

## Stallion 51 "FAST" Facts

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- ★ Stallion 51 Corporation was formed by Lee Lauderback and Douglas Schultz on March 24,1987 with the P-51 "Crazy Horse" and the help of Peter and Richard Lauderback of Stallion 51 Maintenance.
- ★Stallion 51 is a comprehensive aviation organization offering a wide range of services in historic aircraft including orientation flights in the legendary dual cockpit, dual control P-51 Mustang and historic T-6 Texan.
- ★Stallion 51 offers check-out and re-currency training, FAA Medical certification, aircraft sales and management.
- ★Lee Lauderback is the Chief Pilot and President. He has over 8000 hours in Mustangs making him the highest time P-51 pilot in history.
- ★ Lee Lauderback started flying at age 14 in gliders and has a total of 20,000 hours of flight time, which includes his seventeen years as chief pilot for professional golfer, Arnold Palmer.
- ★ Lee Lauderback can be seen at air shows all over the country in both his crowdpleasing solo Mustang routine and the USAF Heritage Flight program.
- ★ Stallion 51 Corporation's *Crazy Horse and Crazy Horse 2* were both built in 1944.
- ★They are two of approximately only 16 dual-cockpit/dual-control Mustangs in existence that offer the opportunity for pilots and non-pilots alike to fly a P-51 Mustang.

- ★The P-51 Mustang was built by North American Aviation (NAA) and produced in their factories in Inglewood, California and Dallas, Texas.
- ★ The North American Aviation Mustang Prototype was first flown on October 26, 1940. The revolutionary aircraft engineering design, from conception to completion, was accomplished in 120 days.
- **★**The Merlin powered XP-51B fighter was test flown November 30, 1942.
- **★**There 16,776 P-51 Mustangs produced in various models.
- ★ P-51's Maximum speed is approximately 438 mph, gross weight 10,000 lbs, range 500-1000 miles with drop tanks.
- ★ The P-51D model with the "bubble" canopy and Rolls Royce Merlin 1490 horsepower engine was the most widely produced variant of the Mustang and built in the Inglewood, California plant.
- ★ The Mustang was the first single-engine fighter based in Britain with the range to escort and protect the bombers all the way to Nazi, Germany and home again. The bomber crews called them their "Little Friends".
- ★The P-51D was armed with six 50 cal. Browning machine guns with a total of 1880; 400 rounds each inboard and 270 rounds each outboard.



- ★ Crazy Horse and Crazy Horse 2 were converted to North American/Cavalier dual-cockpit standards.
- ★ Crazy Horse and Crazy Horse 2 wear the authentic colors of the 48<sup>th</sup> Fighter Squadron, 352<sup>nd</sup> Fighter Group, 8<sup>th</sup> Air Force at Asche, Belgium, 1945.
- ★ The 352<sup>nd</sup> Fighter Squadron was known as the "Blue Nose Bastards of Bodney". Major George Preddy Jr. was the highest scoring P-51 Mustang Ace with 27.5 aerial victories.
- ★ P-51 Mustangs flew in both the Pacific and European theaters. After WWII the P-51 served in the air forces of more than 55 nations.
- ★The last Mustang retired from US service in 1978. The last Mustang retired from foreign service was in 1984 by the Dominican Republic Air Force.
- ★ P-51 accounted for almost half of the enemy aircraft destroyed in Europe during WWII.
- ★ P-51 was re-designated as the F-51 during the Korean War. The F-51 was retained by reserve units until 1957.

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