

# CELEBRATION

THE WORLD'S TOP MUSTANG TRAINING ORGANIZATION CELEBRATES  
A MOST SIGNIFICANT ANNIVERSARY

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It is a bit hard to believe, but Stallion 51 has been offering the absolute best in high-performance P-51 Mustang training for an amazing three-decades! That's correct, some 30-years of graduating pilots who have been thoroughly instructed in safely flying their historic charges. This great celebration was held in conjunction with the Sun N Fun show where Lee Lauderback always displays his signature Solo Mustang demonstration — a display that thrills thousands.

Over these three-decades, thousands of people have shared the cockpit with founder and president Lee Lauderback and his talented crew — learning the magic of the Merlin and the mystique of the Mustang. I have seen up close and personal how Stallion 51 not only offers the opportunity to experience the Mustang in an orientation flight but also understand the Mustang through the company's extensive and comprehensive Mustang checkout program. Pilots from all over the world enroll in Stallion 51's training program knowing that insurance

companies recognize that the checkout program is the gold standard in training for those want to own and operate a Mustang.

Stallion 51 operates a variety of Mustang courses but the company also supplies training in the famed NAA T-6 Texan trainer as well as an innovative upset prevention and recovery training program in their spe-

cially equipped Aerovodochody L-39 *Albatros*. For the Warbird enthusiast, Stallion 51 really has it all — orientation flights in America's most famous WWII fighter and trainer as well as structured training that turns out the world's top Mustang pilots. For more information, please go to the website [www.stallion51.com](http://www.stallion51.com).

For "Celebration," we had the wonderful opportunity to fly with some of the world's best Mustangs and pilots. I really hope you enjoy this collection of photographs that underscore the beauty and magnificence of America's greatest World War Two fighter aircraft.

We planned to launch our unique TF-51D photo mission late in the day to take advantage of the setting sun and building clouds — Florida clouds that were constantly changing shape and hue (MAIN IMAGE). What I really enjoyed about Stallion 51's 30th anniversary celebration was the fact there were many types of Mustangs featured. One of my main goals was to photograph the unique formation of four TF-51D dual-control Mustangs. The images on THIS PAGE (as well as the CENTERSPREAD) consisted of Lee Lauderback and Dave Robinson in *Crazy Horse 1* and *Crazy Horse 2* piloted by Ed Shipley and Andrew McKenna. *Mad Max* was being piloted by owner Louis Horschel and Marco Rusconi while *Little Witch* with its distinctive yellow-and-black nose was flown by John Posson and Duane Artery.

