The open cowl reveals the inverted DB 605 V-12 powerplant and the massive engine mount.

The Bf 109G-14 leads Hangar 10's incredible line-up of three flying *Gustav* variants.

HANGAR 10'S NEW GUSTAV

ANOTHER RARE MESSERSCHMITT HAS BEEN RESTORED TO FLYING CONDITION

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In Germany, Hangar 10 has developed an enviable reputation for the restoration and maintenance of a large variety of Warbird aircraft. Hangar 10 is based on the island of Usedom, which is Germany's second largest island and is situated in the Baltic Sea very close to the border between Germany and Poland. Hangar 10 operates from Heringsdorf Airfield, an active *Luftwaffe* base during WWII that was also used by the Soviets during the Cold War era. Just 25-miles away is the very historic site of Peenemunde, the secret facility that was the base of Third *Reich* rocket and advanced aircraft development.

Instrument panel of the newly completed Bf 109G-14.

Hangar 10's freshly restored Bf 109G-14. The G-14 variant of the famed *Gustav* fighter first appeared in front-line service during July 1944. The aircraft featured MW power boost as standard equipment and the oxygen bottles were moved to the left wing and the vacated spot was used for the MW tank.

Hangar 10 is the brainchild of Volker Schulke and his family, and comprises a large stable of historic aircraft along with many WWII artifacts and interactive displays. For a fuller story of Hangar 10 and the associated Air Fighter Academy please see the August 2017 issue of our companion magazine *Air Classics*.

On my February visit to Hangar 10, I was able to enjoy the unique sight of three beautifully restored Messerschmitt Bf 109G *Gustav* fighters. These aircraft comprised Bf 109G-6 D-FMGS, Bf 109G-12 D-FMGZ, and the newest arrival, Bf 109G-14 D-FMGV. Fitted with an original DB 605 motor, this restoration will be up and flying in the improved spring weather so make sure to watch for a complete report. **WI**