



MILE HIGH VIEW

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

Keep 'Em Flying!

October 2007

Post-Crash

By Col Stan Peterson

The Phoenix we're not, but on the other hand, we're not about to just up and throw in the towel over some small airplane accident!

Bob Stenevick, CAF Safety Officer, called the other night and was looking for some help with getting the tail section of the Cream Puff returned to Midland. Seems as though a good portion of the aft part of the airplane is salvageable. My initial thoughts left me thinking that there wasn't anything I could do regarding any storage, until Bob could retrieve the tail, or in providing a trailer for its transportation.

Our conversation continued; Bob suggested that perhaps it might be worthwhile to appear before the CAF Safety Board and request a return to flying status. I really had no idea how HQ was feeling about me and the Mile High Wing, but after our hammering at the mercy of the last Safety Board meeting I wasn't being too optimistic. However, we continued to do some brainstorming. Bob said that as far as he was concerned that the C-60 was history, and that I had paid my dues and abided with all the board's demands. Furthermore, Bob felt that this accident involved much different characteristics, and that flying skills were in no way a contributing factor.

He then asked about the future intentions of the Mile High Wing. I told him that since the accident, we had dragged our old PX up to Steamboat, thanks to the Kalinowski Clan, and had experienced an almost record day of sales followed by a trip to Akron and over \$1,100. in sales, which continues to keep our operation in the black. This combined with the Fly Baby homebuilt in a WWII paint scheme as our mascot, was enough to let him know that we are not ready to quit.

That gave me some relief. We continued the conversation; I thought that if Bob could convey his feelings to the Safety Board we might have a chance. He then informed me that he was a member of the safety board. With that, we decided that I would request an appearance before the board on Nov. 16th, and a check ride in Phoenix in the Arizona Wing's C-45 with Floyd Howdyshell.

I had a definite change of heart and promised that I would personally deliver the C-45's tail section to Midland on the 15th of next month!

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"Fly Baby" MHW Mascot
(Photos by Col Stan Peterson)



Calendar of Events

October 6, 2007 – Work Day;
10:00 am at Platte Valley Airport

October 20, 2007 – Wing Meeting;
10:00 am at Platte Valley Airport

November 3, 2007 – Work Day;
10:00 am at Platte Valley Airport

November 17, 2007 – Wing Meeting;
10:00 am 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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