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# PROP WASH

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## Crowded hangar is a busy hangar

The DFW Wing can be proud of many accomplishments made this past year including the R4D repairs and the acquisition of

the Stearman. The hangar deck is now a crowded area as all the airplanes are in for their annual and getting prepared for the coming year of flying and display activities. We would like to thank our members for stepping up to the challenges with their

### Wing Leader



Col. Charlie Wood

monetary donations and sweat equity because without them we could not have succeeded in the tasks set for us.

We incurred a large debt with the necessary repairs to the R4D and still need to raise \$20,000 to free the R4D from this debt. No donation is too small and any donation would be greatly appreciated.

Sometimes it is difficult to know how you can help as a volunteer – don't be shy – just ask one of the members working on something if you can help. Even if you have no mechanical expertise there are things you can do to assist with the process of getting our aircraft ready for 2010 and our "seasoned" members can direct you. Let's all get involved in 2010 – Remember that the more you put into an organization or activity the more you will get out of it so – come on out to "Navy Lancaster" and have some fun.



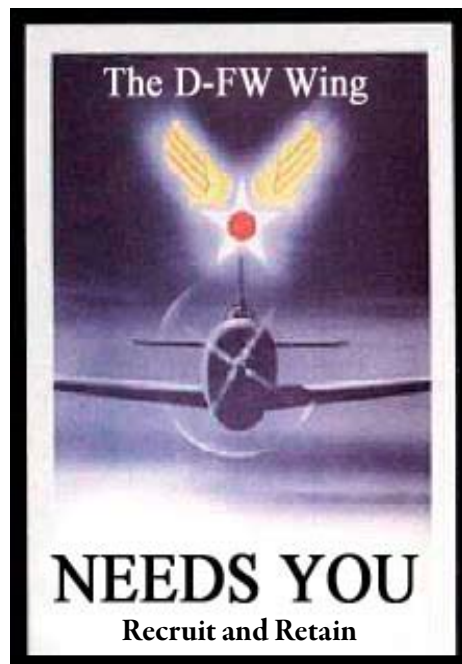
The DFW Wing hangar is crowded and we need all hands on deck to help keep the hangar clean and organized. Come out today and see how you can help make a difference.



Col. Mike Horner is pictured above sweeping the floor of the hangar. Everyone appreciates having a clean floor especially if they are looking for a dropped screw or tiny part. Special thanks to all that help out around the hangar.

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## Schedule of Events 2010

### Saturday, January 9

DFW Wing Monthly Meeting. Pot Luck Lunch at 12 noonm Wing Staff Meeting at 1pm and Wing Membership meeting at 2pm.

### Saturday, February 13

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### Dues

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 checks to:

**Jim Breitenstine**

**6908 Ridgewood Dr., Fort Worth, TX. 76132**

Also send any donations for our planes to Jim at the address listed above. We need everyone's help to "Keep 'em Flying"

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## Propwash Editors need your news and photographs

As many of you know, the DFW Wing has incurred a large debt with the needed repairs to the R4D as well as repair and maintenance on our other planes. We all need to step up and do what we can to help out, whether it is your time or your money, all donations are greatly appreciated.

As editors of the newsletter, we were trying to think of ways that we can help with this process. Since we live in Kentucky and are not able to be there for all the events or meetings, we would like all of you to send any information you might have that can be printed in the monthly newsletter.

We need to keep everyone informed on events and gatherings so that people do not forget or miss out on an event that helps to promote or raise money for the DFW Wing. With that in mind, please feel free to print the monthly Propwash either from your email or from the website and pass it out, or leave a copy somewhere that you know it will get read. If even half of you did that, we might see an increase in sponsorships and donations because people are more likely to help support an organization that is well known.

Please send in any news that you have along with any pictures that you might have taken. The next time you go out to the hangar, take your camera along and just snap a couple pictures, send them to us and help us build up a nice photo library for the webpage and future issues of the Propwash.

If any of you have old photos or stories about the Wing in years past, please submit them to us and we can use them to help preserve the history of our wonderful organization. We have made great strides in getting our name out there over the past few years, but we need all of you to continue this mission so that the DFW Wing becomes a household name.

As a closing note, we would like to ask that if you receive the newsletter in your email each month and also in the regular mail, please let us know if you would consider stopping your regular mail issue. You can print out the one you get in your email or the one on the website and that could serve as your hardcopy if you like.

We realize that some of you only get the hardcopy that is sent thru the regular mail and that is fine. We do not have any intention of stopping that, we just know that the Wing is paying for the printing and mailing costs on several members that get it in both email and regular mail. One way the wing could save some money is if they could cut down on the printing and mailing costs. However, we are leaving it up to you to decide if you want both versions. Just email us back the next time you get a monthly Propwash and inform us to take you off the mailing lists for the regular mail issues and we will do so.

### Hangar Needs

Disposable table cloths.

Paper towels.

Gasoline for the tug and lawn mower.

**Thanks for all your kind donations.**

# Depth perception box donated to wing

Nolie Mumey, a farm boy from Jenny Lind, Arkansas was born in 1891; in 1916 Dr. Mumey graduated from University of Arkansas Medical School where he taught surgical technique until 1919; in 1924 he established a general private practice in Denver, Colorado.

Nurses, Hoop to Wings, The Pony Express, Calamity Jane and Evolution of Flight.

Walter Higley, early commercial pilot and pioneer barnstormer, was born in South Fork, Missouri in 1892. In 1914 he moved to Long-

mont, Colorado and in 1926 to Denver. In 1929, he organized Higley Flying Service. In 1934 he bought Tony Joseph's airport in Denver and founded the first organized flying school in Colorado. As Western Flying Service, Mr. Higley offered flight training, flights for hire and barnstorming. Higley Aircraft Company made parts for Curtiss-Wright and during WWII manufactured landing gear parts.

I believe I have seen the depth perception box referred to as the Higley Depth Perception Box but have been unable to find any information regarding it. It is my suspicion that Dr. Mumey invented it and Higley manufactured it but I've found no proof of my theory. I would like to prove or disprove my idea and would also like to have some WWII written test parameters. Help!

The depth perception box that is in our museum was donated to the Wing by Chuck Francis. It is the only interactive item we have with which to engage our young visitors; it is always a big hit with the children and the adults have to give it a try after watching the kids work at it.

## Wing Historian/ Field Collection



Col. Elaine Webb

Dr. Mumey passed away in 1984.

Dr. Nolie Mumey served as a flight surgeon in the U.S. Army, was an author, a poet, a Red Cross volunteer in Hungary during 1956 and a Colorado historian.

Dr. Mumey soloed in 1925 and spent most of his military service with the 120th Observer Squadron of the Colorado National Guard.

He invented the depth perception box, and served in WWI. For 32 years Dr. Mumey was the company doctor for Continental Airlines.

His writings include several volumes of poetry, Cap, Pin, and Diploma – A History of the Colorado Training School for



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**Next Meeting is Saturday, January 9**

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

DFW Wing Hangar and Museum are open  
Saturdays from 9am to 4pm, Sundays from 12pm to 4pm  
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