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Newsletter of the Dallas/Fort Worth Wing of the Commemorative Air Force  
Lancaster Airport, Lancaster, TX



## Wing receives the Distinguished Unit Award

The DFW Wing received the Distinguished Unit Award at the Saturday night awards dinner at the Winter Staff Conference. Well deserved DFW Wing members!

As a unit with more than 100 members, we were also recognized for recruiting. Thanks to

### Wing Leader



Col. Charlie Wood

the following Colonels for attending: Jerry Wisley, Tom Travis, Jim Breitenstine, Barbara Hair, Chuck Francis, George Lodge, Gordon Stevenson, Candis and Jim Wells. The Conference was very informative. Fun was had by all!

At the March 15th DFW Wing meeting, VP of Safety/Operations/Maintenance Bob Stenevik, held classes in our meeting room, it was very informative. The topics were about safety by all CAF members, CAF Regulations, and the Check Pilot course. We shared our pot luck lunch. Thanks to all that brought something. Thanks for coming, Bob!

I am writing this article previous to our visit (March 27th, at 7:00 P.M.) by President Steve Brown. I hope you attended and met Steve. I want all of you to know that I believe Steve is the right man at the right time. Let's give him our full support in obtaining the goals and objectives of the CAF. I know he supports us in every way!

Our Warbirds On Parade event will be held September 6, 2008. I am asking each of you to seek a *sponsor*. No sponsorship is too small or too large. We provide a table if the sponsor donates at the \$300 level or above. If someone donates less, let's ask them to bring their own table. Any details can be worked out. Sponsorship is the heart of our fundraising. If you own a business, or know someone that does, please

consider asking them or becoming a sponsor yourself. Many Colonels have their name printed in the newsletter every month for a year because they themselves sponsored our event. You can too!

We need members to help with housekeeping, hangar maintenance, mowing, weed-wacking, trash removal, aircraft maintenance, etc. We need a Hangar Deck Officer!

It is with regret that our Adjutant Col. Robert Duckworth will be resigning his position at the end of June. Job well done, Rob! I want to fill this position with someone committed to doing the best job they can. If this is you, contact one of the Staff or myself.

Colonels Chester Jurskis and Curtis Leftwich have both signed up a new member in March. Thanks Chester and Curtis!

Colonel Jerry Wisley has donated to the gun turret project in March. Thanks Jerry!

It is with sadness I report to you of the passing of Colonel W.E. Bill Cooper. Our condolences to the Cooper family. Many thanks for all you have done for the CAF/DFW Wing and other fine organizations which Bill was a member of. Bill will be missed!

I want to emphasize the need for every member to become a recruiter for the CAF/DFW Wing. The CAF loses twice as many members each year as we sign up. At this rate we will soon be a *Static Museum*. Now is time for *you* to start recruiting. HQ has printed a wonderful brochure (see me for brochures) with a tear out application attached. It is very easy to carry and have available. It is a missed opportunity not to talk CAF with everyone you come in contact with. The application has a place for their credit card number and expiration date, your name and DFW Wing as the Unit they wish to join. Put your name, and DFW Wing in these spaces, and you and the Wing will get credit. HQ returns \$50. to the Wing in the form of a refund to ANNUAC payments if the applicant remains a member for 3 years. Have them fill it out in your pres-

ence and you mail it in for them. You will still have to use the old Wing application to sign them up for the Wing. You have to sell the membership while they are interested. Tomorrow they will be thinking about the mortgage, car, braces, college, etc. You are the face of the CAF. The DFW Wing signed up approximately 20 Colonels, and 37 new DFW Wing members in 2007. Let's double that number in 2008.

We hope to see you all at the April 12, 2008 meetings, OCD meeting at 10:30 A.M., Staff at 1:00 P.M., Membership meeting at 2:00 P.M. Bring food/dessert/ice/drinks for the pot luck lunch.

Thanks you all for your hard work and financial support of the DFW Wing!



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# CAF Headquarters wants to hear from you

ATTENTION WING MEMBERS.....another award plaque to joint the others.

Representing our DFW Wing were Col's. Charlie Wood, Tom Travis, Jim Breitenstine and yours truly, Jerry Wisley. I am sure Col. Wood will debrief in greater detail, however, a few notable items I will share with you.

## Executive Officer



Col. Jerry Wisley

First and foremost, our Wing received the Distinguish Unit award. We should be very proud being a notable pacesetter for the CAF.

From the General Staff assembly, Col. Steve Brown highlighted the importance of all members to write, call or e-mail any concerns or observations that may better the mission of the CAF. The General Staff really wants to hear from us. A good contact is Keith Lawrence at (432) 567-3006. It was suggested a two week turn around time may be required.

Create a little humor in the unit. Have a "Spark Plug" award for a less than stellar performance of a Wing member.

Also from the floor, Col. Gordon Stevenson stressed the importance of being very careful of what we state on the internet. It is recorded even if deleted from one's computer. It can be recovered any time in the future. As a case in point, avoid giving an opinion of an accident. It can be used in a court of law, and the outcome may not be favorable.

Much emphasis was focused on recruit and retain. I am adding the importance of follow up with those we recruit by staying in touch and encourage them in getting involved, other wise, they tend to drop out.

Did you know?

60% of CAF members are 60 years old or older.

40% of members are from 60 and over 75 years old.

10% of members are under the age of 40.

35% of new members quit during the first two years of service.

We are asked, "why did we join?" What's in it for me and what can I do to better the CAF?

## Schedule of Events 2008

### Friday, April 11

9am to 4pm, Golden Hearts Static Display at Lancaster Airport. Need at least 5 volunteers to have the hangar open.

### Saturday, April 12

Warbirds on Parade meeting at 10:30am, Pot luck lunch at 12:00pm, Wing Staff Meeting at 1pm and Wing Membership meeting at 2pm.

### Wednesday, April 16

2pm to 4pm, Lancaster Chamber of Commerce Transportation tour of our facility and planes. They will also tour the Cold War Air Museum. Several volunteers are needed.

### Saturday, April 19

Grayson County Airport. This is a one-day outing and we will be selling tours of the R4D as well as PX items.

### Friday, April 25

McKinney. A flyover of The Race for the Cure at the Craig Ranch. Hopefully, we'll be able to leave the R4D at TKI overnight and sell rides and tours of the airplane the next day.

### Saturday, April 26

The L-5 only, will attend Hamm Museum display at Pounds Field, Tyler, TX.

### May 2, 3 and 4

Commanche Association will be at our hangar as well as the CWAM hangar. We need volunteers to keep the hangar open on all days. Please help out when you can.

### May 2, 3 and 4

Temple Airsho. We leave about 15:00 on Friday, May 2nd and return Sunday afternoon. This is always a favorite show and an opportunity to sell lots of airplane tours and PX items.

### Saturday, May 10

Corsicana. This is a one-day show. Leave early and return mid-afternoon.

### Saturday, May 17

Gilmer. This is a one-day show. Leave early and get back late.

### May 30 and 31

Ft. Worth Cowtown Warbird Roundup at Meacham Field. Unfortunately, rooms are not available for this one. All members are welcome and needed but if you plan to attend, please either plan to drive home for the night or make your own room reservations.

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# Volunteers needed for busy spring schedule

We have several events scheduled for this spring and we need everyone's help to make them a success. We can't do it without all of you!

**June 7 – Midwae Airport.** A flight for a pancake breakfast with some fun folks and neat airplanes. Leave early and home mid-afternoon.

## Operations Officer



Col. Tom Travis

to leave anyone behind or leave with empty seats. If you go to an event, please take your turn working. If we all share the workload nobody gets unfairly burdened and everyone will have time to enjoy the show.

**July 27 – EAA Airventure.** The world's Greatest Aviation Celebration begins on July 28 and runs through August 3. Getting there the day before is a good idea. Never been to Oshkosh? You owe it to yourself to attend at least once.

Our president, Steve Brown, has asked for as many CAF airplanes as possible to attend Sun'nFun and Oshkosh. Sun'nFun comes too early for us to be out of winter maintenance

but we can make Oshkosh.

We don't get an appearance fee but would have a chance to sell PX items and tours of the R4D. We would all need to chip in for fuel expenses up and back but it would still be cheaper than an airline ticket and you fly right into the biggest airshow on earth. It's possible to get rooms in private homes in the city of Oshkosh. Dorm rooms are available at the university downtown or camping is an option. I'll get the information on rooms and let each member make his or her own reservations. Anybody interested?

Please let me know as soon as possible and I'll start putting the trip together.

**Safety -** We have to be especially vigilant to prevent accidents. This was emphasized at Wing Staff Conference during a session which dealt with our insurance. We are not viewed as the best insurance risks by our underwriters and we need to do everything in our power to not only fly safely but to provide a safe environment in our hangar and on our ramp. If you see oil on the floor or anything else that could pose a risk, please either clean it up or let someone know so they can get it fixed. We all understand that aircraft accidents have the potential for putting us out of business but so do slip and fall type accidents.

**Money -** It should come as no surprise that it is becoming more and more expensive to operate our planes and keep the hangar open. Our planes will attend several shows this season and will be viewed by thousands of visitors. I think we have an opportunity to make some extra money and defray some of our ex-

## New Members

We welcome 2 new members:

**Col. Eric Jones,**

joined the CAF and the DFW Wing.

**Col. Brenda Leftwich Walker,**

joined the CAF.

Say hello to these new members when you see them!

## Member Needs

Please keep the following members and their families in your thoughts and prayers:

**Colonel Chuck Horner**

## Hangar Needs

DVD movies for movie nights.

Ice, soft drinks, bottled water.

Thanks for all you kind donations!

penses by selling advertising around or under our planes at shows. We could place ads on sandwich boards which we carry with us and place in prominent places to catch people's attention. An advertiser would get an amazing value and we could realize some much needed extra income. Would anyone be interested in serving on a committee to explore this? Is so, please let a staff member know. We really need your help.

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Next Meeting is

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 Pot Luck Lunch at 12:00pm, Wing Staff Meeting at 1pm  
 and Wing Membership Meeting at 2pm



**Take time to thank the following sponsors for their ongoing support to the DFW Wing**

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  - Jim Cavanaugh (Cavanaugh Flight Museum)
  - Robert Collier
  - David Koch
  - Mike Presley
  - Steve Bennett
  - Wyley "Coyote" Smith
  - Julian Banks
  - Don Kilgore
  - Chuck Francis



DFW Wing Hangar and Museum are open  
 Saturdays from 9am to 4pm, Sundays from 12pm to 4pm  
 and other days by appointment. Call 972-227-9119