



The Flyer

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From the Back Office

by Col Gena Linebarger

I want to thank all the High Sky Wing members who put on their snow boots and helped out at Open Cockpit Day Easter weekend. It was definitely strange weather and I appreciate your dedication as you slid out to HQ to fulfill our commitment for the event.

May will be a busy month for the Wing. Our aircraft will be attending the Central Texas Airshow in Temple, TX May 4-5-6, weather permitting, of course. May 12th is the B-24 unveiling and Twin Tail Fly-in. HSW will help out by cooking lunch. May 28th will be the Memorial Day Events in the CAF Gardens followed by lunch in the big hangar. Last year we sold more burgers and hotdogs to the public than ever before. Everyone's help will be needed on this day. Please mark your calendars now and plan ahead. More detailed information on times, duties, etc. will be forthcoming.

Just a reminder, if you haven't already paid your 2007 dues, now is the time. If you have paid and haven't received your membership card yet, please notify Lauri Skinner.

Don't Forget!
Your 2007 Wing Dues Are Now Due

This Month's Special Program

by Col Bill Coombes

A special guest will be speaking at our April 26th Wing meeting and I think all of you will want to hear him. Mr. Sam Baron, USN (ret) will be our speaker and he will be talking about the US Navy's nuclear submarine program. Sam recently retired after twenty years in the Navy, most of it spent on subs. The submarine service is, arguably, the "elite" of the elite in today's Navy, and Sam can speak from "real world" experience about our submarine service. As one of our Seminar guests, Zeke Zellner, said (Zeke was a WW II submariner), they "fly" submarines just like airplanes: the difference is the fluid they fly in is a bit more viscous than air!

From the Flannel Wrench Locker

by Col Bill Coombes

Ah, Spring time, and a young man's fancy turns to...covering B-24 parts??? I think not! Actually, that is the "thing" that has occupied much of the time members of the HSW have spent at the hangar. I hope all of you have seen the wonderful work Gary Austin has done on what used to be *Diamond Lil*. She is a real B-24 bomber now, and the HSW has done yeoman service in getting her back together. As Gary told me, our unit has done more than any other unit in working on the airplane. We can all be proud when she rolls out on May 12th.

The other major maintenance project has been the annual on the SNJ. Thanks largely to Eric, we now have new glass on the canopy, new wing light lens, new tubes and tires, and a fresh annual inspection. Plus he waxed the entire airplane! It looks great and Lance (who did the post-inspection test flight) proclaimed it in first class working order. Please tell Eric how much we appreciate his work on our airplanes....you see, in June he has to work his magic on the two Fairchilds!

We didn't get to go to Burnet, AGAIN, due to the weather. Maybe one day??? We will have the airplanes on the ramp and ready for member rides this Thursday so, if you want to go around the patch prior to the meeting, come out around 5 p.m. and we'll get you up in one of the birds. Our next scheduled "fly-out" will be to Temple on May 4,5, and 6th. Of course, now is the time of year when fly-outs for breakfast around the area occur. Be visible around the hangar on Saturdays and we'll arrange for some rides.

Speaking of visible, James Martin has his Cessna 195 up and flying, and it is a beauty. He's flown it over to the Wing several times, and has even brought a new member, Rick Peterson, along on one flight and a potential member another time. Besides that, he's helped Eric on the Swift! That is really appreciated. James is, like Sam Strahan and Wayne Bissett, one of our younger members who will soon be taking leadership positions in our Wing and in the CAF. Thank you for being involved.

All for now....lefty-loosey, righty-tighty.

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HSW Events Update

Apr 26 - Wing meeting (7pm)
 May 1 - Wing staff meeting (7pm)
 May 5-6 - Temple air show - *HSW planes attend*
 May 12 - B-24A Unveiling & Twin Tail Fly-in **HSW cooks**
 May 24 - Wing meeting (7pm)
 May 28 - Memorial Day events - **HSW cooks**
 June 1-2 - EAA fly-in Hondo - *HSW planes attend*
 June 7 - Wing staff meeting (7pm)
 June 9 - TraRon formation clinic
 June 28 - Wing meeting (7pm)
 July 5 - Staff meeting (7pm)
 July 9-11 - CAF Rally in Las Vegas
 July 26 - Wing meeting (7pm)
 Aug 2 - Wing staff meeting (7pm)
 Aug 22 - Wing meeting (7pm)
 Sep 6 - Wing staff meeting (7pm)
 Sep 20 Wing meeting (7pm) **Note Change!**
 Sep 28 - ACAHOF banquet
 Sep 29-30 - AIRSHO 2007
 Oct 4 - Wing staff meeting (7pm)
 Oct 25 - Wing meeting (7pm)

High Sky Wing Elected Officers

Wing Leader: Gena Linebarger - 528-0997 cell
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What's Happening & When

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