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Busy schedule requires volunteers to step up

The DFW Wing assisted the Cold War Air Museum this month with two events. The first was the Golden Hearts event (dedicated to the empowerment of school children) introducing them to aviation. This was a two day event. The second event was Leadership South-West Transportation Day. They are local dignitaries with the goal of improving SW Dallas area.

Wing Leader



Col. Charlie Wood

The DFW Wing was honored to sponsor a table at the Doolittle Raider's reunion luncheon at the Cavanaugh Flight Museum. Folks, this was a memorable experience, and a very special event!

The R4D made it's spring debut at Grayson County Airport. The crew reported it was a successful day, and all involved had a good time. If you are not participating with us you are missing out!

If you are out there sitting on the fence, "What will it take to get you involved?" See Page 2 for an example of dedication on the



In honor of the Memorial Day holiday, our hangar will be open all weekend starting Saturday, May 24th through Memorial Day Monday, May 26. Please come out to honor those that have given their lives for all of us!

part of Jim and Mary Jane Goad. If ever the CAF and our Wing needed you, it is now! We need you to become a willing worker, supporter, fund raiser, recruiter, sponsor, all around ambassador, a true disciple. We need to recruit recruiters. Are you in service to the DFW Wing/CAF or a consumer of it? Search your heart, please give of yourself to our cause! Remember our September 6th, "Warbirds on Parade," event is coming up.

We are in need of an Hangar Deck Officer and an Adjutant Officer. If you can fill one of these positions, please let me know.

I am happy to report to you that our President, Steve Brown is now the leading recruiter in the CAF. They signed up over 30 new members. The CAF had a huge presence at Sun 'N Fun. Let's get behind Steve and make a difference!

We have been enjoying the 16mm movies at the hangar after we get thru working on Saturdays and Sundays. We have discovered that the projector requires maintenance/donations to keep it operating. We also need your old reels of film. If you can help with this, let me know.

FYI, we are hosting the Commanche Association fly-in at our hangar on May 2, 3, and 4th. The R4D will be going to Temple Airsho these same days. We need members all three days at the hangar to help with this event. Please come out and help!

FYI, we have our web-site up and running thanks to Colonel's Matt Breitenstine, Herb Duncan, Tom Manley, and of course Mary Ann Gadberry! Go to www.dfwwing.com and take a look. Thank you all!

We have good news, and bad news. The good news is, we have the money to meet all the needs and objectives of the DFW Wing, the bad news is, it is still in your pocket!

We voted in January 2008 to raise our Wing dues to \$60. If you have not paid yours, please send a check payable to: DFW Wing CAF.

Send to:

Jim Breitenstine
6908 Ridgewood Dr.
Fort Worth, TX. 76132

We thank each and everyone of you for your commitment to the objectives of the DFW Wing and the CAF, without you, this noble organization would not be what it is today!



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Check out the new website

As many of you know, the website is still under construction however we are making wonderful progress. Please click on the website link www.dfwwing.com and check it out. Herb Duncan is doing a fantastic job with the photos, information and ideas that we have given him.

Now we need your help. We would like you to send any photos, links or information that you think would be a wonderful addition to our website to Mary Ann Gadberry at MGadbe7999@aol.com or Tom Manley at tmanley55@gmail.com.

We can't guarantee that all of them will make it to the website right away, but we would really like to have input from all members. After all, this is "YOUR" website. Please remember that any photos used on the website as well as the Propwash, becomes property of the DFW Wing and there will be no photo credits listed.

Hangar Needs

Paper Towels

Ice, soft drinks, bottled water.

Phillips head screw drivers.

Thanks for all your kind donations!

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We would like to thank Colonel Ken Kovar for being the latest member to donate to the Sperry A-17 Gun Turret Project. Every donation brings us closer to our vision.

Member Needs

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

Colonel Jim Goad
Colonel Chuck Horner



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Schedule of Events 2008

Saturday, May 10

Corsicana. This is a one-day show. Leave early and return mid-afternoon. We will have a potluck lunch at noon for anyone that did not go to Corsicana. There will be a staff meeting and membership meeting once everyone is back from Corsicana. Meetings are expected to start between 2:30 and 3:00PM. See you there!

Friday, May 16

Air Hog Park Fly-Over. R4D will lead the pack of 4 T6s in a formation flight.

Monday, May 26

Grand Prairie Fly-Over and Little Bethel Cemetery Fly-Over. Memorial Day and the hangar will be open.

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.

Saturday, June 7

Midway (Waxahachie/Midlothian) pancake breakfast.

June 20, 21 and 22

Summer Balloon Classic, Midway (Waxahachie/Midlothian airport).

We need everyone to volunteer

Being a volunteer is not always easy, just ask Jim and Mary Jane Goad. Both are dedicated to the CAF/DFW Wing and have shown that dedication on many occasions.

Even though Saturday, May 3 was Jim and Mary Jane's 50th Wedding Anniversary, Jim was at the hangar helping Russ Coonley re-connect the engine accessories on the BT-15.

We need everyone to step up to the plate and become the best volunteer that they can be. We can't do it without you!

New Members

We welcome 2 new members:

Col. Brenda Leftwich Walker,
member of the CAF and now has joined the DFW Wing.

Col. Lyn Fite,
member of the CAF and now has joined the DFW Wing.

Say hello to these new members when you see them!

Guest speakers bring a wealth of information

On Saturday, March 15th., Col. Bob Stenevik, VP of Safety/Operations/CAF came and conducted a four hour seminar. The following summarizes the highlights of his presentation.

Executive Officer



Col. Jerry Wisley

From 2001 to 2007, there have been 14 aircraft accidents, 9 deaths, of which, 10 were pilot error. Four were due to mechanical malfunctions. Most accidents start to occur before the pilot leaves home due to fatigue, stress, poor/no flight planning or weather briefing, and getting in a hurry.

The main point is that there no single reason for an occurrence, but an accumulation of many factors.

On Thursday, March 27th., Col./President Steve Brown came to our hangar meeting room and briefed us on Headquarters objectives, adjustments, and plans that are in the making. He took questions for an hour and one-half.



Col. Bob Stenevik, above, and Col. Steve Brown, below right, shared their wisdom and insight with us.

The attendance almost filled the room. Afterward, we adjourned and made a tour visit to the Cold War Museum. Everyone considered the time invested most worthy.

Gee! Too bad. You should have been there for what questions your Wing buddies asked and what Steve's response was.

Be at the May 10th. Wing meeting. Our scheduled guest speaker is Vahl Vladyka. He was with the 461st. Bomb Group in Italy in 1943. He was Pilot Commander in B-24's. Prior to being in the air corps, he was a sergeant in the cavalry, then a commissioned officer in the infantry as a tank platoon commander.

He currently lives in Austin and is making this special one day "round - robin" trip by



daylight only since he can't drive at night anymore. Seems we could make the meeting since WE LIVE IN THE AREA.

This gentleman has written a diary and emailed chapters of his wartime experiences. Most interesting. Don't miss this one.

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Next Meeting is

Saturday, May 10

Pot Luck Lunch at 12:00pm, Wing Staff Meeting at 3pm
 and Wing Membership Meeting at 4pm



The DFW Wing, along with the Cold War Air Museum, hosted the Leadership Southwest Class of 2008 for Transportation Day on Wednesday, April 16. It was a wonderful way to bring attention to our facility and build lasting relationships with the community.



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 and other days by appointment. Call 972-227-9119