



The Flyer

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High Sky Wing of the Commemorative Air Force
Midland, Texas - Hangar: 432-563-5112

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From the Back Office

by Col Gena Linebarger

Make plans to attend the Memorial Day events on Monday, May 26th. Memorial Day ceremonies start in the Doolittle Memorial Garden from 11:30am to noon. From noon to 1:00pm, lunch will be served by Jack Jordan's BBQ in the Commemorative Center hangar. An RSVP is required to 563-1000 ext. 2260.

Keni Thomas, U.S. Army Ranger who was part of the Blackhawk Down story, will speak in O'Brien Hall beginning at 1:00pm. Tickets are required for lunch and/or the seminar program. Lunch or seminar only - \$10. Lunch plus seminar - \$15. Please make your reservations now so you can enjoy all of the Memorial Day events. As you can see from the above schedule, the HSW will not be cooking or serving lunch this year. We will, however, find other opportunities to cook in the future.

The HSW aircraft have been busy doing what they were designed to do, fly. So far this season the planes have gone to several air shows and fly-ins. June will also prove to be a busy month with the following fly-ins scheduled: June 14th - Big Spring, June 21st - Snyder and June 28th - Hobbs. If you desire to be part of the crew flying to these events contact the pilots and get your name on the list.

On the optimistic side, I hope by the time you read this newsletter we will have obtained the occupancy permit to move into the Commemorative Center. You can guess what this means, it's time to come out, get dirty and finish packing so we can move! Saturday May 24th will be a work day. Please come out and help. Lunch will be provided by the Wing.

Next Wing meeting is Thursday, May 22nd, 7:00 p.m. This will probably be the last Wing meeting in the old hangar so don't miss out. Staff meeting will be Thursday, June 5th, 7:00 p.m.

Don't Forget!
Your 2008 Wing Dues Are Now OverDue



Being Safe!

by Col David Linebarger

Spring is here and so is the wild life that lives at the airport. This picture was taken beside gate 12 across from the HSW hangar on Saturday afternoon. We had been using the gate all morning and had been through this gate about 30 minutes before. The bees were captured by a bee keeper and moved to a hive near Seminole. So BEE aware of the other critters that live where we play.

Executive Offerings

by Col Rick Peterson

Our speaker for our May meeting is Capt. Percy O'Quinn, USAF (Retired). Percy grew up in Liberty County, Texas, East of Houston, and enlisted in the Air Force on October 16th, 1942. He graduated from Flight School at Williams Field, Chandler, Arizona, in February 1944.

After training in P-47 Thunderbolts here, he was shipped overseas on June 9th, 1944 where he flew P-47s and later P-51s for the 356th Fighter Group, 359th Fighter Squadron. Percy moved to Midland in the early 1950s and you may recognize him as a docent at our museum.

As your XO, I always gladly consider any suggestions for future speakers at upcoming Wing meetings. Join us at the May Wing meeting and remember to bring a covered dish. See you then.

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Another Short Newsletter

by Col Randy Wilson

Folks, I have to apologize for another short and not terribly newsy newsletter due to the demands on my own and all of the High Sky Wing staff and many members due to the new building and other issues.

As I write this on Monday evening, we expect to get the final city building inspection on the Commemorative Center in the morning. This will give us our much needed certificate of occupancy needed to start moving into and using the building.

I do have a number of photos and stories to share in upcoming newsletters but have just run into a time crunch these last couple of months. I hope to be able to publish a special edition newsletter with lots of photos and stories from our fly-ins and air shows so far this year as soon as time and energy permits.

Be sure to show up this Saturday for a big day of moving our tables and chairs and unpacking our new furniture into our new home. See you there.

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What's Happening & When

May 22 - Wing Meeting (7pm)

May 26 - Memorial Day events

Jun 5 - Wing Staff meeting (7pm)

Jun 6-8 - Traron Clinic, Midland

Jun 21 - Snyder Fly-In

Jun 26 - Wing Meeting (7pm)

Jun 28 - Hobbs Fly-In

July 1 - Wing Staff meeting (7pm)

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