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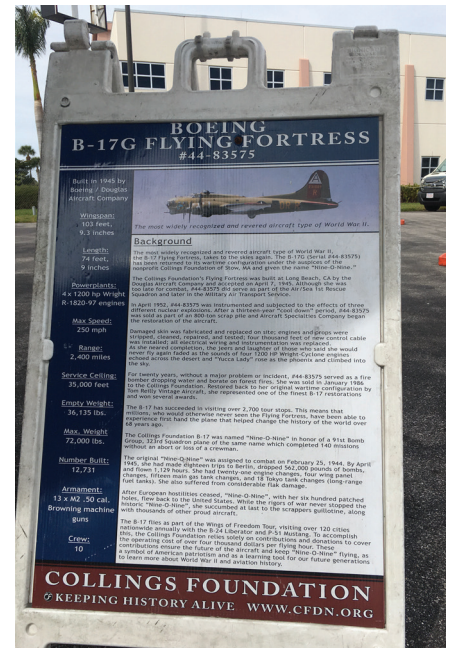


From the Captain's Log The Greatest Generation

Our veterans of WWII are leaving us at a rate of 500 per year, but the mark of the Greatest Generation should never be forgotten. Last month, at Page Field in Ft. Myers, Florida, I had the opportunity to tour some of the magnificent flying machines that this generation brought forth to save us from a world of tyranny and to think that they fought in these old birds, well, is impressive. A B-17, B-24 and P-58 Mustang had been flown to Page Field from the Collins Foundation, which keeps these birds alive. While the P-58 sure was sexy, and the B-24 a beast, the B-17 Flying Fortress was fascinating. Similar to the fate of our WW II Vets, 12,731 of these magnificent B-17s were built, but only 10 survive to fly today. At a speed of only 250 mph they were an easy catch to the speedier axis fighters, but not as easy to kill as their thirteen 50 cal's made swiss cheese of attackers, and they would continue to fly with wings and rudders shot to bits. They earned their moniker "Flying Fortress".

What amazed me most was just how small these birds were. Crawling thru the empty cockpit and crew areas that day took the moves of a gymnast, but with a crew of 10 aboard, and a full 2-ton bomb load, and canisters of 50 cal. rounds to feed those cheese mills, I could not see how those flyboys moved about. And the noise of those four twirling turbo-charged Wright R-1820 Cyclone 9 engines, each spewing out 1200 hp., was deafening from the tarmac, one could only imagine the noise inside that tuna can; adding to that 50 cal. machine guns going off, and no wonder many an airman suffered permanent hearing loss after the war.

But to seeing those birds lumbering towards the clouds, with the tarmac shaking beneath your feet, you gotta just say – GOD BLESS AMERICA. ●



April 2018 News



Don't Drink and Drive...or Operate a Drone

Drones (a.k.a. unmanned aerial vehicles) are becoming increasingly popular. They are flown recreationally; hobbyists use them for aerial photography; and they're being utilized commercially for shipping/delivery of items, site inspections, weather tracking, agricultural endeavors, and so forth. They've also garnered headlines for military use over the past decade or two.

Due to the prevalence of drone usage, misuse and annoyance issues have arisen. People have been harassed by drones and had their privacy invaded. There have been near-misses with airplanes, interference with first responders, disruptions of wildlife, and they've been used to smuggle drugs and other contraband into prisons.

In response to these concerns, the Federal Aviation Administration made it mandatory to register drones in December 2015. In addition, federal, state, and local legislators have been creating regulations for drone usage to address harassment, privacy, and security issues. And on May 1, 2018, New Jersey is set to become the first state to ban the operation of drones while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.



The new law defines "under the influence" as a blood-alcohol concentration of 0.08 percent or higher. It also forbids operation of a drone while using a narcotic, hallucinogen, or habit-producing drug. Violators will be subject to up to six months in prison and a maximum fine of \$1,000.

Enforcing the new law could present some challenges. Unlike the state's implied consent laws for driving while intoxicated, nothing in the drunk-droning law compels drone operators to submit to blood-alcohol or breath-alcohol testing.

Drone operators of the world, follow the law and stay sober. That's solid advice for any occasion. ●

Bicycling Season in Full Swing

With the arrival of spring, we will soon see a surge in bicyclists hitting the roadways. That also means a rise in bicycle collisions with cars and trucks. Bicyclists generally come out on the short end of those encounters.

Bicyclists have the same rights—and responsibilities—on the road as motorists. If motorists are negligent or reckless and cause injury to a bicyclist, a bicyclist can be compensated for medical bills, lost income, property damage, and pain and suffering. Bicyclists might forfeit or receive reduced compensation if they are at least partially responsible for the accident (contributory or comparative negligence).

To avoid potential bicycle-car collisions and reduce injuries:

- Wear brightly colored clothing, and make sure your bike has lights and reflectors to improve nighttime visibility.
- Always wear a helmet.
- Follow all the rules of the road. Stop at stop signs and traffic lights; never ride on the wrong side of the street; signal your intentions; yield the right of way; and never ride intoxicated.
- Be mindful that nearly two-thirds of bicyclist injuries and fatalities occur at intersections. "T" intersections are the most hazardous, followed by roundabouts.
- When bicycling past parked cars, be on the lookout for drivers opening their doors to exit their vehicles ("dooring").

If you are involved in a bicycle-car collision and injuries appear to be nonexistent or minor, seek medical attention anyway, as adrenaline can mask injuries. Some injuries don't become evident for days or even weeks, and seemingly minor injuries sometimes lead to serious disabilities.

A bicyclist injured by a negligent driver should contact a bicycle accident attorney to protect their rights. ●



Driver's License Suspension for DUI/DWI



One way a driver can lose their license is to commit too many “moving violations” within a certain period of time—e.g., running a red light, speeding, and so forth. Before your license is suspended, you are entitled to a hearing with a motor vehicle bureau officer, at which time you can plead your case and explain any extenuating circumstances.

Another way to have your driver's license suspended is to get caught driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs. DMV can revoke your license before you've even been convicted of a DUI/DWI offense—and it only takes one offense. No multiple violations over a period of time or accruing points. After your arrest, if you refuse a blood alcohol test or take one with the result over the legal limit, the police officer will take your license and issue you a temporary one with a future expiration date. Your license will be suspended on that date unless you prevail at a Department of Motor Vehicles hearing.

In order to have a hearing you must request one. You can argue your case at the hearing. If you do not prevail at that hearing, DMV will suspend your driver's license. A DUI/DWI attorney is a valuable asset for this process.

The length of your suspension depends on whether you have a prior refusal or DWI. If this is your first offense, then the suspension is six months. For any subsequent offense, the suspension is for two years.

DUI/DWI is a grave offense. The best antidote is to avoid any alcohol/drug impairment. Short of that, never get behind the wheel while intoxicated. Too many lives are at stake. ●

April 2018 Important Dates

April 1
Easter

April 7
Last day of Passover

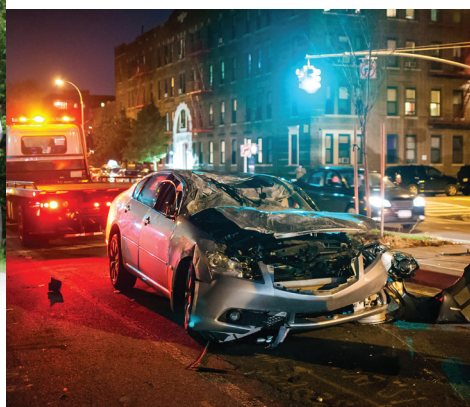
April 11
Holocaust Remembrance Day (Begins at sunset)

April 17
Tax Day (Federal)

April 25
Administrative Professionals Day

April 26
Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day

Auto Accident Victims—*Never Go It Alone*



If you are the victim of a negligent driver and sustain significant injuries, it's always a good idea to consult an auto accident attorney—and almost always a mistake not to. Here's why...

Auto accident attorneys have in-depth knowledge about relevant laws and procedural rules affecting your case. They will advise you of statutes of limitations, filing deadlines, special exceptions, and so forth. They will also handle the paperwork for you, which can be voluminous.

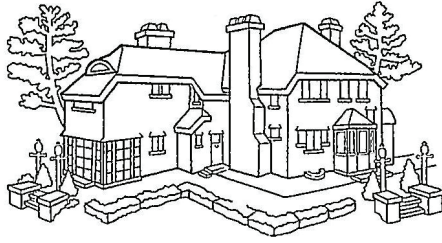
An experienced auto accident attorney will also gather the necessary evidence to support your claim, such as police reports, medical records and bills, witness statements, and employment and lost-wages information. They will calculate how much monetary compensation you deserve and will deal with the insurance company's lowball offers, delay tactics, and possible twisting of the facts.

An attorney can also file a lawsuit on your behalf and anticipate possible defenses raised by the defendant. They will also be familiar with the strengths and weaknesses of opposing attorneys and the tendencies of judges.

An auto accident attorney is your personal advocate. They will make sure your story is heard and that you are properly compensated for your losses. Most attorneys are paid on a contingency-fee basis, meaning they only get paid if there is a successful resolution of their client's case.

If you are injured due to another driver's negligence, **never go it alone**. The insurance companies have teams of investigators, adjusters, paid experts – a virtual army. Do you believe you have a chance alone? Contact an experienced auto accident attorney to protect your rights. ●

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The Greatest Generation

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Cathy's Corner

Opening Day

There's something about Opening Day. Those of us who live in a place like New Hampshire see it as the first sign of spring, even if we have a foot of snow on the ground. But there's something else. Opening Day represents hope. It's a new season with all of the promise that that brings.

My first opening day with the Red Sox was April of 1986. I was a second year law school student. I'm not from New England. At the time, I wasn't even a Sox fan. I was nothing but a Reds fan. But I loved baseball and of course any fan of baseball wants to go to Fenway. I went with a group of people from law school, including my now husband. It was 80° that day and not a cloud in the sky. I can't imagine there's ever been better weather for opening day in Boston. What an introduction to Fenway.

We were in the bleachers of course, as law school students we couldn't afford anything else. Back then bleacher seats were not even ten dollars and you could get seats, even for Opening Day. Fenway was only sold out for Yankees games. I walked up the stairs and got my first look at the inside of Fenway Park. I get the same feeling now, more than thirty years later. It's magic. My husband has had the good fortune to have been going to Fenway for almost fifty years. Our children are the fourth generation of that family to have been to games at Fenway Park. That is amazing both in terms of the family and Fenway itself.

My son is currently attending school in Boston. He gets to at least ten games a year, and usually makes Opening Day. My daughter lives near us in New Hampshire. We don't get down as often. We haven't been to Opening Day in a long time. But we all still get to a few games a year together. Our favorite words are, of course, Play Ball! ●

