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MEETINGS

FIRST
SATURDAY OF
THE MONTH
AT 11AM

NO MEETINGS
JULY/AUGUST

NEXT MEETING:
JUNE 10th

EMERGENCY
CALLS FROM
OUR FIELD

352-485-5111

2023 WISE OWLS

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BRET MARTIN
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INSTRUCTORS

WORK DAY AT THE OWL'S FACILITY

A work day was held to repair the club house wall. Participants were Rick, Alex, George, Bert, Fernando, Ron, Tim, Dave, and Ron. Ron is a new member and jumped in to help on day one.



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PICTURES FROM TOP GUN 2023

Bert went to Top Gun 2023 in Lakeland and brought back some delicious eye candy to share! There's also a highlights video here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w62wk4cNGP8&authuser=0>



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WWII FIGHTER HISTORY FROM BERT

North American P-51D Mustang

Flown by Lt. Urban L. Drew; 373rd FS, 361st FG, Little Walden/England, 7 October 1944.
76 combat sorties, 6 victories in air combat plus one on the ground. Destroyed 11 locomotives.



North American P-51D-10 Mustang - 44-14164 E2-D



Among one of the most famous fighters of World War II, the P-51 Mustang has its roots in both Britain and the USA. More history at <http://www.aviation-history.com/north-american/p51.html>

Above shown is the FMS 1700mm P-51D Mustang assembled from spare parts and completely repainted.

Here shown is the real P-51 Mustang (E2-D, serial number 44-14164) nicknamed "Detroit Miss" of the 361st Fighter Group at Little Walden, England.





1st Lt. Urban L. Drew of 14652 Hazelridge Ave., Detroit, Mich., after he landed at his Eighth Air Force fighter base Oct. 7.

1st Lt. Urban L. Drew became the first AAF pilot to shoot down two of the Luftwaffe's twin-jet propelled ME-262's.

On a mission in early October 1944, Drew was grounded for performing a victory roll. His punishment was repealed when intelligence reported Me 262s near Brux and Drew, with prior experience of the aircraft, was tasked with leading the mission. He was awarded the Air Force Cross for heroism. The Detroit pilot spotted the enemy aircraft from 15,000 feet. He did not know they were jet-propelled planes at the time. He waited until they got into the air and then sent his P-51 Mustang into a 450 m.p.h. dive after them. Lt. Drew got the first one with a short burst and a few seconds later hit the leader. The latter jettisoned his canopy, rolled over and exploded sending up a large column of smoke. At the same time Lt. Drew looked back to see his first victim explode in a brilliant red flame reaching a thousand feet down to the ground. The Me-262s were flying about 200 m.p.h. when Lt. Drew caught them. Lt. Drew flies a plane called "Detroit Miss" and has shot down four Nazis and destroyed one on the ground previously.