



The Flyer



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From the Lead

by Col Randy Wilson

At our next Wing meeting, Thursday, December 3rd, we will have an election for four of our seven Wing staff positions. The Nominating Committee consisted of Cols Blake Coward (Chair), Mike Hedrick and H. A. Tuck, and the nominees for this year are Cols Rick Peterson for Executive Officer, Chris Aycock for Operations Officer, Bill Coombes for Maintenance Officer and Bobby Meroney for Safety Officer, all for a two year term. Nominations can be made from the floor but you do have to be present and in good standing in the CAF and HSW to vote.

Following the election, we will have a program with two Douglas A-26/B-26 pilots, Bill Billingsley and Lawrence Fuller. Social hour for the meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. with dinner at 7:00 p.m. Please bring a covered dish or favorite deli item to share for dinner. We also ask that you consider bring a donation of food (basics such as sugar, flour and cooking are needed) or money for the Midland Christian Church Food Bank, as we have done in past years.

We are currently planning our annual Wing Awards Banquet, with a tentative date of Saturday, January 23rd, 2010. We hope to have a firm date and more information at the December meeting.

I want to welcome some new Wing members, including April Strahan, Nash Dowdle, Richard Cotte, Chuck Holcomb, Bob McKinnon, Babs Hilliard, Sean Davis, Fred Newman, Brent Collings and Billy Jones. Recent renewals include Jim Adams, James Crowder, John Williams, Edd Vanden Bosch and Robert "Cheyenne" Webb. If I have missed anyone, my apologies.

Col Lance Sommers' attempt to get the L-17 Navion from Florida back to Midland ran into a snag in the form of a fuel leak, and we are waiting on word when that can be fixed and the mission completed. You may also find that a large yellow canary has taken up roost-

ing in our hangar, or is that just Col Bill Coombes' new very yellow Cub?

If you turned in a form to renew your MAF security badge recently, it should be ready to pick up from Keith Lawrence and then taken over to airport operations along with \$5.00 to get your new badge. Forms for new or renewed badges are available on line at <http://www.flymaf.com/forms.aspx> or from HQ.

The NV12 security gate at CAF HQ will be under maintenance and out of order for as much as 15 days beginning soon. We will need to work with HQ to use the iron gate (NV12A) as needed until the electric gate is back in operation. The Commemorative Center will also be open to the public visiting the museum in the near future, and this will require some additional security awareness for us all, too. We'll have more details as they are available.

The Wing now has another refrigerator in the galley, a used 24 cu. ft. model, and we plan to move food and supplies into it and convert the older 14 cu. ft. model into a water and soft drink refrigerator for use by our younger visitors and family members.

Finally, thanks to new member Chuck Holcomb's wife Sylvia, you will be seeing some 30 second commercials on KMID-TV, channel 2, promoting the HSW and its Rides Program in the next few weeks.

See you at the next Wing meeting — fly safe!

Turn and Bank

by Col Steve Bolin

As we enter the last couple of months for 2009, I can let you know that the Wing is still financially stable. The Volunteer dinner is an annual fund raiser for the Wing that supports AIRSHO. We netted over \$1000.00 for a couple of day's work by many members of the Wing.

Another annual event, with too many people to thank individually, is the Cantina before AIRSHO.

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This year's effort netted \$1753.00. Thanks to all who helped make this valuable event happen. By valuable I mean the service you provide to our visitors arriving and setting up AIRSHO, not just the money raised for the Wing. Without the ability to grab a very good lunch on the field, thousands of hours would be lost in preparation for AIRSHO. Thanks again.

We have new T-shirts, hats, and polo shirts of all sizes available again. The new design has both the High Sky Wing and CAF names together. Put on a shirt or hat that identifies you as part of our organization. Donations for these expendable supplies are graciously accepted as is marketing help.

Bingo had a slow third quarter, but things are picking up again. Even so, the Wing has a positive cash flow of over \$12,000.00 through Oct. Thanks to all the new members, and the old ones who went out and recruited them. We have a great Wing, with great members, so let's figure out great ways to use our resources.

High Sky Wing Elected Officers

Wing Leader: Randy Wilson - 352-4258 cell
Executive Officer: Rick Peterson
Adjutant: Lauri Skinner - 553-2316 cell
Finance: Steve Bolin
Operations: Ronnie Jones
Maintenance: Lance Sommers
Safety - David Linebarger

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What's Happening & When

No November Wing Meeting
Nov 14 - HSW Cadet Crew meeting (10am)
Dec 1 - Wing Staff meeting (6pm)
Dec 3 - Wing Meeting & Elections (7pm)
Jan 5 - Wing Staff meeting (6pm)
Wing Awards Banquet - tba

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