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QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER
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ATLANTA, GEORGIA

DECEMBER 2010

NEXT MEETING: 15 FEBRUARY 2011 (LUNCH)

Speaker – TBD

Location – Ft. McPherson, The Commons

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RSVP to Don NLT 10 FEB...!!!

NEW FLIGHT OFFICERS: Outgoing Flight Captain Bill Rial introduced newly elected Flight Officers and Committee Chairs at our December **Christmas** meeting. They are: Flight Captain – Brad Wright; Vice Flight Captain – Clint Johnson; Adjutant – John Kennedy; Provost Marshall – Joe Richards; Assistant Treasurer – John Weinig. Remaining as Treasurer – Ron Harris, and Flight Chaplain – Hamp Wideman. New Committee Chairs: Raffle Chairman – Duane Paggen; Program Chairman – Don Myers.

VOLUNTEERS: We owe a huge **Thank You** to each Flight Officer and Committee Chair volunteer. Show your appreciation with a handshake for them at the next meeting. We are an active and growing Flight. This only happens when members raise their hand to help make our Flight better. There is room for each member to contribute – Just do it!

2010 IN REVIEW: Take the time to thank yourself and fellow Daedalians for another great year. We must have this gig figured out, as each meeting brings more attendees and new members. We didn't do a bad job achieving our 2010 goals either:

- ✓ **New Flight Captain – Done!**
- ✓ **Complete website's "Previous Meetings" archive – 70% complete.**
- ✓ **Conduct "Northside & Southside" meeting – Done!**
- ✓ **Contact 10 "lost wingmen" – no official stats here; at least 10 contacted.**
- ✓ **Reach 100 Flight memberships – Done!!!!**
- ✓ **Develop website Flight Roster with bio/photo – project started.**

Our accomplished goals are impressive. However, the most significant achievement is our increased membership. We are extremely proud to have inducted 20 new members in 2010. We can better that number in 2011. Bring a prospective member guest to each meeting! Just do it!

2011 SPECIAL MEETINGS: In addition to our **FEB**, **APR**, and **JUN** meetings, we are arranging two special meetings this year:

- **AUG** – Warner Robins, GA – **Museum of Aviation** <http://www.museumofaviation.org/>
 - In '09, 39th Eagle Flight in Warner Robins played host to our Flight and 58th Gator Flight of Moody AFB for the first ever "Joint Tri-Flight" meeting. (See our website's "Previous Meetings" tab) The meeting was held at the Museum of Aviation and was

such a great success, the three Flights agreed to make this a biennial event. We will announce a specific August date soon. For now, plan to enjoy a great visit with fellow Daedalians from three Flights while enjoying one of the country's greatest aviation museums. A great trip for family and friends as well.

- **OCT** – Peachtree City, GA – **CAF Dixie Wing** <http://dw.squawk1200.net/>
 - Our October meeting will be a “Southside” meeting at the Commemorative Air Force Dixie Wing in Peachtree City. Visit the CAF website and get a taste of this outstanding venue. We are also organizing plane rides in RVs for this event. What’s an RV? <http://www.vansaircraft.com/public/models.htm>
- **DEC** – Annual **Christmas** Dinner – **Location TBD**
 - Our December meetings are now a fantastic tradition. Go ahead and admit it – you are going to attend this one. In fact, start helping the Flight Officers find a good central location for the dinner. Give your inputs to Program Chairman Don Myers; dmyers80@hotmail.com ;770-631-1429.

With only six meetings a year and figuring about 4hrs/meeting, you think you could afford 24hrs dedicated to your Daedalian Flight in 2011? Of course you can. Just do it.

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GEORGIA DRIVERS LICENSE: If you did not know... qualified veterans are eligible for a free driver's license. Several websites explain the details. Bottom Line: The license of any veteran holding a valid license or ID, which expires at age 65, will remain valid. Once veterans reach age 65, they must renew their driver's licenses (at no cost) every five (5) years. Confused? Try this site: <http://sdvs.georgia.gov/portal/site/Sdvs>

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT UPDATE: We need to remind our scholarship recipients to keep us updated on their ‘pursuit of military aviation’. We do get periodic updates from our first recipient, Rich Schanda. He is doing great. In fact Rich was visiting Peachtree City recently and enjoyed an RV 2-ship formation flight in Bill Rial’s RV-8A. Rich will finish UPT’s “first track” at Pensacola in February. After flying with Bill, he is sure to finish “Top Stick” in his class!