



MILE HIGH VIEW

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

Keep 'Em Flying!

May 2007

Onward and Upward

By Col Stan Peterson

We seem to be turning the corner in more ways than one. After a tough winter and spring we seem to be turning corner, not only weather-wise, but things are coming together on all fronts, administration, maintenance, and personnel.

Col Mike Kalinowski has been working with headquarters piecing together our financial reports, since the loss of Scott Lawrence had set us back this last winter. Apparently we have some ANUAC fees that are due, which will require MHW Staff decisions, but overall we're in good standings with HQs. Patrick Davis has the Cream Puff in the main hangar at Platte Valley, and like the man said as he passed the tenth floor after jumping off a twenty-story building, "so far so good"! Actually, Patrick has finished the inspection on the high time engine and found little wrong. You may remember from last year that this engine required a cylinder change and a lot of work. A bit of corrosion has been discovered on the rudders which will require their removal to correct, but overall we've discovered no major problems.

Headquarters has sent us their latest count of the Mile High Wing members, and the roster reflects a count of 34 paid-up members! You can add one more to that list, Tom Edwards. As of press time I've not received his bio, but word has it he's a pilot for Frontier Airlines and an accomplished aerobatic instructor. You can expect more information as we receive it, but rest assured he is a very talented pilot and a real asset to our growing stable of professional pilots. One interesting fact as we continue to expand our cadre of instructor pilots is that "flights with human CFIs [Certified Flight Instructors] aboard have lower fatal accident rates than even air carriers."¹

¹ Brien A. Seeley M.D., "Come Fly with Me – the eCFI", *Kitplanes*, June 2007

Future events have everyone scrambling; the WWI and WWII museums might not be as "finished" as Col Andy Parks would want come the 18th and 19th of this month, but they'll be complete enough to rank with the best military museums anywhere in the world. The Cream Puff's (C-45) annual should be finished and flight testing complete on the 17th. She could stand further cleaning and polishing, but nevertheless will be a positive addition to the Lafayette Foundation's Salute to Our Armed Forces *1st Annual Fly In*.

As you may have guessed, there is still a great need for volunteers to help out with the museums and our airplane; any time you can contribute will be greatly appreciated.

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Corrections to April 07 edition of MHV: "Load the Wagon" article written by Stan Peterson; aerial photo page 3 was Platte Valley Airport, not Greeley.



Col Mike DeSanti pulling the engine covers in preparation for annual inspection.

(Photo by Mark Weigand)



Above, engines with cowls removed before annual aircraft inspection.

Photo by Mark Weigand



Left, Patrick Davis preparing to perform annual aircraft inspection.

(Photo by Stan Peterson)

Right, Patrick Davis inspecting rudder assemblies.

(Photo by Stan Peterson)





Left, Andy Parks and Kenny Polzin working on arranging artifacts in display cases in new museum building.

(Photo by Stan Peterson)

Right, Corky and Gerry Motter assisting "Ral" with display case preparations in new museum.

(Photo by Stan Peterson)



"...and the dummies are just along for the ride."

(Photo and humor by Stan Peterson)

Calendar of Events

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

May 12, 2007 – Wing Meeting; ***note
time and location changes:***

TIME: 13:00 hrs

LOCATION: ROCKY MOUNTAIN DINER
800 18th St, downtown Denver
303-293-8383

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

June 2, 2007 – Aircraft work day:
10:00 a.m. at Platte Valley Airport

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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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