



MILE HIGH VIEW

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November 2007

Museum Visits

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Kansas Cosmosphere and Space Center

I was pleased to be able to visit several museums this year during my extensive fraternal organization travels and felt them worth recommending. The first was the Kansas Cosmosphere and Space Center located in Hutchinson, KS; a great space and aviation museum. It is comprised of several rare and historically significant exhibits:

German Gallery, containing V-1 and V-2 rockets;

Cold War Gallery, featuring a replica Bell X-1 rocket plane, Sonic Wind II rocket sled, and Redstone atomic warhead, and an historical account of Sputniks I and II.

Early Spaceflight Gallery: with an account of early American space pioneers and Soviet secret developments. Spacecraft include the recovered Gemini X, a recovered Russian Vostok, and a full-scale model of the manned Voskhod. The centerpiece of this gallery is the Liberty Bell 7 Mercury capsule recovered from the ocean floor in 1999, which proved Grissom did blow the capsule hatch.

Apollo Gallery: featuring the actual Apollo 13 command module *Odyssey*, Apollo mission spacesuits, a lunar module, replica lunar rover; a 1/10 scale model of the massive Saturn V rocket (built by our own MHW member David Gianakos), an Apollo "white room," and a moon rock from the Apollo 11 mission. The museum also as an IMAX theater and planetarium. Hours:

Mon-Thurs: 9am-5pm; Fri-Sat: 9am-8pm; Sun: 12-5pm.

Location: 1100 N. Plum, Hutchinson, Kansas 67501

Phone: 620.662.2305 or 800.397.0330

URL: <http://www.cosmo.org/>

Silent Wings Museum

The second museum I visited was the Silent Wings Museum in Lubbock, TX. Originally beginning in 1984 in Terrell, TX, it reopened in Lubbock in 2002, at the former South Plains Army Airfield, an original WW-II glider pilot training base. This museum is loaded with artifacts and a historical glider development and deployment timeline, and has galleries featuring a fully restored WACO CG-4A glider and airborne equipment displays. Also, featured is a British Horsa Glider restoration project one of the largest gliders used in WW-II.

Silent Wings Museum (cont)

Hours: Tues-Sat, 10 am-5 pm; Sun 1-5 pm.

Location: 6202 N I-27, Lubbock, TX 79403-9710

Phone: Direct-806.775.2047; Info-806.775.3796

URL: <http://www.silentwingsmuseum.com/>

Hill Aerospace Museum

The third museum I visited this year was the Hill Aerospace Museum in Salt Lake City, UT. What a collection of examples of early aircraft such as the Burgess-Wright Flyer F model; WW-II aircraft such as the B-17, B-24, B-29, P-38, P-40, P-47, P51, and WW-II trainers; and many-many examples of Korean War and Vietnam War fighters and bombers, to many to mention. There are many interesting exhibits, artifacts, and restoration projects as well. This is a must-see museum, and a doable weekend trip.

Hours: The museum is open seven days a week from 9:00 AM til 4:30 PM. Admission is FREE

Location: 7961 Wardleigh Rd, Building 1955 Hill AFB, UT 84056-5842 [outside base secure entrances]

Phone: (801) 777-6868 or (801) 777-6818

URL: <http://www.hill.af.mil/library/museum/>

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Hill Aerospace Museum P-47 D (Photo by Col Bob Elsloo)

Calendar of Events

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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10:00 am at Platte Valley Airport

December 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.

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

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