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Warbird Museum Tour by Norm Beaudette

Dave O'Malley's vision is to have the Tri-State Warbird Museum emerge as one of the area's 3 major educational attractions. His emphasis is on educating and exposing today's young men and women to the character, sacrifices and daily lives, in combat and on the home front, of the men and women who were their age, or not much older, during World War II.

Chapter members were treated to a private tour of the new Tri-State Warbird Museum as part of the April chapter meeting. Museum founder Dave O'Malley addressed the meeting with his vision of the museum's purpose. Diane Redlich, the museum's administrative manager, was on hand to greet members as they arrived.

The entrance to the museum features a changeable exhibit area depicting life in an Air Force barracks, complete with authentic period artifacts. To the right of the entrance is a moderate size lecture area and classroom where we held our meeting. There are offices upstairs - but the main attraction is straight ahead through a wall of glass looking into the hangar, and the warbirds.

Museum warbirds on display include Dave's own beautifully restored 1944 AT-6 Texan, "Tweety", and P-51D Mustang, "Cincinnati Miss", as well as a fully restored B-25 Mitchell bomber and a TBM-3 Avenger torpedo bomber. The Avenger was the first aircraft to carry 22 inch torpedoes. Its 1726 hp Wright Cyclone engine produced enough thrust to pull the airplane to a cruise speed of 276 mph and a ceiling of just over 30,000 ft. All 4 restored aircraft are airworthy. A gloomy-looking but structurally sound FG-1D Corsair sits in the hangar awaiting years of

dedicated restoration ahead. The aircraft was used in the TV series "Black Sheep Squadron", back in the late 1970's. Dave expects to have it in shape comparable to the 4 other aircraft. Given what they saw at the museum, no one doubted that would happen.

The far side of the 20,000 sq ft hangar houses the restoration shop and tool area as well as lots of upstairs storage space.

The museum also has a library of magazines, books and videos that highlight military aviation history.

The museum is only a few short weeks from its dedication and grand opening, which will feature World War II veteran pilot Tom Griffin, who flew with Jimmy Doolittle on his infamous bombing raid on Tokyo (in Mitchell B-25s).

The museum will host an open house on Saturday, May 14th, the same day that Sporty's will be hosting its 2005 Fly-In.

More information about the museum can be found at www.tri-statewarbirdmuseum.org, the museum's web site. Museum staff are looking for volunteers to help them out.

Tri-State Warbird Museum Photos



Visit the museum at www.tri-statewarbirdmuseum.org

