

Cascade Warbirds Member Meeting

8 November 2025, Museum of Flight

Meeting called to order at 10:05 by CO Dave Desmon

30 members and guests present

Our annual meeting with election of directors will be in January. Contact the board or nominating committee directly to stand to serve your fellow members and keep CWB going into the future! New board members bring new ideas and spread the load.

Responding to member input, an April meeting will be held in 2026. Room locations for the 2026 meetings will vary within the Museum – Jan: Education Annex A (small buildings north of the museum near the airport fence), Feb: North View Lounge (upstairs overlooking main exhibit hall), Mar/Apr: Red Barn Classroom (downstairs).

As always, if you have suggestions for a future meeting presenter or alternate location (such as visiting a location), contact Dave Desmon.

Budget requests are due to the Finance Officer by December. If you have one or wish to recommend an idea to the board, please contact Fred or a board member ASAP.

As we do every November, each veteran present was recognized and spoke about their time in military service.

Reservations are being taken for the 2026 Roswell air races. Two front row boxes are available (first is full) and CWB has a special rate (\$215/night) at a local hotel, roughly half the price some charged this year. Contact Fred to reserve your place.

Dan Shoemaker presented about being a pylon judge in recent years at Reno and Roswell. It's hard work but a fun way to see the races, contribute to their success, and get really close to the action. There are opportunities to volunteer as a judge – they are looking to significantly expand the team.

Kerry Edwards announced a new order for CWB branded flight suit style leather name patches. Contact him for details.

New member and air show performer (SIAI-Marchetti SF.260) Drew Blase presented about his time flying the U-2 in the Air Force. His USAF history included the B-52, B-2, JTAC on

loan to the Army, King Airs in Afghanistan, and the U-2. His excellent presentation on a unique and uniquely capable (and uniquely quirky) airframe was very well-received.

Our annual Christmas Party will be held Saturday, Dec. 13. Dinner reservations are \$65, due to Fred ASAP. CWB has a group rate on rooms at the hotel that night.

Dave Desmon is again coordinating Oshkosh house reservations. Contact him to reserve a spot – one house is booked but the second has space.

Adjourned 12:50.