



# The Flyer

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High Sky Wing of the Commemorative Air Force  
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## Wing Meeting Thursday, May 26<sup>th</sup> Aircraft rides before the meeting Memorial Day Events Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup> Make plans to be there for both!

### From the Back Office

by Col Gena Linebarger

May has been such a busy month, and time has flown by. With Wing members being involved in so many activities, this month's newsletter will be on the short side. The Wing has just concluded the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Iron Eagle Shootout over the past weekend. It was a successful event and I thank everyone that participated. Next month's newsletter promises a full update and accounting of the entire event along with personal articles and lots of pictures.

The next event on the High Sky Wing schedule is Memorial Day, May 30<sup>th</sup>. As in the past, a ceremony will be held in the CAF Gardens at noon. The Wing will participate in our usual ceremony of cooking and selling hamburgers and hotdogs to the crowd. To help with this event, plan on showing up at the hangar around 10:00. Areas to be handled are setting up tables and chairs outside, icing down drinks, food prep, etc. Lots to do, so please come out and help. This is one more opportunity to raise money for the Wing.

I look forward to seeing all of your smiling faces at the Wing meeting on Thursday, May 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Don't Forget!**  
**Your 2005 Wing Dues**  
**are now past due!**

### Executive Views

by Col Ted Claussen

Those attending our last wing meeting enjoyed a good meal and an informative program. Jeremy and Ryan Linebarger with media assistance from Randy Wilson provided us with a demonstration and then a practice session on how to do some of the "clay shoot" jobs. On Wednesday the 18<sup>th</sup> we took those newly learned skills out to Windwalker Farms to actually

### Safety Is No Accident!

by Col Lyle Thornton

Just a couple of days ago, the son of a friend of mine was involved in a SUV, motorcycle accident. He was riding the motorcycle and sustained critical injuries. He is doing better and is looking at a long recovery period. This brought to mind the fact that we all tend to consider things that we do every day as being somewhat automatic.

We get complacent and probably don't give driving as much attention as it deserves. I think that the biggest challenge is to try to anticipate the movements of other drivers and sometimes that can be quite difficult. Attention to the road and patience can enable you to avoid some unpleasant circumstances, not to mention serious injury for you and your family.

Also, the West Texas sun has been very HOT lately and I wanted to remind everyone to protect themselves while outdoors and please be careful out there.

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## As the Props Turn

by Col Randy Wilson

If the weather cooperates, we plan to give rides to Wing members, their families and friends before the next Wing meeting this Thursday, May 26<sup>th</sup>. Of course, on at least a couple of past “rides” days we have been rained out, so we will just have to see.

The SNJ has a new intercom now that allows the pilot and passenger/instructor to talk without pressing a button — at least it works at anything short of takeoff power when the cockpit gets a bit too noisy. The intercom has also resolved problems with mismatched impedances on various headsets, allowing most any headset to work with another.

Because I fly the SNJ most of the time and also have to rely on the intercom for communications with pilots when I’m sitting in the back seat as a check pilot, I decided to donate the cost of the intercom and installation but if any other pilots want to kick in for it, just donate directly to the Wing for the SNJ.

Fly safe and we’ll see you next Thursday!

## High Sky Wing Elected Officers

Wing Leader: Gena Linebarger - 528-0997 cell

Executive Officer: Ted Claussen

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Finance: Bob Stine

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## What’s Happening & When

May 26 - Wing meeting (7pm)

May 30 - Memorial Day activities (Noon)

Jun 2 - Wing staff meeting (7pm)

Jun 23 - Wing meeting (7pm)

July 7 - Wing staff meeting (7pm)

July 28 - Wing meeting (7pm)

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**Next Wing Meeting is Thursday, May 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in the Hangar**

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