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From the Back Office

by Col Gena Linebarger

High Sky wing members, the time is upon us, AIRSHO 2006 is here and the Wing is in full swing for an exciting event. The AIRSHO kick off is the annual **Volunteer Appreciation Hamburger Dinner** scheduled for Tuesday, September 26th, 6:30 p.m. in the big hangar. Chefs for the event are our own High Sky Wing members. Remember, this is a fund-raiser for the Wing and your help is needed. The BBQ pit will fire up at 4:00 and at that time we will also handle the food prep in the HSW kitchen. Be sure to also RSVP for the event if you plan to eat, at 563-1000, ext. 2222 Eric or ext. 2235 Kelly.

Next on the busy AIRSHO schedule is the **High Sky Wing Cantina**. The lunch Cantina will operate Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of AIRSHO week from 11:00 to 2:00 serving hamburgers, hotdogs and drinks. Again, this is a major fund-raiser for the Wing and it takes a lot of participation from the members to ensure our success. Each day we need volunteers to cut up and prepare the veggies, beans, drinks, etc. and to set up serving lines. We need to fill positions from money takers to clean up crews. Also needed are cooking team members, especially on Thursday and Friday. Food prep will begin on Tuesday evening at 5:00 p.m. Please volunteer whether it's a few hours or all 3 days. Thank you in advance, I know the High Sky Wing will pull together and make this event successful.

As part of our AIRSHO hospitality, the High Sky Wing will once again be hosting the Friday night **AIRSHO Reception** in the O'Club. Free pizza will be served to CAF members and aircrews beginning at 6:00 p.m. I want to thank members who have donated money to offset the cost of the Reception.

High Sky Wing parking passes will be distributed at the September 28th Wing meeting. This pass is required on Saturday and Sunday of AIRSHO to get down Wright Drive to the HSW hangar. Parking will be limited to a first-come, first-park basis.

The High Sky Wing lounge will be open Fridays, Sept. 15, 22, & 29, so please come out and enjoy the fellowship as we gear-up for AIRSHO.

A nominating committee has been formed to fulfill Staff positions for the 2007-2008 terms. The nominating committee consists of Col. Bobby Meroney, chairman, Col. Jim Moore and Col. Billy Barnhill. Staff positions up for elections are Wing Leader, Adjutant and Finance. The slate of nominees will be presented at the September Wing meeting.

Now through AIRSHO will be an extremely busy time for all High Sky Wing members, for not only do many work at the Wing level but also are very involved in duties for the AIRSHO. I know that your enthusiasm, teamwork and can-do attitude will shine strong as we enjoy yet another profitable and fun AIRSHO. See your smiling faces soon!

As the Props Turn

by Col Randy Wilson

We held another safety meeting last Saturday for all HSW pilots and other members involved in aircraft operations and afterwards, gave our newer pilots an introduction to formation ground school to get them ready for TraRon before AIRSHO.

Last week, I gave a check ride to a CAF TBM pilot candidate and we also performed a memorial flight for a departed WWII veteran and CAF member from Houston but whose home used to be in Midland. We will be doing a flyover on Sep. 23rd at Kermit and will also attend a fly-in in Andrews on Nov. 11th.

Col Bill Coombes is eaten up with school and coaching and asked me to pass on that all our planes are in good operating shape and the Stinson 105 is currently out of the hangar getting another coat of white paint on its wings and fuselage. This should be done by the end of this week, and hopefully it will be back in the hangar for the Wing meeting, sporting not only new paint but its final WWII CAP markings.

See you at the Wing meeting and until then, please fly safe!

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Welcome new High Sky Wing member Col Brad Bond. Brad is a corporate pilot in Midland and may be joining the HSW pilot group in the future.

High Sky Wing Elected Officers

Wing Leader: Gena Linebarger - 528-0997 cell
Executive Officer: Ted Claussen
Adjutant: Mary Alice Tidwell
Finance: Steve Bolin
Operations: Randy Wilson - 352-4258 cell
Maintenance: Bill Coombes - 689-8359 home
Safety - Lyle Thornton

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What's Happening & When

Sep 28 - Wing meeting (7pm)
Oct 7-8 - AIRSHO 2006
Oct 12 - Wing Staff meeting (7pm)
Oct 26 - Wing meeting (7pm)
Nov 4 - Wing Staff meeting (7pm)
Nov 30 - Wing meeting & Elections (7pm)

Note: No Wing meeting in December!

Next Wing Meeting is Thursday September 28th 7:00 pm at the Hangar
