

Fierce Grummans fly at Kalamazoo air zoo

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You'll notice that the Warhawk pictured on the museum's brochure has a female pilot, Sue Parish, a grandmother and one of the museum's co-founders. Parish, a World War II pilot, flew military planes from factory to bases.

NOT ALL the planes in the collection are on view. In the museum's restoration center, "new" old planes are disassembled, meticulously researched and restored with new skins, wiring, etc.

Their future includes flight. At 2:00 p.m. daily during the summer (weather permitting) one of these veterans rolls onto the runway and roars into the air. If you want to see a particular plane in its natural element, try calling ahead to see when it's scheduled to fly.

The museum has engines, uniforms, model planes, vintage photos and memorabilia from both sides of the battle. Dioramas depict air, ground and sea forces in action together. The Veterans of Guadalcanal organization has an exhibit displaying a collection of maps, clippings, photographs and personal diaries.

Visitors can sit in a Link Trainer, see aviation films in a small theater and purchase books, models and T-shirts in the gift shop.

AIB SHOW

"The museum's imminent air show has long been

one of the most popular air events in the nation. Aging warbirds fly, modern jets soar in precision aerobatics and daredevils walk on wings.

The show commemorates the 50th anniversary of the United States entry into World War II with a mock air battle between U.S. fighters and a Mitsubishi Zero replica.

A flying salute to World War II veterans, the show will also pay tribute to the men and women of operation Desert Storm. Proceeds will go to programs for military families and the Kalamazoo High on Heroes Fund.

ON TAP for the event is the U.S. Army Golden Knights skydiving team, set to perform a Saturday twilight show amid fireworks and flares. Also scheduled are the Coors Light Silver Bullet Jet Team, Showcat wingwalking, aerobatics and "Fireflight," the Pepsi Skydance and Skywriter and more.

A special feature of the air show is the "Flight of the Grumman Cats" whereby the museum's Wildcat, Hellcat, Bearcat and Tigercat whiz over the field in formation.

The museum is on the south side of the Kalamazoo Airport and open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday. The museum is closed June 8-9 when the planes are flying in the air show.

For more information, contact the Kalamazoo Aviation Museum, 3101 East Millham Road, Kalamazoo, 49002, or telephone (616) 382-6555.



MICKY JONES

Da balloons boss, da balloons!

The Battle Creek International Balloon Championship and Air Show will fly high June 29 through July 6 at W.K. Kellogg Regional Airport. Comedian Pat Pautsen will be there, once again announcing whether he will run for president. The show will include the U.S. Army Golden Knights parachute team, the Air Force Thunderbirds flying F-16 Electric Jets, the Canadian Forces Parachute Team, a hot air balloon competition,

the Chicago Fire Stunt Kite Team, an amusement park and live entertainment. The Battle Creek Hot-Air Balloon Championship is a non-profit organization supported in part by parking and gate fees. Parking is \$4 a day; admission is \$2 per person per day. Contact the organization at 237 North Heimer Road, PO Box 2019, Battle Creek, 49015-2019, or telephone (616) 962-0592.

Poet was wrong about K'zoo

By Doris Scharfenberg

Glen Miller once had the country stompin' to "I've Got A Gal In Kalamazoo-zoo-zoo-zoo." . . . H.L. Menckel said the name added "barbaric brutality to the American map." Carl Sandburg must have reckoned such a moniker had wicked connotations. Although he wrote a poem called the "Sins of Kalamazoo," it is suspected that Sandburg never came to town, let alone sample the local sins.

Residents of today's Kalamazoo proudly pop it all in their tin whistles (kazoes) and blow a tune called "There

Really Is A Kalamazoo," debunking the myths and laughing at the bad jokes. The name, they will tell you, comes from an Indian word meaning "mirage of reflecting river."

K'zoo is a walker's place. It's easy to stroll from mid-town shops and parks to heritage streets with Italianate, Queen Anne or Sears-catalogue houses. Including Western Michigan University, there are five colleges, dozens of churches, excellent shopping, art theaters, a superb music hall (the late Thomas Schippers, who conducted the Metropolitan Opera, grew up here).

Willow Run air show sports Patriot missile, Blue Angels

Perhaps the most dramatic demonstration of American technology in the Gulf War was the Patriot air defense missile system.

The Patriot guarded both Israel and Saudi Arabia from attack by providing a shield against Iraqi Scud missiles.

And now you can see one! A Patriot from Redstone Arsenal, Ala. will

be visible at Air Michigan '91 June 8-9 at Willow Run Airport near Ypsilanti. This will be among the first public displays of the Patriot system.

Manufactured by Raytheon in Andover, Mass., the Patriot was designed to shoot down aircraft but modified to intercept missiles.

The Patriot system includes sev-

eral components, all of which are truck or trailer mounted. The whole package can be air-lifted by the C-5 Galaxy or C-141 Starlifter.

The missiles can be off-loaded, road-marched and set up in a relatively short time. The system incorporates self-check and fault diagnosis software, providing rapid location of failed components and a

check for proper operations after repair.

The status monitoring function automatically checks system performance every 15 seconds, assesses detected faults for severity of impact on mission capability and measures them against specific "flight or fix" criteria. It takes a crew of three to operate each Patriot unit.

The Patriot's combat success had a significant impact on the politics of the Gulf War. By providing a shield against Scuds launched at Israel, the United States was able to keep Israel out of the war.

The air show will also feature the U.S. Navy Blue Angels in their F/A-18 Hornets, an F-16 Electric Jet, numerous civilian performers and air-

craft on static display.

Advance tickets are available from TicketMaster, Kroger stores, and the air show office. Advanced tickets are \$8 adult, \$5 children (age 6-11). Children 5 and under are free.

Adult tickets at the gate are \$11 and children's tickets are \$8. For more information, call 482-8888.

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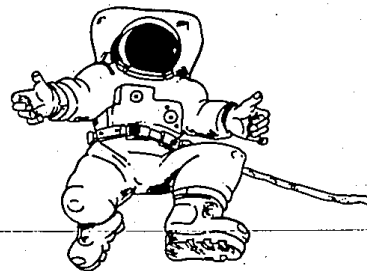
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