



# MILE HIGH VIEW

NEWSLETTER OF THE MILE HIGH WING,  
COMMEMORATIVE AIR FORCE (CAF)

*Keep 'Em Flying!*

*February 2007*

## **Tough Winter**

*By Col Stan Peterson*

And I'm not just talking about the weather! Though the weather has been horrible, it's spelled the same in Spanish, and bad doesn't sound good in any language. The snowstorms have been of record proportions; perhaps the same El Nino that's creating such a disturbance in the atmosphere is causing some disruptions within the Mile High Wing's operations.

One of the biggest disruptions came when Scott Lawrence announced that he could no longer continue the duties as Finance Officer. Bill Lodge has been doing his best to hold up his end as Operations Officer, but the snow has created even more of a problem for him living in Estes Park. The rest of the Staff has been fighting similar problems with weather, commitments, and "life maintenance." The challenges have been both administrative and physical; book keeping has fallen behind and it has been impossible to work on the airplane these last couple of months.

However, the results of the MHW's elections are in and even though I showed up for the meeting I could not avoid being elected Wing Leader. Other unfortunates were: Paul LaPrad – Executive Officer, Stan Hanson – Adjutant, Mike Kalinowski – Finance Officer, Cal Templeton – Operations Officer, Mark Weigand – Maintenance Officer, and Bob Elsloo – Safety Officer. With this new and rearranged Staff, and spring just around the corner, one can only hope for an overall improvement in our operations as well as the weather.

Along with a change in Staff we've had an increase in members over the past year with a disproportionate number of pilots, which is a good thing, joining the operation. Most recently Dave Gianakos has joined our ranks. He is a NWA B-747 pilot instructor and check airman. He also is an extremely talented modeler, with several of his

accomplishments presently on display in the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, DC. We are very fortunate to have Robert Range join us as well. He has over three thousand hours of flying time and is an accomplished tail wheel airplane driver. He is also a business man, operating Skysports out of the Boulder Airport, a CFI, CFII, MEL, TW, and Airplane and Powerplant Mechanic.



**Dave Gianakos (Left); 1:34-scale Model Saturn B1 Rocket on Display at NASM (Right)**

We've stored "Cream Puff's" battery in Ken Aero's shop where it is nice and warm, thanks to Kevin Kennely, it will be all charged up and ready to when we plan to fly, around the 18<sup>th</sup> of this month. Andy Parks has received the "Certificate of Occupancy" on our new hangar, but wants to paint the floor before we move in. Consider this an **All Points Bulletin for Volunteers**. Andy would like to get started painting in March and will try to give us a at least a weeks notice before our help is needed.

Finally I have received authorization from CAF HQs to give the airplane qualifications and re-currency training to CAF pilots and pilot applicants as required by the Vice President of Maintenance/Operations in the C-45. This is certainly a "Good Thing" with all the pilot training that we expect to be conducting in the coming year.

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## Calendar of Events

**Feb 3, 2007** – Aircraft work day:  
10:00 a.m. at Platte Valley Airport

**Feb 17, 2007** – General Meeting:  
10:00 a.m. at Platte Valley Airport

**Mar 3, 2007** – Aircraft work day:  
10:00 a.m. at Platte Valley Airport

**Mar 17, 2007** – General Meeting:  
10:00 a.m. at Platte Valley Airport

**2007 Annual CAF-MHW dues,  
make \$45 Check Payable to:  
Mile High Wing, CAF  
P.O. Box 471596  
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### Directions to Platte Valley Airport

Platte Valley Airport is 3 miles northwest of Hudson, Colorado:

- Take I-76 north to Hudson and exit west on Highway 52.
- At CR 41, turn right (north).
- At CR 18, turn left (west).

At the Platte Valley Airpark sign, turn left again.

Wing meetings are normally held on the 3rd Saturday of the month at 10:00 a.m.

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