, Roscoe Morton, Patty Wagstaff, Bob Hoover, Freddy Cabanas and Jimmy Leeward.

### **Taylor Avery Flight**

On the opening day of SUN ‘n FUN, 18-year-old Taylor Avery had the experience of a lifetime when he had the chance to fly the P-51 “Crazy Horse” with Lee Lauderback.

Taylor is a senior at the Central Florida Aerospace Academy and was awarded the Mustang flight for his “hard work and high standards in his academic career.” Taylor is an Air Force ROTC cadet and plans to attend Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University after graduation. Taylor has also been awarded an Aerospace Center for Excellence (ACE) flight training scholarship, which helped him earn his private pilot license.

The ACE program gives ordinary students extraordinary futures by teaching them the skills needed to become the next generation of aviation professionals through their nationally recognized STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) program.

### **ACE Raffle**

Stallion 51 Corp., SUN ‘n FUN and Experience Kissimmee have teamed up to raffle off the Ultimate Aviation Vacation for a lucky person and their family to come to SUN ‘n FUN 2017 and experience the fun of Kissimmee, Florida.

All proceeds from the raffle will be used to support the ACE program, which is nationally recognized and honored for its STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) based aviation education programs. Anchored by the Central Florida Aerospace Academy, available programs include airframe and powerplant training, aircraft restoration and educational activities year round for students of all ages.

ACE is also the only high school in the world that has a Boeing 727 Jet on campus that is fully modified to be an interactive laboratory.

### **Angel Flight Winner**

Ben Rayl of Loudonville, Ohio, came to Stallion 51 Flight Ops at the Kissimmee Airport on May 9 to collect on his winning Mercy Flight SE raffle ticket—a hands-on P-51 Mustang flight!

Stallion 51 donated the experience of flying “Crazy Horse” to raise money for Mercy Flight Southeast, which provides free air transportation to adults and children who need to get to medical care far from home.

Congratulations Ben; it was great to share the cockpit with you!

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