

PEACHSTATE AERODROME



LOCATED IN WILLIAMSON, GEORGIA

JUST A FEW MILES SOUTH OF METRO ATLANTA



WHERE OLD AEROPLANES NEVER DIE!

PEACH STATE AERODROME NEWSLETTER

January, 2007

Rare Curtiss Challenger Engine Donated to Candler Field Museum

David Watkins of Atlanta, Georgia donated a valuable piece of history to the Candler Field Museum. Three large crates were delivered to Peach State containing a rare 1920's vintage Curtiss Challenger engine. When the crates were opened, all the engine pieces were wrapped in newspaper dated September 1943. The engine is complete and will be reassembled for display at the museum.



*Here's a look inside one of the crates revealing the case of the
six cylinder radial engine.*



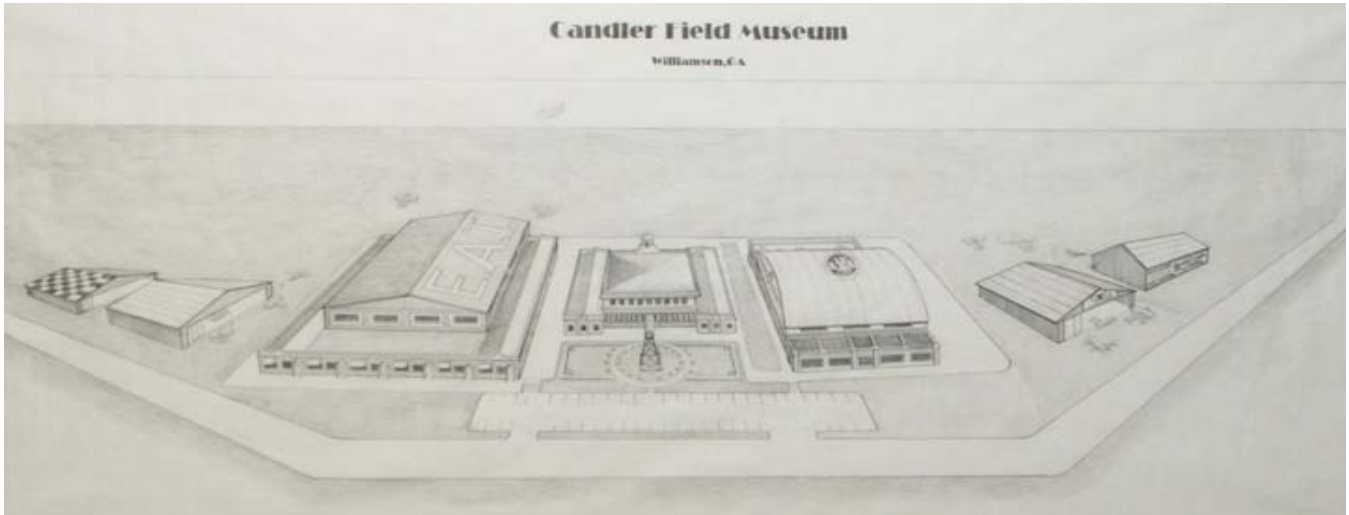
The original engine data plate.



Mr. Watkins also donated a 1920's vintage pair of 30 X 5 wheels and brakes. The museum is very grateful for the generous donation and we look forward to putting the parts to good use.

Artist Creates Rendition of Candler Field Museum

Professional artist Phil Karli of Lebanon, Pennsylvania just completed a detailed drawing of the Candler Field Museum. This drawing was made to illustrate what Candler Field Museum will look like in several years.



The first building to be constructed will be the American Airways hangar. Inside the building will be a 1930's era restaurant, the Jack Barbery Research Library, a gift shop and restoration center.



American Airways hangar as it existed in the early 1930's. Our restaurant will be located on the top side of the picture - with a deck overlooking the airport.

PEACH STATE AIRPARK

The Peach State Airpark is in the final stages of development. The water line has *finally* been installed and connected from Williamson, Georgia. We will be turning on the water to the airpark within about a week. Three lots have been closed and four more are now ready for closing. I am expecting the first structure to be built within the next couple of months. The entry way building and gates remain to be completed. All in all, it has not taken an excessive amount of time to complete the project. The ground was broken in June of 2006. Not too bad for a project of this size. We also have a nice informational brochure for mailing. If you would like a copy or any additional information please call 770-467-9490 or email Ron Alexander at ronalexander@mindspring.com. Also, you will find information on our website www.peachstateaero.com.

A TYPICAL DECEMBER DAY AT PEACH STATE

Our weather conditions for the month of December have been good. We have had several warm days allowing us to fly our open cockpit airplanes. Many of us have taken full advantage of the weather as you can see from the pictures that follow. Most of these were taken in mid December.



A gathering on Saturday for lunch.



More enthusiasts on the same day.

THE CUB THAT BUILT FIVE YOUNG MEN

By Jon Goldenbaum



of C-47 flight controls for the Riverside Commemorative Air Force.

Four years ago the Wathen Foundation, located at Flabob Airport in Riverside, California started a program to teach aircraft restoration skills to former gang members from the local neighborhood. Five young men were introduced to aircraft restoration under the tutelage of local Flabob experts; their first project was the complete repair and recovery of a set

Following that project they took on the complete restoration of a flyable but slightly weary J-3 Cub owned by Tom Wathen . The promise was that those who stayed with the program and successfully returned the Cub to the air could eventually learn to fly in it. As with most restoration projects, the work took far longer than planned as the magnitude of the restoration grew.

Restoration chief Ken Brown, A&P- IA, worked with the boys daily for almost a year, then the young men turned their new skills on to other projects. Since then they have restored and covered five additional aircraft, and three of the boys are now employed full time in aviation. The airplane recently went through final rigging and assembly by young Flabob A&P Justin Taylor who is now off to USAF pilot training. On Christmas day, 2006, the Cub flew a hands-off test flight with no problems, and as promised, immediately went to work training brothers Hualdo and Leandro Mendoza to fly.

For additional information on the activities at Flabob Airport please go to www.flabob.org.

The Flabob restoration team pictured with a Funk that they restored.



OLD RHINEBECK AERODROME



This picture was taken at the Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome located in Rhinebeck, New York. It was taken during the last airshow of the 2006 season (October). Volunteers and staff are pictured. If you would like more information on the Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome and museum please go to www.olderhinebeck.org. The museum has one of the most complete collections of antique airplanes and automobiles in the world. The Aerodrome is located about a 2 hour drive north of New York City. It is certainly worth a visit this coming summer.

CANDLER FIELD AIRSHOW- 1928



This picture was given to me by Zeny Williams, a friend of Bonnie Rowe, Jr. It is an aerial view of Candler Field with a major air event in progress. The picture was taken in 1928 by Bonnie Rowe, Sr. Quite a collection of airplanes and automobiles. Wouldn't we love to have these aeroplanes and automobiles today.

2007 FLY-IN SCHEDULE

We have finalized our schedule of events for 2007. Please post these dates on your calendar and plan to be with us.

May 19 - Antique airplane and antique automobile show - all types of aircraft welcome

June 30 - Ice cream social

September 22 - 70 mph Fly-In - all aircraft in the Cub, Champ, Taylorcraft, etc. category

November 10 - Veteran's Day celebration

We are hopeful that all events will be held in the new Candler Field Museum building that is currently in the planning stages. Watch our website for any changes www.peachstateaero.com

If anyone sees a major conflict in our schedule with another major event or fly-in, please email ronalexander@mindspring.com with details.