



# The Flyer

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

On the Web at  
HighSkyWing.org

## Remember — No September Wing Meeting!

Due to the dates of this year's AIRSHO, the next High Sky Wing meeting will be on October 23rd.

Below, we have summarized the latest info on what's happening and where at AIRSHO 2003 — all are subject to modification due to weather, cranky old planes or crankier old pilots!

**Wed., Thurs. & Friday, Sep 24-26** — HSW Cantina will be serving lunch to AIRSHO workers and aircrews from 11 am to 2 pm each day. We need volunteers to help man the cantina each day. This is an important fund raiser for our Wing as well as offering some hospitality to early arrivals and workers at AIRSHO.

**Thursday, Sep 25 7:00 pm** — Bob Hope Exhibit Preview Opening & Big Band Dance in the CAF hangar. Dinner and dancing to Les Brown's Band of Renown. Special guests include Ward Grant, Bob Hope's publicist since 1971.

**Friday, Sep 26 11:30 am** — Save the Girls Lunch in the CAF hangar, luncheon dedicated to the preservation of the AAHM's nose art collection. Special guests include actor Cliff Robertson.

**Friday, Sep 26 1:30 pm** — Stephen Ambrose Memorial Dedication in the Memorial Garden. Invited guests include former Senator George McGovern and Andy Ambrose, son of Stephen Ambrose.

**Friday, Sep 26 4:10 pm** — Canadian Forces Snowbirds arrival show at Midland International Airport.

**Friday, Sep 26 6:30 pm** — American Combat Airman Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony and dinner at the Midland Center in downtown Midland.

**Saturday, Sep 27** — 7:30 am Gates open for AIRSHO 2003, pancake breakfast in main hangar until 11:30 am — 9:00 am Breakfast with Apollo 8 astronaut Bill Anders in the hangar — 10:30 am Meet and greet Michael Dorn (Lt. Cdr. Worf from Star Trek: The Next Generation); Andy Ambrose and Ward Grant — 12:40 pm AIRSHO flying begins — 3:00 - 3:40 pm



Canadian Forces Snowbirds followed by other acts and flying until about 5:00 pm.

**Sunday, Sep 28** — 7:30 am Gates open for AIRSHO 2003, pancake breakfast in main hangar until 11:30 am — 12:40 pm AIRSHO flying begins — 3:00 - 3:40 pm Canadian Forces Snowbirds followed by other acts and flying until about 5:00 pm.

**Monday, Sep 29** — Clean up and start planning for AIRSHO 2004.



## Other Wing News

Results of the High Sky Wing Golf Tournament and Robin Olds dinner in our hangar both brought in some funds to keep us flying — details will be available at the next Wing meeting.

All of our Wing aircraft are currently airworthy and hopefully the PT-19 and J2K will take to the air in AIRSHO 2003, flown respectively by Cols Dan Duewall and our illustrious AIRSHO Chairman, Bill Coombes. Our SNJ will probably not, due to a lack of pilots without other AIRSHO jobs that preclude their flying. Hopefully, by next year Col Duewall and perhaps others will be able to display 101X to our fellow Colonels or Col Randy Wilson won't be responsible for a jet team.

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## AIRSHO Security Issues

Just a reminder to all HSW members who will be helping to man the hangar on Wednesday thru Monday that only people with MAF airport security badges can exit our hangar onto the taxiways and other active ramp areas of the airport. If you see anyone without a badge or escort trying to walk through the hangar to get out to the flightline, please ask them to use the regular AIRSHO personnel gates.

We have been advised that members of the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) will be at AIRSHO and will be looking for security risks and issues. Please pay special attention to unauthorized access to the ramp areas on Wednesday thru Friday and again on Monday, as well as during the show days.

The Snowbirds and other modern military will be operating from the south ramp but remember that no one can drive across the commercial air carrier ramp between the north and south ramps without permission and a police escort.

## High Sky Wing Elected Officers

Wing Leader: Ralph Gillette - 570-8093 ofc  
Executive Officer: Gena Linebarger  
Adjutant: Mary Alice Tidwell  
Finance: Bob Stine  
Operations: Randy Wilson - 352-4258 cell  
Maintenance: Bill Coombes - 689-8359 home  
Safety - David Linebarger

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all numbers are Area Code 432 unless indicated

## What's Happening & When

Sep 24-26 - HSW Cantina 11am-2pm  
Sep 27-28 - AIRSHO 2003  
Oct 4 - Wing staff meeting  
Oct 23 - Wing meeting  
Nov 1 - Wing staff meeting  
Nov 27 - Wing meeting

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**Next Wing Meeting is Thursday, October 23rd at 7:00pm in the Hangar**

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