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I don't know how the new year has affected any of you. However, it is hard to believe 2019 is now in the history books. This past week I was watching the news and they were listing the top ten songs of the decade. OK! I did not know any of the songs and only recognized one of the singers. I am either not into the right music or have no idea what good music is.

When a group of people are able to work together and keep a seventy-five-year-old airplane flying and continue to make improvements on it that is a good thing. Thanks to all who helped in any way this past year!! We need to think about all of the veterans that we have met and talked with over the years. I am sure each of you would have your favorite memory of an event or person that you met and talked with. One that really got to me and I cannot remember which show we were at. We had this young boy someplace between maybe eight and twelve years old wanted to come on board. As I recall he was in a wheel chair and had no legs, or at least not functional. We stopped traffic so he could come in. When he got inside, he was able to go all the way to the front and did not want any help getting over the flap actuator or the front spar. Now I sometimes have trouble getting myself over the front spar. There are others

that I will not take the time to mention. However, to me this makes our mission even more exciting. It also helps to get past the, now this is a B-25, right? And how did you get it here?

I have some more interviews and special stories lined up for this year. I hope I am able to get them all in. If you have a special thing that occurred to you and would like to share it I will be happy to include it in one of the newsletters. For those of you who delve into history later this year I hope to explore Willy Victor. Perhaps this might tweak your curiosity if you have never heard of it.

Work wise we have several small jobs we need to take care of. However, it has to be above freezing and no gale force winds. I will send out a work notice when I think the weather guessers are close to their prediction.

Have a great new year,

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