

Happy New Year!!

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One Hell Of A Hangar Party!



It was a Holiday Party to remember and if the smiles on everyone's faces was any indication we will be back at the Airpower Museum again next year! The goal is to make this the aviation event of the season so the Holiday Party Committee of **Nick Zirolì, Mike Cifelli, Sean Martens, John Caccavale, and POTBAS John Bianco** pulled out all the stops with a live '40s swing band "*Fleur Seule*," the "*Honey Tap*" dancers floor show, great food from the Parkville Deli in Sayville, and to top it off a snow machine raining on the dance floor compliments of Sean Martens! For more, turn to page: 6

General Membership Meetings:

- **NO MEETINGS JAN OR FEB !!**
- MARCH 5TH 2017
- APRIL 2ND 2017
- MAY 7TH 2017
- JUNE 4TH 2017
- JULY 2ND 2017
- AUGUST 6TH 2017
- SEPTEMBER 3RD 2017

Hangar Application Waiting List:

BOB ALONSO	1
JOSH TEFEL	2
JOHN CACCAVALE	3
ELLIOTT RODGERS	4
NICK MERCOURIS	5
PAIL PILIPSHEN	6
JOHN MANFREDI	7
BEN BIANCO	8
SEAN MARTENS	9
STEVE POLIS	10
JIM CEAR	11
BOB SENDEROFF	12

From The President's Desk:



Our holiday party was a great success and I hope everybody had a good time. The best forty's outfit goes to our own editor and reporter, Bob Mott. There are a few people I would like to thank. First, Jeff and Jackie Clyman for the generous use of their museum and the gift of the flight jacket. Nick Zirolì whose idea it was in the first place, Mike Cifelli who arranged the

food, John Caccavali who got all the ice and beverages, Sean Martens who arranged the entertainment, and finally the set up and cleanup crew. Thank you to all!

On another note, I had a discussion with the Commissioner of Aviation at Islip, Shelly LaRose Arkin, and she feels there are too many unauthorized vehicles on airport property. They are going to change the gate code periodically. If you don't



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From The President's Desk Continued :

have an airplane here or lease a hanger then leave your car in the parking lot. If you do have a hanger please don't drive on the grass.

I hope the upcoming year is as great a success as 2016 was for us. As always I am open to all ideas, suggestions, and complaints. Remember if you see something do something!

Sincerely, *John Bianco*



Dancing in the snow at the Holiday Party, story on page 6.

Quote of the Month:

*"For last year's words belong to last year's language
And next year's words await another voice.
And to make an end is to make a beginning."*

-T.S. Eliot

Get Your Angel Wings Here!!

New member and recently soloed N3N pilot **Jim Cear** also volunteers for *Angel Flight North East*. He is kindly offering BAS members an opportunity to fly right seat on one of his Angle Flights in his Bonanza. Flights will be VFR or IFR and will depart from Gabreski Airport in West Hampton. Flights are usually within 300nm and may make stops at big class bravo airports. If you are interested in big airport ops in a small plane, come on along!

You can contact Jim by email at: dadc130@yahoo.com



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Board Of Directors Appointments

As per our Constitution the elected officials of the board of directors have to fill two out of four appointed positions each year, with each sucker, I mean person, serving a two year hitch (2017-18). This year the positions of Plans and Programs and Membership director where up. Two members threw their hats in the ring for the first time this year but the incumbents were not done slaving, I mean serving, the membership, and were re-appointed for another two years. Condolences, I mean congratulations, and welcome back to Plans and Programs Director **Fred Schmukler** and Membership Director **Sean Martens**.

Special Thanks:

To the "Executive Producer" of the Holiday Party, Sean Martens, for talent scouting the band, the dancers, and providing the snow effects and dance floor that made for a very memorable evening!



Flight Jacket Raffle Winner: John Donacea

John Dona- who??? Was the question on everyone's lips at the Holiday Party When Treasurer Nick Zirolu announced the winner at the drawing for the jacket. He won one nice leather flight jacket courtesy of **Jeff & Jacky Clyman** of the **Airpower Museum, The Cockpit USA**, and **Nick Zirolu**. That's him smiling like a Cheshire cat with his brand new jacket. Maybe next year he will actually show up to the party, the nerve....



Work On Hangar 23 Has Begun!

After the membership voted to allocate funds towards sprucing up the museum hangar the board got busy getting a few estimates on the work. Contractor Frank Clemente was selected and work has begun so please excuse the mess if you visit. As you can see by the photos new T-111 paneling is going up along with all new electrical lines to support the new coffee station and frige and freezer locations. There will also be a slop sink with fresh water and a new storage closet. Work is on schedule to be done before March but the new Epoxy floor will have to wait until it warms up this spring.





ROUND & ABOUT THE AERODROME:

The Santa Squadron Strikes Again

On the morning of Saturday December 4th, prior to the Holiday Party, our intrepid aviators braved the cold windy day to hold up an 80 year aviation tradition of dropping presents by air to lighthouse keepers for Christmas. Although nobody lives in lighthouses anymore the tradition still lives on and is celebrated locally by about 400 people who gather at the Long Island Lighthouse each year and wait for Santa Clifford to circle



Photos Courtesy of Anmarie Bain



down and (attempt) to drop off a symbolic gift by parachute.

This year much revamping and testing of the ACPLD (Automatic Christmas Present launching device) was conducted by R/C specialist Nick Zirolì and the guys at his shop. It was discovered however that more testing will be needed in future...

Over the lighthouse Bombardier Elf Dave Wigley hit the switch at the appropriate upwind moment only for the ordinance to hang up in the bomb bay! It finally did release while downwind and the spectators got a great view of the present while it floated away...toward England.

Meanwhile the biplane boys of Bayport kept the airspace around the lighthouse clear flying top cover. It was led by President Bianco with wingmen Zirolì, Cifelli, Fritts and Cear, while one lone Cessna piloted by Mott & Mularadelis acted as the spotter plane for flying Santa and his Elf.

All in all another semi-successful mission for Santa and his merry band of aviators!



Santa Clifford and bombardier Elf Dave Wigley



Below: Ordinance is cocked and locked...



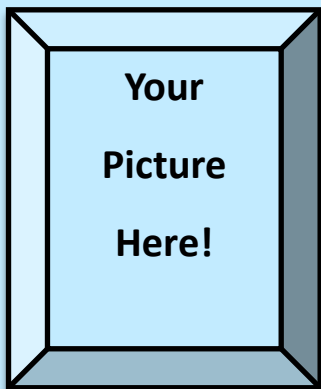


Round & About The Aerodrome Continued:



Drivers Ed BAS Style: Newly soloed N3N jockey *Jim Cear* is seen here practicing the art of moving his bi-winged behemoth in and out of the hangar with the preferred tools of the trade. Loaned by POTBAS Bianco for training complete with "constructive criticism."

Members, We Want Your Stories!



Do you have a personal aviation related story or cartoon you have always wanted to get down on paper? Well, here is your chance! The "staff" at the *Eaglet* are interested in publishing your aviation stories. The stories don't have to be true, and the art doesn't have to be a Monet!, it just has to be printable. Have a great idea for a monthly column? even better!!!

Send your ideas via email, snail mail, phone, or headlock to the staff, I mean **Bob Mott**, at *The Eaglet* and you may be on your way to newsletter stardom!

THERE I WAS... OUT OF
ALTITUDE, AIRSPEED
AND IDEAS!...



Postcards From The... 2016 HOLIDAY PARTY



Story By: R.H. "Scoop" Mott

Tired of the same old holiday party at a different restaurant each year the party committee of Treasurer Nick Ziroli, V.P. Mike Cifelli, Membership Director Sean Martens, John Cacavale, and President Bianco tried to kick this years party up a notch, and from what this reporter saw it was kicked up and out of the park! If you were not there dear member you missed a memorable event!

It all started when Nick found out that Jeff & Jacky Clyman of the American Airpower Museum offered us the use of their museum for our holiday party! We then decided on a 1940's theme to suit the location, Mike found us a great caterer, Sean provided all the entertainment, and the rest as they say was history!



Sean "Magnum" Martens & Tre "Tex" Whitt



JC "Rosie" Follender and the "Honey Taps"



John "FDR" Bianco



Gene "Heff" Leavy and the "Honey Taps"



Dazzling Dishes

"Classy" Connie & "Crash" Clifford



Guest of Honor Commissioner Shelly LaRose Arkin



Mike "Smilin' Jack" Cifelli



Mr. & Mrs. "Pappy" Bain, Mercedes "Gams" Cavalleri, Ryan "Jr. Birdman" DeMita, & Mike "Mad Dog" DeMitta



Shane "Slim" Sampson & Nurse Jessica



"Caw Caw" Caccavale, "Frisky" Bob Fritts, & Josh "Junior Falcon" Tefel



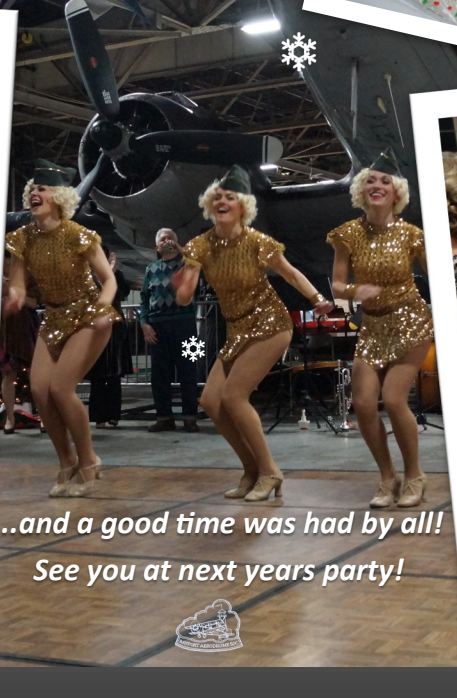
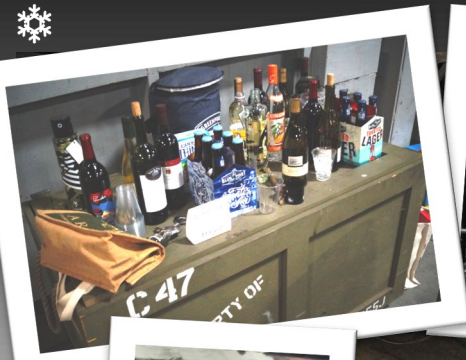
Eileen "The First Lady" Bianco and the Collins sisters



The Honey Taps



"Fast" Freddy Schumkler, Joe "The Fixer" Cannizzarow, "Diamond" Jim Mularadelis



...and a good time was had by all!
See you at next years party!

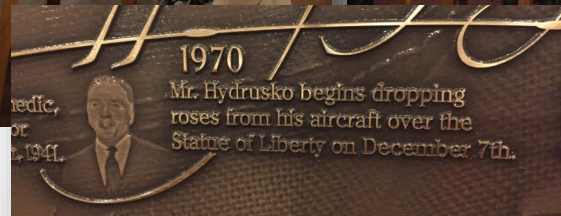
Commodore Ziroli & his wife

Noah "Bogey" Lennon



Long Island Air Force Association

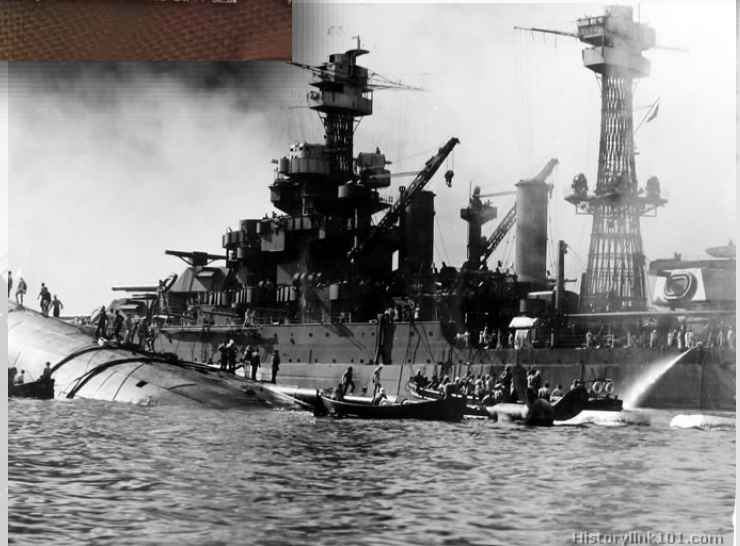
Special Pearl Harbor Plaque Dedication Ceremony December 4th



The BAS was invited to attend a special dedication ceremony that

centered around a charter member of the Society and the infamous attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941. **Joseph Hydrusko** was a sailor on the hospital ship USS Solace that morning 75 years ago. Skipping a launch he picked up many wounded sailors after the battle and later armed with an air chisel he helped free 24 trapped sailors from the capsized USS Oklahoma (see pic at right). After the war Joe learned to fly, joined the Antiquers, and became charter member #39 of the BAS.

Haunted by the attack and the memories of the 249 sailors who did not make it out of the Oklahoma, Joe began flying over the



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Statue of Liberty in 1970 and dropped 29 roses, one for every year since the attack. A tradition the Antiquers continued after his untimely death when Joe's Stinson 108 caught fire and he was fatally burned. The tradition continues to this day through the Airpower Museum and the Geico Skytypers who dropped 75 roses this year.

To memorialize this tradition Bill Stratemeier of the Long Island Chapter of the Air Force Association raised the funds for a bronze plaque that was unveiled on December 4th at the Hicksville VFW post. Jim Mularadelis, Fred Schmukler, and Bob Mott attended and were proud to relate to the gathering what they knew of Joe and of the many flights around the Statue of Liberty flown by Bayport pilots. The plaque will be on permanent display in the American Airpower Museum in the near future.



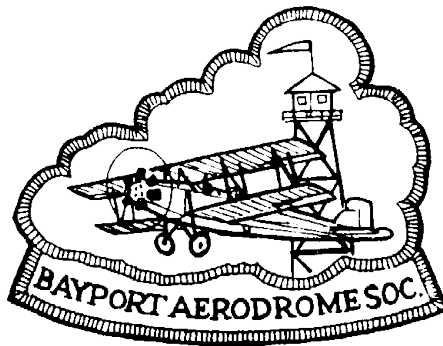
Pearl Harbor survivor, Charter Member #39 of the BAS, and AACGNY Joe Hydrusko preparing to drop the roses.



BAS Calendar of Events 2017 T.B.A.

NOTE: LIEF Meetings are held on the second Sunday of every Month.

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These include Bi-Planes, Champs, Cubs and others.

The Bayport Aerodrome Society was formed in 1975 and its membership is composed of aviation professionals, recreational pilots, and people interested in preserving aviation history.

By offering tours of the Aerodrome as well as various Social Events, our members share their passion for aviation with the community.

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