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We establish a connection between the solutions of the Sturm-Liouville problem for the nonlinear differential equation, $y'' + My + 2My^3 = 0$, $y(0) = y(s^*) = 0$ that arises in the study of the torsion of a wing in an air flow (with M being the Mach number) and a partial differential equation $Mu_t = 6Mu^2u_x + u_{xxx}$ similar to the Karteweg-de Vries equation. We show that any solution of the nonlinear Sturm-Liouville problem generates a solution of that partial differential equation. We also construct some first integrals of that partial differential equation. (Received August 19, 2005)