



# MILE HIGH VIEW

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

*Keep 'Em Flying!*

*April 2007*

## Load The Wagon

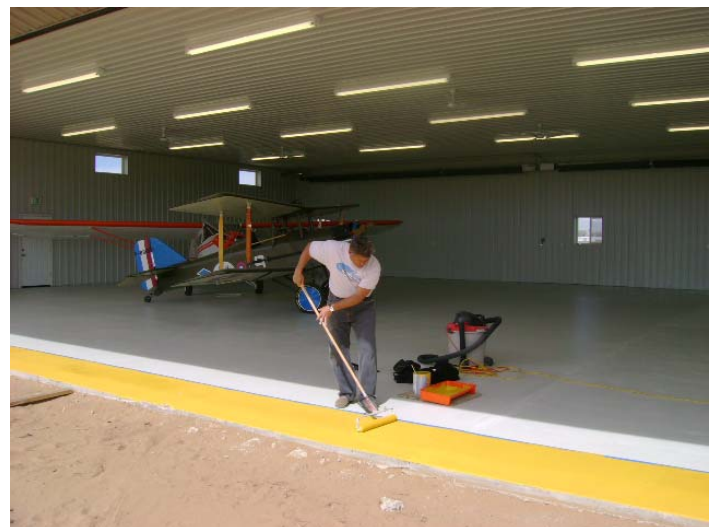
*By Col Stan Hanson*

April showers would be a welcome exchange for this "Springtime in The Rockies" that we've all been experiencing. Today we had to cancel what was to be an interesting and enjoyable mountain check out because of low ceilings, icing conditions, and precipitation. Unfortunately, the weather was not so bad that Col Stan Hanson and I could avoid the paint detail out at the Platte Valley Airport.

The floor painting in our new hangar is complete and all the airplanes have been repositioned; all except the C-45, which will assume its rightful spot in the hangar after the annual inspection is completed. Patrick Davis, (our award winning mechanic) doesn't foresee any major problems. He's become quite familiar with the Cream Puff after conducting last year's inspection and observing our operations out of Platte Valley, as well as helping maintain its airworthiness throughout the year. Barring any unforeseen problems, this annual should not be as expensive as last year's.

Our new pilot, Col Dave Gianakos, has just been featured in the latest issue of **Air & Space** magazine, something we can all take pride in. Dave has been interested in aviation and aerospace modeling since he was a young boy. He has honed his modeling skills to a level of pure art form, and his talents are widely recognized. Besides his latest model of the Saturn V for the Apollo to the Moon gallery, he has two other models in the Smithsonian, a Soviet N1 moon rocket and Navaho missile, all very large models. "Using a combination of NASA blueprints and his own ingenuity, he has built replicas of the Apollo 15 mothership, lunar module, and rover (all now exhibited at the San Diego Air & Space Museum); a 1/16<sup>th</sup>-scale lunar module, at the Seattle Museum of Flight; and a model of Allen Shepard's Freedom Seven Mercury Redstone rocket, at the Kansas Cosmosphere and Space Center in Hutchinson." [ From Sara Duncan Widness article, "Model Employee" **Air & Space**, May 2007.]

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**Unidentified Floor Painters (U-F-P s)**

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Dave also has the rare privilege of having flown one of the aircraft will soon be exhibited in the Smithsonian, a Northwest Airlines 747.

Online, visit:

[http://www.nasm.si.edu/exhibitions/gal102/americanbyair/work/747nose\\_story.cfm](http://www.nasm.si.edu/exhibitions/gal102/americanbyair/work/747nose_story.cfm)

For your calendar: Mountain flying training flight is scheduled for the 16<sup>th</sup> of April, with a work day planned for the 17<sup>th</sup> at Boulder Airport to prep the airplane for its annual back at PVA. Further, the Mile High Wing plans to attend Platte Valley's Salute to Armed Forces 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Fly In, Sat May 19<sup>th</sup>, starting with a Pancake Breakfast at 08:00hrs., Lunch at 10:00hrs., and **"Patrol Flight"** at 13:30hrs. Erie's Town Fair will be held that same day. We plan to have our **PX** set up at Erie Airport by 08:00hrs – Pancake Breakfast will be served there as well. The last of June we plan to fly to Ft. Morgan to offer rides for their Glen Miller Days celebration. Later in the year we're arranging flights to Wichita, KS; Wendover AFB, UT; and Midland, TX.

Remember the story about the King that held a party and invited everyone to bring their finest wines (previous news letter)? And perhaps you might also remember the ads for Borax Soap, which incorporated a 20-mule team. There was a reason that they used twenty mules hitched to a wagon; without a team that size, the wagon wouldn't get up the pass. I trust you realize with a schedule as full as we've planned for this season we need our team hitched up and pullin'.

**KEEP 'EM FLYING →**

**2007 MHW Schedule****APRIL**

14<sup>th</sup> Tentative Plane washing day at Boulder Airport  
 16<sup>th</sup> Alternate Plane washing day at Boulder Airport  
 17<sup>th</sup> Workday at Boulder Airport; prep for annual  
 21<sup>st</sup> Wing Meeting

**MAY**

19<sup>th</sup> Erie Airport Open House and Platte Valley Open House

**JUNE**

2<sup>nd</sup> Fly-In Newton, KS; guests of the Jayhawk Wing  
 9<sup>th</sup> Jeffco Open House  
 10<sup>th</sup> Ride day at Jeffco airport  
 16<sup>th</sup> Wing Meeting  
 23<sup>rd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> Glenn Miller Chamber Events

**JULY**

4<sup>th</sup> Summer picnic at Colonel Kalinowski's house. BBQ and home made ice cream provided. Bring side dishes, adult beverages and lawn chairs. Patriotic and aviation movies showing on the 92-inch projector all day.

9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> CAF National Patriotic Rally at Las Vegas, NV. Visit:

<http://www.commemorativeairforce.org/events/rally/2007/>

21<sup>st</sup> Wing Meeting

**AUGUST**

18<sup>th</sup> Wing Meeting  
 25<sup>th</sup> Wendover Field Fly-In at Wendover, Utah

**SEPTEMBER**

15<sup>th</sup> Wing Meeting  
 28, 29, 30<sup>th</sup> Fina-CAF Airsho 2007 at Midland, Texas





**Dave G. and Stan P. departing March 9<sup>th</sup> '07 for Dave's orientation flight in the C-45 above. Photo below taken over the Greeley airport where Dave practiced takeoffs and landings. (M. Weigand photos)**



## Calendar of Events

**Apr 14 or 16, 2007** – Aircraft wash day:  
10:00 a.m. at Boulder Airport

**Apr 17, 2007** – Aircraft Annual prep day:  
10:00 a.m. at Boulder Airport

**Apr 21, 2007** – General Meeting:  
10:00 a.m. at Platte Valley Airport

**May 5, 2007** – Aircraft work day:  
10:00 a.m. at Platte Valley Airport

**May 19, 2007** – Erie Open House and  
Platte Valley Open House

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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.

Printable color Mile High View can be found at:  
<http://www.milehighcaf.org>

Newsletter articles needed; please send to:  
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