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High Sky Wing of the Commemorative Air Force
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On the Web at
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Next Wing Meeting is Thursday August 28th 7:00 pm at the Hangar

From the Back Office

by Col Gena Linebarger

Calling all High Sky Wing members! It's time to put your running shoes on and gear up. AIRSHO 2008 will be an exciting event with many opportunities for the Wing to come together and support not only the show but also HSW fund-raisers.

The first event to kickoff AIRSHO will be Thursday, September 11th at 6 p.m. with the Volunteer Hamburger Dinner in the CAF main hangar. The High Sky Wing will be cooking hamburger and hotdogs for the event. Your help is definitely needed since this is a fund-raiser for the wing a.k.a. a paying gig. Cooking and setup will begin at 4 p.m. Remember to RSVP for the event to Kelley at HQ, 563-1000 ext. 2235, if you plan on eating.

Next on our schedule of events will be the High Sky Wing Cantina which will be in full operation on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of AIRSHO week from 11:00 to 2:00 serving chopped beef sandwich and hotdog plate lunches. Lunches will be sold and served on the HSW patio. This is a major fund-raiser for the wing and it takes a lot of participation from our members to ensure its success. Each day volunteers are needed for food prep, food and drink servers, organize and set up serving areas, money takers, cleanup, trash duty, etc. Please volunteer whether it's a few hours or all three days. Theresa Thornton is heading up the Cantina and has already started recruiting volunteers, but there is still a need for more warm and friendly bodies. Thank you in advance for all of your hard work. I know the High Sky Wing will pull together and make this event successful.

Volunteers are also needed to greet aircraft and crews when they arrive on Wednesday thru Friday and bring them to Pilot Registration. Lauri Skinner will have sign up sheets available at the Wing meeting. On Saturday and Sunday we need golf cart shuttle drivers to help pickup handicapped, WWII veterans and

anyone needing assistance. There will be a predetermined route to drive and for your convenience, we will take 2-hour shifts. A sign up sheet will be at the Wing meeting, see Deb Magness.

The next Wing meeting on Thursday, August 28th, 7:00 p.m. will be a very important meeting to discuss and finalize our AIRSHO responsibilities. Please make every effort to attend this meeting. Bring any questions or concerns you may have and we'll find answers for you. Wow, do we have a busy time ahead of us. Mark your calendars, put on a smile and we'll have a great time!!

In this newsletter you will find more details on AIRSHO scheduled events as well as a new AIRSHO Admission Policy for Colonels and Cadets.

HSW member t-shirts, polo shirts and hats are available for purchase at the Wing meeting. CAF shirts and AIRSHO shirts are for sale in the Gift Shop.

Next Staff meeting will be Thursday, September 4th at 7:00 p.m. There will be no Wing meeting in September.

HSW Parking at AIRSHO

As best we know now, as of Thursday morning of AIRSHO, we will not be able to park our cars near the Commemorative Center, and this will hold true until AIRSHO ends. The only vehicles allowed inside the security fence and around the building will be those service vehicles needed to set up the various events.

We are working on a plan to help High Sky Wing members get to our hangar to help out with the cantina and other chores from the Colonel's parking area from Thursday on. We will have the details at the Wing meeting next Thursday.

Later in this newsletter is more information on Colonel's parking as well as the new admission policies for Colonels and their family members. Please check these out and be sure you have a current CAF Membership Card, which will get you free admission.

Being Safe!

by Col David Linebarger

Ok folks, we are in the new building. . . . A lot still has to be done before we can take a break and sit back with our shoes off and feet up. My thanks to all who showed up and helped on Saturday the 28th for the move, it was a long day. There is a lot of stuff in the floor to be put up on shelves and please be careful when you bend down to pick it up to not hurt your self as some of it is real heavy, if you need help please ask for the help.

We need to remember that the hangar is not ours (HSW) but we are renters of the CAF so when we drag out power cords, water hoses, tools, or anything we need to put it back and keep the floor clear of hazards. If you spill something on the floor or see something that has leaked from one of our planes or vehicles we need to clean that up. I am replacing any power cord that is less than 12 gauge wire and we have several different lengths of cords so we can get the length of cord that is needed for the job.

We are in need of replacing some of our airplane chocks, the wing will purchase the lumber and if you have the tools and are willing to split the 4 x 4's to make new ones please let me or a staff member know and we will get you the material needed.

Membership News

by Col Lauri Skinner

I want to thank all High Sky Wing members for recruitment of new members. Since the beginning of this year, the wing has added these new members to our roster including: Will Coombes, Mike Hedrick, Stephan Brown, Amy Ice Watson, Bill Lanier, Mark Novak, Chuck Tully, Elise Coombes, Don Samples, Dick McFadden, Keith Lawrence, Rick Fay, Alan Suran, Clay Francell, Richard Culbert, Mark Russell, Bill McGrew and Nathan McElrath.

Continue to introduce yourself to these members and invite them to join in our activities.

With Airsho coming up we will all have many opportunities to increase our membership even further. Encourage any one you see to fill out a membership form for the Commemorative Air Force and the High Sky Wing. Remind anyone who does join that the wing dues of \$50.00 will include membership through 2009. Membership forms will be available in our lounge.

Remember to keep us posted on any changes you might have to addresses, phone numbers or emails.

You are welcome to call me at 432-553-2316, email at pyroblonde@grandecom.net or to go to the High Sky Wing Members' Only section of the website and make changes to your information yourself.

AIRSHO News On the Fly!

The following information is reprinted from a recent HQ email "blast" called *On the Fly!*

New AIRSHO Admission Policies: Colonels & Cadets Get In Free - Pre-Registration and onsite registration are NOT required.

Beginning Wednesday, September 17th, Colonels may pickup their FREE AIRSHO admission button in the CAF Museum Lobby area. FREE Colonel AIRSHO admission buttons will also be available ONLY in Colonel Parking Saturday, September 20th.

Family members of Colonels are invited to join us at a discounted ticket price of \$5 for Children aged 6 to 12 and \$15 for adults aged 13 and up. Family members will also receive an AIRSHO 2008 Button with their AIRSHO admission ticket. The buttons must be worn at all times to enter AIRSHO and will not be replaced without purchase.

Colonel Parking: A how to...

- Colonel Parking will be in the same location!
- Drive through the gate and stop at the building just inside the parking area. Someone will come to your vehicle.
- All Colonels and Cadets will receive an AIRSHO button for free. You must be ready to present your CAF ID card.
- Family members of Colonels and Cadets will be given an AIRSHO button with the purchase of their discounted tickets.
- You will receive a schedule, map and Colonel Parking Pass.
- When returning to Colonel Parking, all occupants of the vehicle will be required to display their AIRSHO button. Any occupant failing to present the button will be required to purchase a new ticket, with the exception of Colonels and Cadets.

Friday, September 19th

The CAF will be hosting a night AIRSHO and country music star Aaron Tippin in concert. Tickets will be available for purchase in the CAF Museum Lobby area and at the gate. All Adult tickets are \$16 in advance and \$18 at the gate and tickets for children (ages 6 to 12) are \$6.

Special Event Tickets

Colonels will be able to purchase tickets to the Thursday, September 18th American Combat Airman Hall of Fame and Friday, September 19th "Save the Girls" Luncheon, night AIRSHO and Aaron Tippin concert in the CAF Museum Lobby Wednesday, September 17th through Friday, September 19th.

Memorabilia

AIRSHO 2008 memorabilia, including patches and pins, will be available for purchase at any of the CAF Official PX locations throughout AIRSHO. One of these locations will be at Hangar 57 (the new CAF tent that you saw recently in the daily Sun 'N Fun updates). The tent will be located near the entrance to the flight line. Visit us there to purchase the mentioned PX items and even BBQ tickets for Saturday night. You can also renew your dues, sign up new members, make address changes, ask questions, etc.

For more information contact Autumn Esparza, Director of Membership Marketing, 432-563-1000 ext. 2231 or aesparza@cafhq.org.

American Combat Airman Hall of Fame

The American Combat Hall Of Fame banquet will be held on Thursday, September 18th, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the new Commemorative Center. I would like to offer all an opportunity to sponsor a table at the banquet. Come meet and honor American war heroes.

There are two levels of table sponsorship:
Ace Sponsorship \$2,500: This level of sponsorship provides preferred seating with the inductee of choice and eight guests. The sponsor will also receive eight tickets to a reception prior to the banquet for Sponsors and Inductees. The sponsor will also receive prominent recognition in promotional materials.

Top Gun Sponsorship \$1,500: This level of sponsorship provides a table for ten guests and 10 tickets to the reception prior to the banquet. The sponsor will also receive prominent recognition in promotional materials.

Individual tickets can also be purchased for \$100 a piece. To order tickets or sponsor a table please contact Artie Riggs at 432-563-1000 ext 2270 or events@aahm.org.

"Save the Girls" Luncheon

We want to thank you for your loyal support over the years! As a CAF Members your support is invaluable. With supporters like you, we have made programs such as the "Save the Girls" Luncheon bigger

and better.

The Save the Girls Luncheon in the new Commemorative Center on September 19th, 2008 at 11:30 a.m. is pleased to present this year's entertainment:

- International quartet champions, "Acoustix"
- Texas' own, "The Cactus Cuties"

There are three levels of sponsorship: \$1,000, \$500 and \$300. Sponsors will receive reserved seating and prominent recognition in promotional materials and publications. Deadline to become a sponsor is August 22nd, 2008.

Individual tickets can also be purchased for \$30 a piece. To order tickets or sponsor a table please contact Artie Riggs at 432-563-1000 ext 2270 or events@aahm.org.

The Great Move!

A couple of pictures from the final great move from the old hangar to the new. Thanks to all members and friends who pitched in to make it happen!



Many of us had to use our strong backs and muscles to get things loaded.



While Col David Linebarger just brought a forklift - Genius!
 Photos by Col H. A. Tuck.

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Newsletter & Website Stuff

by Col Randy Wilson

I'm sorry we haven't had a newsletter these last two months but with a lot of the Wing staff tied up in Airsho planning and the move into our new home it just happened. Hopefully we are back on track now.

Our website has grown old and stale and I am currently working to redesign it and bring it up to date. One thing that will be added is a photo gallery section where we can publish the many photos taken on our fly outs and other events. I am also going to redesign the members' only section of our site and hopefully make that easier for everyone to use to keep their own contact and other data up to date.

This will probably not be done until after Airsho so for now I'm going to do a bit of house cleaning on the old site to add our new home and contact info, etc.

Thanks for your understanding during these last couple of hectic months. Fly safe.

Keep 'Em Flying!

High Sky Wing Elected Officers

Wing Leader: Gena Linebarger - 528-0997 cell

Executive Officer: Rick Peterson

Adjutant: Lauri Skinner - 553-2316 cell

Finance: Steve Bolin

Operations: Randy Wilson - 352-4258 cell

Maintenance: Lance Sommers

Safety - David Linebarger

New Hangar Phone: (432) 561-5581

all numbers are Area Code 432 unless indicated

What's Happening & When

August 28 - Wing meeting (7pm)

Sep 4 - Wing Staff meeting (7pm)

Sep 6 - JROTC Airsho Training (10am)

Sep 11 - Airsho Volunteer Dinner (6pm)

Sep 17-19 - HSW Cantina (10am-2pm)

Sep 20-21 - AIRSHO 2008

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