



The Flyer



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Next Wing Meeting, Thursday September 23rd at 7:00 p.m. in the ComCtr

From the Lead

by Col Randy Wilson

AIRSHO 2010 is almost here, and that will be the major topic at our Wing meeting, next Thursday, September 23rd in the Commemorative Center. The social hour starts at 6:00 p.m. with dinner at 7:00 p.m., and please remember to bring a covered dish or favorite deli item to share for dinner. If you don't yet have a job for AIRSHO, this is the time to find one. Contact Gena Linebarger if you have any questions about how you can help.

Next Tuesday is the AIRSHO Volunteer Dinner in the ComCtr hangar at 6:00 p.m. and I hope that many HSW members can make it out to help with the cooking and serving as well as enjoy visiting with the other volunteers and HQ staff. Don't forget to check out our online events calendar available from our website.

The CAF Airpower Museum is also happy to announce the return of the popular seminar series this Saturday at 1:00 p.m. in O'Brien Hall in the ComCtr with our own Col Bill Coombes as the master of ceremonies. For more information, please check the museum's website at <http://airpowermuseum.org>. I hope many of you will be able to attend. Unfortunately, I have to be in Dallas on family business this weekend but will be back on Monday.

Don't forget that Saturday, September 25th is our big hangar clean up day to get the facility ready for AIRSHO. Work starts at 9:00 a.m. and will include hamburgers and hot dogs for lunch.

Thanks to the hard work of several members, the PT-19 is back in service, and the L-17 is being looked at to resolve a small oil leak. The Stinson's annual inspection has started, and there are some issues to be resolved with it — I'll let the maintenance gurus cover the details at the Wing meeting. We are still waiting to get a date on the arrival of the overhauled T-28A engine but work has started on the other known areas

that need work to get it back into the air.

We continue to work on the planes in the evening every Tuesday and Thursday starting about 6:00 p.m. and any member is welcome to come out and find a job or chore to help. Just be sure to coordinate any work with Cols Lance Sommers or Bob Keating.

The SNJ and J2K (Tar-Baby) are both flying, and we continue to work on training and transitioning pilots into both planes. I understand that Col Sam Strahan is our newest J2K pilot, so congratulations Sam! With six CAF aircraft now assigned to the Wing, keeping an adequate pilot pool properly trained and current in the aircraft is an important job, and I hope to have more details on the plans for that after AIRSHO.

Moving onto more national CAF news, don't forget that the annual CAF general membership meeting will be held on Friday, October 8th at 3:00 p.m. in the Commemorative Center hangar. During the meeting, a number of awards will be presented to deserving Colonels, followed by the election for CAF General Staff positions. This year there are more positions on the eleven person General Staff up for election than typical, due to a variety of reasons, and you can expect a number of floor nominations to be made to add to the five nominees presented by the nominating committee. I urge each of you to learn as much as possible about all the candidates and then cast your vote. An easy way to ensure you can vote, even if you are busy with an AIRSHO job, is to request an absentee ballot, which will be mailed to you a few days after the meeting with the names of all the nominees, including any from the floor, so you can cast your vote.

You need to contact Keith Lawrence at CAF HQ by letter, fax or email by October 3rd to request an absentee ballot. The fax number is 432-563-8046 and his email is klawrence@cafhq.org. We will also again have sign-up sheets for absentee ballots at the next Wing meeting. I hope to see you there!

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Safety's Edge

by Col Bobby Meroney

AIRSHO is right around the corner so this means a lot of activity in and around the hangar. There will be airplanes, equipment and vehicles moving in the area. Always be aware of your surroundings and watch out for those near you. Let's all be safe and have a good show.

Executive Offerings

by Col Rick Peterson

With AIRSHO fast approaching, we're going to forego having a guest speaker for the next couple of wing meetings. However, we are working with a couple of potential speakers for the end of this year, so stay tuned for details.

As your XO, I always gladly consider any suggestions for future speakers at upcoming Wing meetings, so let me know if you have someone you would like to speak to us. Please join us at the September Wing meeting and remember to bring a covered dish. See you then.

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: Chris Aycock
 Maintenance: Bill Coombes
 Safety - Bobby Meroney

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What's Happening & When

Sep 21 - AIRSHO Volunteer Dinner (6pm)
 Sep 23 - Wing Meeting (6pm)
 Sep 25 - Hangar Cleanup & Lunch (9am)
 Sep 30 - Wing Staff meeting (6pm)
 Oct 2 - JROTC safety training (10am)
 Oct 6-8 - HSW Cantina (11am-2pm)
 Oct 9-10 - AIRSHO 2010

Aircraft Work Parties every Tuesday and Thursday evening at 6:00 p.m. until done

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