

# CLASSIC

The background of the cover features three Spitfires flying in a descending line against a clear blue sky. The top Spitfire is a dark blue Israeli model with yellow wing stripes and a white and red roundel on the fuselage. The middle and bottom Spitfires are dark blue with red and white roundels. The word 'WINGS' is written in red, italicized letters across the top of the 'CLASSIC' title.

## WINGS

Vol 19 No. 2  
2012 Issue 85

**ISRAELI  
SPITFIRES**

**MONOSPORT  
SOLE SURVIVOR**

**YAK-3  
RESTORED**

**AIRSHOW  
REPORTS**

USA \$8.50 CAN \$10.60



## CAUDRON TO FLY

A rare 1930s Caudron C-510 Bilecan high-wing four-seat cabin monoplane is due for restoration to airworthiness in Sweden following nearly 60 years of storage. The aircraft, 7338/48, was built in 1937 and registered as F-ACWC. Flown to Sweden in May of that year it became SE-AGA thereafter. Fitted out as an aerial ambulance, being, in part, paid for by the Swedish Red Cross, the Caudron was also used for air experience flights. Unable to fly during the war years due to a private flying ban, the aircraft would eventually be obtained by the Linköping Aero Club in 1951, being named 'Agnes'. A number of civilian owners followed, before the certificate of airworthiness was revoked in February 1958. Thereafter acquired by the now defunct Silver Hill Automobile Museum at Östings, it was purchased by its current owner in 2002. It is hoped that a complete restoration to flight status will be initiated in the near future for this unique survivor.



Jim Hooper



## DAKOTA DISPLAY

On 5th May, Milan based Volandia opened its new Commercial Aviation display cen-

tered on the immediate DC-3, 1-440E. Underneath the Italian registration applied for its ferry flight from Perugia to Malpensa there lurks

a storied RAF Dakota IV, which served in South East Asia and Malaysia in 1952 before returning to 24 Sqn in England in 1947 and becoming G-AMSR five years later. After 40 years in Africa under various flags, it returned to Europe as G-AZL in 1994. It proved too difficult to operate in this environment and was stored with air taxi company Air Umbria for 16 years, fortunately in excellent condition. It was purchased by Volandia in 2010, subject to it being delivered by air. After various bureaucratic hurdles this was accomplished on 11th April. Any photos of it in RAF markings would be appreciated. Thanks to Gregory Alaji

## PARDUE PASSES

Well respected warbird personality Howard Pardue was killed shortly after take-off from Breckenridge airfield, Texas on 4th April, whilst flying his XF8F-1 Bearcat, N1148R. He was 77. Pardue logged more than 11,000 hours in a flying career which included service in the U.S. Marine Corps, with a tour as a Naval Training Command pilot instructor. He was selected by the Navy to participate in Legacy Flights in which front line Navy fighters are paired in flight with historic aircraft. A 29 year veteran of the Reno Air Races, Pardue had a long history flying warbirds and supporting the warbird community in general, so it is no surprise that he will be sorely missed on many levels, not least by the large number of pilots whom Howard mentored or inspired.

Doug Blair



Ulrichsen &amp; Langley

## TANTE JU CELEBRATION

On the 27th April, well known Junkers Ju 52, D-AQUI, began its 2012 flying season, which marks her 75th birthday. The iconic aircraft has an interesting history. After being in service with Lufthansa for only a few months in 1936/1937, D-AQUI was sold to a Norwegian airline, however it would return to Lufthansa service during the war. The Junkers returned to Norway in 1945 - where it would serve for a decade until sold to an Ecuadorian airline in 1957.

There it carried passengers and freight until 1963. Thereafter the aircraft became derelict, languishing at Quito airport. Rescued by an American in 1969 it was moved to the US and overhauled in 1976, being fitted with Pratt & Whitney engines. Purchased by Lufthansa in 1984 the aircraft is now the centre piece of the Lufthansa Foundation, carrying around 10,000 passengers every year, and is scheduled to undertake around 300 flights this season.