

KEEP 'EM FLYING WARBIRDS contents

MARCH 2005

VOL. 28, NO. 2



in this issue

12 Reviewing the Decision-making Process

A five-step process is the key to flight safety

by Rick Siegfried

16 Building New Fw-190s

Flug Werk is now delivering long and short nose Fw-190 kits

by B. "Putt" Riddle

22 Curtiss' SB2C: The Big-Tailed Beast

by Paul Koskela

32 Failure at the Factory

A trio of wartime incidents causes the loss of four aircraft and six lives

by Nicholas A. Veronico

columns

2 Mail Call

3 Warbird News

5 Sun 'n Fun Fly-In

10 The Way It Was

by Robert F. Dorr

40 Mystery Warbird

by Mark Laatsch

43 Supply Depot

48 Calendar of Events

Front Cover

The Commemorate Air Force's SB2C-5 on the ramp at EAA AirVenture 2004, and in flight at the CAF/Fina airshow. For full coverage of this rare warbird, turn to page 22. This Navy divebomber received the Judge's Choice Award for Best Navy Attack Aircraft at AirVenture 2004. (Sam Koskela)

Back Cover

P-51D Comfortably Numb, N510TT s/n 44-73339, now owned by Shari and Terry Tarditi. The plane was formerly owned by David Gilmour of the rock band Pink Floyd, hence the name from the song title Comfortably Numb. The aircraft was operated through 1955 by the Texas Air National Guard, and was subsequently transferred to Indonesia under a mutual aid program. (Nicholas A. Veronico)