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PROP WASH

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



Member's time, talent needed in 2010

The prop for the R4D is back and installed. The cowlings have been sent out for soda blasting. They will be repainted after they return. We have raised about half of the \$65,000. needed to pay for all the sheet metal work, and inspection work done on her this year. We are hopeful you will send part of your IRS return check to help "KEEP 'ER FLYING!"

Wing Leader



Col. Charlie Wood

Thanks for your consideration!

The Stearman is coming along. We hope to have it flying soon.

FYI, Miss Ziggy, our Stinson L-5, after paying the insurance and ANUAC in January 2010 has fallen to its minimum fund balance. We will need \$3500. by January 2011 to cover her expenses for next year. So if you are so inclined, she needs your financial help. You can send Jim Breitenstine a check payable to DFW Wing-CAF, note L-5, N57789.

A simple way is call HQ at the toll free number (1-877-767-7175) ask for Lindsey Pena, tell her you want to donate to:

N57789, and give her your credit card number.

Thanks for your consideration!

Hope you have planned for Winter Staff Conference...see you there!

Remember, RECRUIT AND RETAIN!

Thank you all that have contributed your *TIME, TREASURE, and TALENT*, this month in performing the mission of the CAF.

"KEEP 'EM FLYING"



R4D Ground School

Saturday, March 27, 2010 - 9am to 4pm

R4D ground school will be held at the hangar **Everyone is invited.**

All CAF pilots must attend a CAF ground school each year, and this class fills that requirement. Any one who works or rides on the R4D is encouraged to attend.

Come up with questions and challenge the class instructors.

The best question from the class will win a prize!

Questions, call Jim Breitenstine, 817 294-2936, e-mail jbreitens@gmail.com



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Watch for items that can be added to PX inventory

I am tired of the cold and cloudy days. We need some sunshine!! Other than that, things at the hangar are progressing nicely. The PX is open for business. I have been restocking some of the die cast airplanes we sell. We also have a new banner that will go on the wall above the PX and Museum to let people know where we are.

Executive Officer



Col. Steve Bennett

I find coupons for Michaels and Hobby Lobby almost each week for 40 percent off one item not on sale. I use these to help save money when I purchase an item.

If you have an overwhelming desire to purchase something for the PX, I recommend you use the coupons.

You can find them at www.michaels.com and www.hobbylobby.com. They are also in your local newspapers.

Tuesday Morning stores are another source for military items, you never know what they might receive from week to week. I am always on the lookout for interesting items for the PX, if you see something let me know.

*See you at the hangar,
Steve*

Schedule of Events 2010

Saturday, March 13

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

March 18, 19, 20, 21

CAF Winter Staff Conference. CAF Headquarters. All meetings and meals will take place in the Commemorative Center or in Headquarters except the Saturday evening banquet, which will be held at the Hilton Midland Plaza.

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September 4

DFW Wing "Warbirds on Parade". It is never too early to start planning for this event. Mark your calendars and let's make 2010 our best show ever!

New Members

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We did not have any new members join our wing in the month of February. This is the second month in a row where no members were signed up. We need everyone to talk to at least one person and mention the DFW Wing and all that the CAF represents.

However you feel comfortable in getting the word out there, we need your help.

Member Needs

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

Col. Mike Burke (no calls please)

Col. Ken Linton

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

Hangar Needs

Disposable table cloths.

Paper towels.

Gasoline for the tug and lawn mower.

Thanks for all your kind donations.

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Silent Auction

The sponsors for the PT-17 are having a silent auction for the prop that was replaced. This prop is not air worthy, but it would look great hanging on your wall.

The prop is wood with brass leading edges and tips. It is 8 feet long and weights about 75 pounds. The cost of a new prop is about \$5,800.00. A shipping box is available.

The person with the highest bid at Warbirds On Parade on Saturday, September 4,

2010 will win the auction. The bidding will close at 3:00 P.M.

If you would like to bid, please contact me with your bid amount.

Each month, I will place the highest bid amount in the Propwash. As of February 22, 2010, the high bid is \$500.00.

Any questions, please contact me at 817 294-2936 or jbreitens@gmail.com. Look for an up date in the next Propwash.



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Next Meeting is **Saturday, March 13**

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



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