



Our December Speaker, Tom Grayson.

“WILLIE” FLIGHT 82 Order of Daedalians

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Merry Christmas & Happy New Year.

FLIGHT CAPTAIN'S CORNER:



Our speaker for 8 November 2018 was Willie Flight's own LTC Pratt Ashworth (USAF Retired). LTC Ashworth spoke to our membership on the subject of Civil Air Patrol (CAP) flight support for the Green Flag Exercises being conducted at the National Training Center, Fort Irwin,

California. During the exercises, the CAP pilots and system operators fly Cessna 182 and 206 aircraft which are equipped to imitate the mission profiles of Army and Air Force drone aircraft. Their participation has given realism to the tactical exercises for maneuver units on the ground and air assets as well. It came as a surprise and revelation to our members in attendance, that the CAP is providing such a high degree of support to our U.S. Armed Forces in training. Photos taken during the meeting can be seen at our flight web site.

During the November meeting, the floor was opened for nominations to fill positions on the Willie Flight 82 Board. No nominations were offered, however the existing Board Officers unanimously volunteered to perform their Board duties for another full term (2019). The membership present voted unanimously to accept the existing Board for 2019.

During our coming 13 December dinner meeting, the members of the Board, as elected, will be installed for the 2019 term.

Our speaker for this coming 13 December meeting is another member of our flight, MAJ Tom Grayson (USAF Retired). All members attending are encouraged to bring spouses/Guests. Tom has entertained the flight on numerous occasions. He is also a retired airline captain currently employed as a simulator instructor. His topic will be "Sim Humor." Considering the crazy events that most of us have experienced in simulators (military/civilian), Tom has a lot of fertile material to work with.

Bring your spouses and guests to the December meeting.

I look forward to seeing you. V.V. -- [Frank Stookey](#)

Early Flight Simulators:



The best-known early flight simulation device was the Link Trainer, produced by Edwin Link in Binghamton, New York, which he started building in 1927. The Link Trainer was a basic metal frame flight simulator usually painted in its well-known blue color. The Link Trainer was the principal pilot trainer used during World War II. Some 10,000 were produced to train 500,000 new pilots from allied nations, many in the USA and Canada. Almost all US Army Air Force pilots were trained in a Link Trainer. [Click here for more.](#)

NEXT MEETING:

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, 13 December at *The Dobson's Restaurant*, at the Dobson Ranch Golf Course, 2155 South Dobson Rd, Mesa -- [click here for a map.](#)

Speaker: Major Tom Grayson, USAF Retired.

Topic: Flight Simulator Humor.

Time: 1800 Social Hour, 1900 Meeting/Dinner.

Recommended Dress: Coat & Tie (for this one only).

Menu: 4 oz Filet Mignon, Chicken Piccata, or Gran Mariner Salmon. (All served with vegetables, salad, rolls, dessert, and coffee.)

Price: \$25.00 per person. (Includes toasting wine).

Note: Please pay with a check (no raffle this time – we'll have door prizes, with free tickets for everyone).

Reservations: To make a reservation, please contact your Element Leader (page 2), by Saturday, 8 December. For questions, please call Tom Waldron (480-883-0853 or 602-743-3661).

Cancellations: If you've made reservations and you can't attend, please contact Tom Waldron (480-883-0853 or 602-743-3661) as soon as possible, so he can notify the restaurant.

Need a ride? Call Pat Dooley or Art Stark for help.

MEETING CALENDAR:

13 Dec: Christmas Meeting with Spouse/Guest	17 Dec:	Staff Meeting
10 Jan: General Meeting	14 Jan:	Staff Meeting
*7 Feb: General Meeting	11 Feb:	Staff Meeting
14 Mar: General Meeting	18 Mar:	Staff Meeting
11 Apr: General Meeting	15 Apr:	Staff Meeting
9 May: General Meeting	13 May:	Staff Meeting

SUMMER BREAK

**Note: Feb meeting is early because of Valentine's Day.*

OFFICERS & STAFF:

Elected Officers:

Flight Captain:	Frank Stookey , USA Ret	480-985-4561
Vice Flt Capt & A-V:	Art Stark, USAF Ret	480-288-9301
Treasurer:	Bill Follette, USAF Ret	602-619-5445
Scholarships Chairman:	Gary Zettl, USAF Ret	480-415-6854
Provost Marshal:	Ron Diedrichs, USAF Ret	602-908-3496

Appointed Staff:

Flight Adjutant:	Jim Adkins, USA Ret	480-969-9060
Elements Coordinator & Chaplain:	Tom Waldron, USAF Ret	602-743-3661
Asst A-V Support:	Kurt Gearhart, USAF Vet	480-329-1936
Biographies:	Gary Klein, USMC Sep	480-650-5522
Asst Scholarship/Awards:	Gerry Homewood, USAF Ret	480-496-9879
Membership & Publicity:	Pat Dooley, USAF Ret	480-802-9914

2019 Flight 82 Dues:

We're now collecting 2019 Flight 82 dues (\$15) -- please use the form on page 2, or on our website ([Click Here](#)). (Due by 31 Dec.)

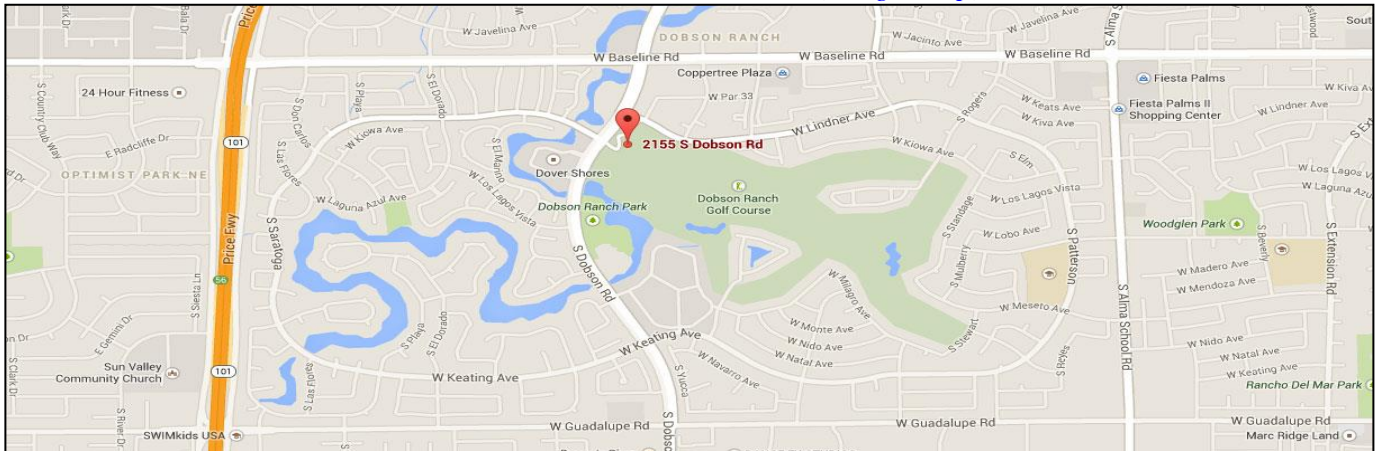
(NOTE: National dues are collected separately -- if you're not a life member, Daedalians' HQ should send you a bill this fall.)

Speaker Major Tom Grayson:



Tom started his flying career as a T-37 instructor here at Williams AFB. After the Air Force, he was a long-term airline pilot with US Airways/American Airlines based here in Phoenix. In 2014, Tom retired from flying with over **18,000 hours** in the Airbus 320 aircraft. Tom started his comedy career back in 1979 when he traveled with the Air Force “*Tops in Blue*” entertainment group. His style and jokes primarily center on the airline industry. He’s been performing at several Valley venues, including the *Tempe Improv*, as well as *The Knuckleheads* at the Mall of America in Minneapolis, *Laffs* in Sacramento, and *Wise Guys* in Michigan. Tom is now a Boeing 737 simulator instructor for American Airlines at their training center in Miami, Florida.

**The Dobson's Restaurant, at the Dobson Ranch Golf Course:
2155 South Dobson Rd, Mesa, AZ ([Google Map](#))**



Flight 82 Dinner Reservation Procedures:

When you get this newsletter, please contact your Element Leader (shown below) to make a reservation by the Saturday prior to the meeting. If that doesn't work, contact Tom Waldron (602-743-3661 or 480-883-0853).

<u>Members:</u>	<u>Element Leaders:</u>	<u>E-Mail Addresses:</u>	<u>Phone Numbers:</u>
1) Adkins to Dickman	Pat Dooley	patretta@wbhsi.com	480-802-9914
2) Diedrichs to Grayson	Ron Diedrichs	mailto:deidrichs2@q.com	602-908-3496 (<i>Ron is back!</i>)
3) Gregory to Karp	Gary Zettl	gzettl@msn.com	623-236-9513 or 480-415-6854
4) Kiehlbaugh to Macdonald	Dave Oldroyd	doldroyd3@cox.net	480-844-0445
5) Marusiak to Pelton	Ron Marusiak	ron@marusiak.com	480-949-5957 or 480-318-8883
6) Perkins to Sloan	John Slaughter	john.slaughter@outlook.com	602-684-8463
7) Smith to Vandeventer	Tom Waldron	mojack7@msn.com	602-743-3661 or 480-883-0853
8) Vangsnes to Zettl	Clyde Williams	Bunnieace@msn.com	480-897-8440



FLIGHT 82 DUES FOR 2019: If you need to pay your local dues, please complete the form below, clip at dotted line, and send to: *Willie Flight 82, P.O. Box 11261, Chandler, Arizona 85248*. Enclose a check for Flight dues (\$15) and add any scholarship donations you'd like to make. Please make your check out to “Willie Flight 82”:

NAME: _____
 (First) (MI) (Last)

RANK: _____ SERVICE: _____ ACTIVE _____ RETIRED _____ or OTHER _____

SPOUSE'S NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

E-Mail: _____

Home Phone: _____ Other Phone: _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: Annual Flight Dues (\$15): _____
 Scholarship Donation: _____
 Total Enclosed: _____